

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK.

The following example may serve to awaken an interest in the discussion of the present distressing hard times among producers:

Mr. Brown loaned Mr. Green in 1868 \$1,000 at 10 per cent. interest.

Each year Mr. Brown received from Mr. Green \$100 as interest money. In order to buy the \$100 Mr. Green sold from the products of his farm at the market price at that date—

50 bushels of wheat.
165 " " oats.
125 " " corn.
230 pounds of butter.
500 " " pork.
250 " " wool.
500 " " cotton.

In 1893 the mortgage was renewed at 7 per cent. interest. Now in order to buy the \$70 interest tribute Mr. Green must sell—

135 bushels of wheat.
300 " " oats.
265 " " corn.
535 pounds of butter.
1100 " " pork.
450 " " wool.
1000 " " cotton.

Let every farmer study out the above proposition and ascertain if possible why it is that a lower rate of interest demands a greater amount of the products of labor in payment. Do you want this condition to become a fixture in this country? If so, continue to vote for either one of the old parties. If you want to "change the song" and pay your interest and debts with less hard labor, vote with the Populists.—Watchman, Wash., D. C.

FAILURES IN 1893.

The failures for 1893 numbered 16,650, or an average of over 320 a week for the year. Of this number the liabilities strictly commercial aggregate \$331,422,339; liabilities of banking and financial institutions, \$210,956,864; liabilities of railroads placed in the hands of receivers, \$1,212,217,883, or a grand total of \$1,754,617,686. What a record!

A financial policy suggested by English Shylockism, inaugurated and carried forward by the Republican party, aided and abetted by the Democratic party, is at the bottom of this the foulest crime and greatest wrong ever perpetrated upon a free people.—Kan. Commoner.

Ex-Gov. Fifer, of Illinois, once said in a speech at Joliet: "Just so certainly as I stand here this government will fall. All things tend to wealth, wealth to luxury, luxury to weakness, and weakness to lapse."

The president's message was published in London Monday morning before it was delivered in congress. The London Press is full of Praise of the message.—Tacoma Sun.

A HOME WANTED FIRST.

Preach all the sermons you can, talk all the morality you choose, teach temperance as zealously as you please but until men, women and children have homes of their own, there will be vice, immorality and drunkenness, prostitution, pauperism and crime.—John Swinton.