

THE LAND QUESTION.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE IS THREATENED BY FOREIGNERS.

Immense Areas of Valuable Ground Held by Englishmen—Railroads, Banks, Breweries, Newspapers, Etc., Controlled by Foreign Capital and Foreign Influences.

Power of British Gold. The American who does not shudder at the amount of foreign capital being invested in this country, and the danger to American independence, the unique foreign influence that it must involve, has certainly lost much of the patriotism that was once so proud an American boast.

Best railroads are owned by the British; so are our richest banking institutions, our most profitable breweries, distilleries and factories, and our most influential newspapers. This being the case, and to an extent far greater than the people know, or are willing to believe, we may well ask what is left to Americans to own?

But, says the Progressive Farmer, this is not all. The American home ought to be the dearest object between the seas, and the means of making American homes ought to be the one thing most carefully guarded. But it is not so. Few things have been more recklessly squandered than our lands, and foreign capitalists own them in vast empire. This has all been done in the name of the dominant parties, who even now claim that no other party has a right to exist. As each campaign comes on these parties promise to do anything, and after the campaign is over, they do nothing. What do their speakers say on the tariff question? What on the land question? How can voters be so unconcerned in the face of these questions which so intimately concern their most vital interests? From a recent editorial article in the Chicago Times we clip the following. Read it, and then make up your mind if it is more important that you keep on voting in the same way that you have done for years, or that you one time register an expression in favor of a policy that will reverse these conditions. The People's party is the only party that antagonizes this foreign landholding and opposes the foreign ownership of American industries:

Immense areas of valuable ground are held by wealthy foreigners, most of whom are Englishmen. A recent table, widely published, fixes the total of such alien holdings at 23,000,000 acres, distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Names and Acres. Lists various land holdings such as 'The Holland Land Co., New York, 4,000,000' and 'Sir Edward Field and a syndicate in England, 2,000,000'.

In the face of this startling array it may well be questioned whether our British cousins did not blunder in calling attention to the few pitiful sheep farms bought up by a couple of American plutocrats in Scotland. It is fair too, to add to the Anglo-American estates above enumerated the enormous holdings of Manhattan realty by the William Waldorf Astor, the records of which are being spent for the maintenance of English estates and a report Pall Mall journals.

The Reason For Populism. There is something to be said for Populism and The Chicago Times here says it well:

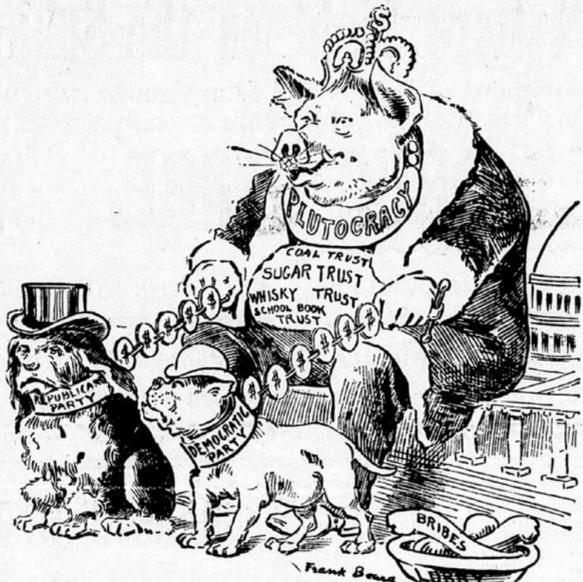
The Populist mass meeting in Central Music Hall was well worthy the attendance of all thoughtful students on current political events; even though many of them go expecting to dissent from the views which will be promulgated, and The Times believes, a healthy factor in politics to-day. It means that an enormous body of the people have become convinced that neither of the two old parties is fit to meet the issues of the day or has the welfare of the plain people sufficiently at heart to stand as their champion. There is a great measure of reason and of justice in this repudiation of both parties. The Times has more than once pointed out that on questions of the most vital importance to the people the two old parties are a unit.

It was a Democratic President who broke down a strike and who persuaded his Attorney General—himself a bigging of railroads—to employ all the machinery of the department of justice for the purpose of crushing the people who had presumed to revolt against the tyranny of corporations.

Yet the Republican party is equally committed to this policy of oligarchy, for its chief spokesman in Congress and its foremost newspapers applauded the President's action. On the vital question of the currency the two old parties are as one. There is here and there a free silver Republican, and there are many free silver Democrats, but the dominant force in both parties take their cue from Wall Street and stand for a single gold standard.

It is because of the folly of Democratic leaders that the Populist party exists. There must be a "poor man's party" in this nation, but year by year the Democracy has been drifting further and further from that position. In it there are many a clear-sighted,

CHAINS OF GOLD.



Plutocrat (to people)—I've harnessed your watch dog with golden chains. I am in full possession. What are you going to do about it?—The Great Divide.

sincere, truly Democratic men whom it would be a national misfortune to have retired from public life, but its leaders—its Cleverlands, Brices, Gormans and Olneys—are out of touch with the people and in close communion with the trusts and the privileged classes. Populism is a revolt against this alliance. It is a revolt which deserves to prosper so long as the conditions creating it continue.

Republicans Howl Calamity. Republicans are howling up and down the land that the business depression is due solely to the tariff. Fearing that the schedules would be lowered a little as the result of Democratic ascendancy, McKinley & Co. say everybody concluded to stop business and shut up shop. Unfortunately for this argument there was another panic, no later than 1873, when there was no Democratic ascendancy nor any threat of free trade. On the contrary the Republicans held every branch of the Government, and held it for many years and still continued to hold it for many years afterward. As their high tariffs were in full operation all the time, it becomes necessary to account for that disastrous panic in another way. In 1877, a commission was appointed by the Republican Congress, made up entirely of protectionists, for the express purpose of inquiring into the causes leading to the panic then prevailing and the many years of depression that followed. This commission, in its report to Congress, among many other things said:

The true and only cause of the stagnation in industry and commerce now everywhere felt is the fact everywhere existing of falling prices caused by a shrinkage in the volume of money. A shrinkage in the volume of currency has caused more misery than war, famine and pestilence, and more injustice than all the bad laws ever enacted.

Not a word there about the tariff. The collapse and complete breakdown of business which paralyzed the whole country in the seventies was due, these experts say, to the relentless onslaught of greedy money sharks upon the nation's currency and its constant steady contraction in the face of expanding national opportunities. Exactly the same thing would have come just the same had the Republicans been retained in power.

Willie Waldorf Astor's daily income is \$23,277, J. D. Rockefeller's \$20,853, Cornelius Vanderbilt's \$11,090, W. K. Vanderbilt's \$10,398, and the Goulds' \$11,068. These are a few samples of incomes of America's multi-millionaires. Whence comes the money to pay this enormous tribute? In the last analysis it comes from the men whose toil produces all wealth—the wage-earners whose average daily wage, and they work from morn till night, is something like \$1. Is it strange that the rich grow richer and that is just in the ratio they ascend the scale of accumulated wealth the other side, the real wealth producers, drops, drops, drops to the point of base existence? The same unjust conditions which make the pauper creates the millionaire. Those conditions may be comprehended in one simple phrase—the control by the few of the natural opportunities which belong equally to all.

The supreme duty of the hour is the restoration to the people of their God-given rights and the taking from those who now possess them of all special privileges. Every other question now before the people pales into insignificance in comparison with this, and until this is accomplished the present evils will only increase in intensity. The incomes of the millionaires will mount higher and higher, the wages of the producers will drop to the starvation point, and that means involuntary servitude.

Report of the Committee. In 1873 the old parties demonized silver. The result was a terrible panic came upon the country. So widespread was the disaster that Congress appointed a committee to investigate the cause of the panic. This committee was known as the United States Monetary Commission. It was composed of Senators and Members of the House equally divided between the two parties—three Democrats and three Republicans.

They made a voluminous report, and in that report is the following sentence: "We, the commission, find that the true and only cause for the widespread disasters, now everywhere felt, is even hid from sight. And the foolish people have believed this scheme of the Rothschilds was necessary. What a terrible price ignorance pays to cunning for being deceived.

country vanished. The money power had determined to degrade silver and remove it from the money metals of this country. Again it was slaughtered and as before there came a disastrous panic. That panic is still here and will stay here until the volume of money is increased by the free coinage of silver and the issue of Government money until the circulation is at a just per capita.

There is no need for the people to wait in the hope that the promises and prophecies of the gold gamblers will come true. There never can be prosperous times under a shrinking condition of the currency. Speak out, voters, and speak in a certain sound. You will be paupers until the Cleveland, John Sherman, Wall Street money system is driven from the land.

The School Book Trust. O, yes you are. You are paying tribute to a thieving school book trust when you send your children to school. It says you shall not school your children until you pay it tribute. O, you are wise in your generation that you permit a few scheming willians to thus rob you and still go on voting for the old parties that refuse to have the state or nation print the books, sell them at the cost of the wages paid the workmen and thus enable you to get out of the clutches of these vampires. In no other way can you break a monopoly, and that way you will notice, is just the way every Democrat or Republican paper or politician is just so strenuously denouncing because it would be paternalism. Can't you see it?

Pungent Paragraphs. It is about time the golden calf was weaned from the governmental udder. Every man whose promissory note lies in the vault of the banker is the banker's slave.

There are a great many who consider the poor. But that is all they do. They are still considering. THE legal tender clause in financial legislation constitutes the claws with which the Shylocks clutch the people. "GROVER CLEVELAND is a man of destiny." Certainly. He is destined to be Grover Cleveland to the end of the chapter. It is easy to be a hero amid the plaudits of admiring thousands; but to be a hero unseen and unsung is to be a hero indeed.

THE Liquor Traffic Association proposes to expend \$50,000 a year to corrupt our national Legislature. No need. It is already utterly rotten.

WHEN labor, through the throes in which it is now struggling, brings to birth the right to own its own productions, it will possess its birthright. EVERY once in a while, some political asphed wants to unite the two old political parties in an effort to do some wonderfully good thing. Some day these two "old hacks" will unite in going to the "demonition bow-wows" and that is the only good thing they can or ever will do.

WHEN people vote directly on laws they will know something about what laws are being enacted and will take an interest in them above party, and a law receiving the majority of votes will be above constitutions, legislatures and courts. There will be no doubt about its legality.

OVERPRODUCTION is not occasioned through undue consumptive desire, but through having a limited measure of value by which to effect exchange of productions. It is as though a dozen merchants were compelled to use the same yard-stick and take turns in supplying their customers.—J. S. Sargent.

THE paid liars of plutocracy are now claiming that Senator Jones' desertion from the Republican party has helped the rotten old thing. You need not be surprised to read that Senator Jones has joined Coxey's army and is likely to go to jail for robbing his mother's grave and remove the gold filling from her teeth. Great people, are these hired liars of plutocracy holding down jobs on "the great daily paper."

How wise the American people have been to pay interest on \$160,000,000 in bonds for the past twenty years by buy gold to bury in the vaults at Washington. Just as though the whole fabric of government depended on having a huge pile of gold, which is even hid from sight. And the foolish people have believed this scheme of the Rothschilds was necessary. What a terrible price ignorance pays to cunning for being deceived.

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FINANCE AND TARIFF

AN INTERESTING COMPARISON OF FIGURES.

How the Farmer is Affected by the Different Acts of Legislation on the Tariff Question—The Wool Pulled Over His Eyes.

Who Pays the Bill? For generations the politicians of this country have agreed in almost every campaign, that the tariff should be the issue. They have always found it a convenient bone of contention, over which the masses would easily divide. It is a question that is very complex to the average voter. It is a splendid issue upon which to appeal to sectionalism and arouse party spirit.

The leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties have mutually agreed for so long that the tariff was the great issue in American politics, that the average voter in these parties, without seriously considering the matter, and without study or investigation upon his part has settled down to the idea that the tariff is really the issue. The politicians have one-half the people attributing all their grievances to the fact that the tariff is too high and the other half to the fact that the tariff is too low.

The Democratic campaign committee has just gotten out a campaign book of 246 pages in which it devotes twelve lines for one hundred and eighty words to the silver question. If we are to judge from what is here said on the subject, as to the policy of the Democratic party, we are at a loss to understand how any honest, free coinage man can have the faintest hope of ever getting free coinage through the Democratic party. On the entire financial question this campaign book contains five pages, while it devotes one hundred and eleven pages to the tariff, so it is very plain that the Democrats are going to do everything possible to force the tariff to the front and try to ignore the financial question altogether. The Republicans are at work on the same line, and are delighted that they can fight over the same old ground. There are a great many honest Democrats and Republicans who candidly believe that the tariff is the great issue.

For the benefit of all such, we have undertaken in this article to prove that the great overshadowing question to American politics to-day is the financial question, and that the tariff is secondary in every particular. The following table shows the amount of tariff paid by the average farmer on the necessities of life which he buys each year. It shows the amount he would pay under the tariff of 1861 the McKinley law, and the present Democratic law:

Table with 4 columns: Dutiable Goods, Amt. Con. 1861, 1890, 1904. Lists items like Sugar, Cotton goods, Woolen goods, Ready made clothes, Hats and caps, Iron goods, Cutlery, Barbed wire, Farm implements, Shoes and boots, Medicine, Furniture, Clocks and watches, Horses, Jewelry, Crockery, Cattle.

Total... \$985.00 \$83.00 \$83.01 \$62.40. We find by examining the above figures that the Democrats are now camping on the same ground that the Republicans occupied thirty years ago, there being only 60 cents difference to the farmer under the Republican law of 1861 and the Democratic law of 1894. The difference to the farmer between the McKinley and present Democratic law is \$21.12 on his yearly purchases, therefore, it must be this \$21.12 that all this tariff racket is about. From this table we can see exactly the relation in which the farmer stands to both the old parties as far as the tariff is concerned. As the law now stands the difference to the farmer between the Democratic and Republican parties on the tariff question, when measured in dollars and cents, is \$21.12. Then the issue when narrowed down is whether the farmer will pay \$21.12 tariff more or less annually. When one has studied the money question, and sees how this same farmer is robbed and plundered each year by the money power of the world, the tariff question at once dwindles into utter insignificance.

Let us now examine into the naked facts and see how the farmer has been affected by vicious financial legislation, and robbed of his birthright while the politicians have been crying tariff tariff! in order to drown the cries of a plundered people. Let us take the average crop of the cotton farmer, ten bales weighing 500 pounds each, a total of 5,000 pounds. We find that the price of cotton in 1872, the year before silver was demonetized, was worth from 18 to 25 cents per pound, the average price being about 20 cents. The ten bales of cotton at that time at 20 cents per pound, would net the farmer \$1,000. The same ten bales of cotton now at the present price 6 cents per pound, would net him \$300. We find from these figures that somehow or somehow else the cotton farmer has been robbed of \$700 on his year's production of cotton. The crop that he produced in 1871 cost no more labor than the crop he produced in 1894, then why is this difference of \$700? Let us see how it is with the wheat raiser. Take 1,000 bushels of wheat as the average crop. In 1872, the year before silver was demonetized, wheat was worth from \$1.65 to \$2.10 per bushel. The 1,000 bushels at \$1.75 in 1872, would have netted the farmer \$1,750. To-day the price is 50 cents per bushel, and the 1,000 bushels brings the farmer \$500. He gets \$1,250 less for his wheat crop in 1894 than he did in 1872. Why is this? What is it that robs the farmer of this \$1,250? Is it the tariff? From the above facts we see that the cotton farmer paid \$63.09 tariff in 1872, and received \$1,000 for his cotton crop, now in the year 1894 he pays \$62.49, just 60 cents less than in 1872, and reserves \$300 for his crop, a loss of \$700.

The wheat farmer paying the amount of tariff as above, received \$1,750 for his crop in 1872, now he received \$500, a loss of \$1,250. In other words these farmers have been fighting over the \$21.12 tariff the difference to them between the Democrats and Republicans on that question, while the money power has stealthily stepped in and robbed the cotton raiser of \$700 and the wheat raiser of \$1,250. To the cotton raiser the money question is as much above the tariff question as an issue, as \$700 is above \$21.12; and to the wheat raiser, as \$1,250 is above \$21.12.

When the farmers of this country study the financial question, and realize how they have been robbed by the demonetization of silver and the destruction of the greenbacks, there will be but one issue, and that will be the money question.

J. H. TURNER. Sec. People's Party National Com. Nebraska is Ours. The endorsement by the Nebraska Democratic State Convention of the bulk of the Populist state ticket assuring the election of a Populist administration this fall in Nebraska. The Populist ticket, in addition to probably 60 per cent. of the Democratic vote, is likely to receive not less than 10 per cent. of the Republican vote, so great is the dissatisfaction of the Republicans with their own nominee, and probably another 10 per cent. of the Republicans will not vote at all. Last year for supreme judge the vote stood: Republican, 72,632; Populist, 65,666; Democratic, 37,545. Taking off 10 per cent. of the Republican vote for Holcomb, the Populist candidate for Governor, would leave the Republican candidate, Majors, in round numbers, 65,000. Deducting 10 per cent. for Republican stay-at-home leaves him about 58,000. Adding the Republican 10 per cent. to Holcomb's last year's 65,000 for judge gives him about 73,000; counting the 60 per cent. Democratic brings it up to 88,000, a plurality of 30,000 over Majors.

But even giving Majors the entire Republican vote, Holcomb would need only his own vote and about 20 per cent. of the Democratic to beat him. Go farther and concede Majors 10 per cent. of the Democratic vote, possible from railroad influence, added to the full Republican vote, and his total would be 76,386, while the Populist vote and only 33 per cent. of the Democratic would give Holcomb 78,055, a plurality of 1,669, enough to win with. This would be for Republican stay-at-home leaves him about 58,000. Adding the Republican 10 per cent. to Holcomb's last year's 65,000 for judge gives him about 73,000; counting the 60 per cent. Democratic brings it up to 88,000, a plurality of 30,000 over Majors.

Hoists the Black Flag. FREE COINAGE OR A FREE FIGHT. —Denver Road. False on Its Face. The report of the Pullman Palace Car Company to the Illinois State Board of Equalization places the value of all its tangible property in Cook County at \$847,820, of which \$569,225 is represented by lands, \$154,564 by lots, and \$94,000 by personal property. If this report is sworn to, as it doubtless is, it is evidence of perjury of which immediate cognizance should be taken by the state's attorney and grand jury. Under the title of lands the report reports to embrace the entire town of Pullman, with its 5,000 business blocks and dwellings. The Pullman tract, although divided into lots, is improved with costly buildings, has by the collusion of the company and the local assessor been listed as an undivided tract and assessed at less than one-twentieth of its actual value. The Pullman Company now brazenly exhibits this infamous fraud to the state board and ask that body to accept it. The statement is reported to have been sworn to by the secretary of the company, who also swears that \$45,925,852 of the company's property is outside of Illinois and not subject to taxation in this state. The Times repeats that this brazen attempt to evade taxation is one which should be dealt with by criminal process.

Robbed by Railroads. The freight on a car of paper from Indianapolis costs nearly one-half as much as it does to wrap up all the hundreds of thousands of sheets in wrappers and have each sheet hauled on mail trains and delivered to forty thousand different persons in every state and territory. In other words the postal system delivers 40,000 papers a week to 40,000 different persons for ten weeks, for a little more than twice what the monopoly railroads charge for hauling the paper in bulk, not handling the paper at either end, in an old freight car 250 miles. The postal system is socialistic, the railroads anarchistic. One is run for the benefit of the people, the other for the benefit of the English owners. Are people wise who vote to have this remain in such condition? You may answer it quietly yourself.—Coming Nation.

Goldbugs Have the Horrors. The goldbugs are pouring money into the western states to beat the Populists. It gives them the nightmare to think that Waite of Colorado and men of that sterling character in the United States Senate. The goldbugs have fared well at the hands of both the old parties, and are willing to have either run the Government, but these new men with queer ideas give them the horrors, and well it may. McKinley on Money. Speaking in Indiana recently Gov. McKinley said: "This countrymen, is our trouble to-day. The banks are too well filled with money.

Money was never more plentiful or less employed: thus we have the stagnation in business which distresses the country. "Money was never more plentiful," says he. Why, to go back only a few weeks, the amount of money in circulation on September 1, 1894, as stated in the Treasury report for that date, was \$12,378,008 less than it was on August 1, 1894, only a month earlier. And from September 1, 1893, to September 1, 1894, the decrease in circulation is reported by the United States Treasury as \$33,891,190—almost thirty-four millions. Then, moreover, if Mr. McKinley had cared for the truth in the matter, to go back for a period of years, he could have known from the same official source that the amount of paper currency in circulation (counting the gold and silver certificates, which are at present outstanding as representatives of those metals in the Treasury) has decreased from \$983,318,686 on June 30, 1893, to a fraction over 504 million dollars. Do these indisputable official facts show that "money was never more plentiful?" It is unreasonable to think Mr. McKinley knows better than he tells his audience? If he does not he certainly ought.

Having reduced the farmers of western Kansas to beggary—so poor they cannot buy seed wheat—the banks are now furnishing the wheat and will own the crop, the farmer, his wife and children forever and forever. It is the best banking system on earth. Beats the old Egyptian method that enslaved and destroyed that proud mistress of the world.

Among Our Exchanges. THERE is a new machine, a recent invention, for counting money. We don't know a single producer of wealth that needs one.—Industrial Union.

In the west the Republicans are for silver, in the east they are against it, so they say. The truth is they aren't for anything but something to steal.—Chicago Exchange.

If society must support dudes or tramps we advise them to take the latter. Their support isn't near so costly and besides they won't try to boss the job.—New Liberator.

Flat money is the money of freemen. Whoever binds himself to the exclusive use of metal money, by that act becomes the bond slave of usurers.—Sentinel, Boise, Idaho.

BONDS, bullets and bayonets have so far been the three things which have characterized the administration of Grover Cleveland. Banks, bums and bulldozers have been his efficient helpers.—Advancing Nation.

SENATOR MILL of Texas said that the "Democratic party was between devil and the deep blue sea, and rather than go to the devil they went into the sea."—Louisiana Populist.

It is about time Grover wrote another letter—not that the Democratic party needs another kick, but as evidence that he is sober enough to write.—Advocate, Henning, Minn.

If the Democratic party is going to go into the hands of a receiver because it can't pay its promises, we suggest Tom Reed and John Sherman as receivers.—West Virginia Populist.

If the Government fiat makes up the difference in value between a silver dollar and the amount of bullion in the dollar, why would not the Government fiat make the whole thing.—Ellwood Workman.

EVERY school house in Texas, except in the cities, is being used by the Populists for holding weekly meetings. The people are flocking by thousands to the new party and Bourbon Democracy is in a bad shape.—Exchange.

If the Democratic leaders who are now howling about the trusts which the new tariff bill has killed will please enumerate them, we'll attend the funerals, and carry a big shovel with us.—People, Patterson, N. J.

A 2x4 REPUBLICAN exchange says the "crazy wave of Populism is passing away." Not much, my little grave whistler, nor will it, till it washes all the rotten Republican refuse and garbage into "the deep, deep sea."—Tacoma Sun.

Do you still believe that figs can grow on thistles? That reform will come through the Republican party? Well, that is just what the trust manipulators want you to believe. The trusts are safe so long as the Republican party is safe.—Freeland.

THE only place we can find that the present condition of the Democratic candidates is referred to in the bible, is in Luke 14th chapter and 18th verse, and is as follows: "And they all, with one accord, began to make excuses."—Tennessee Reasoner.

THE paradox is presented in Texas to-day of free silver candidates running for office on a goldbug platform. Consistency, thou art a jewel, but thou art exclusively the property of the Populists from a political standpoint.—Banner, Clarksville, Tex.

SENATOR ALLEN says: "I think a party should be held no more sacred than a man's shoes or garments, and that whenever it fails to subserve the real purpose of good government a man should abandon it as cheerfully as he dispenses with his worn out clothes."

A DEMOCRATIC orator asked, "Where do the Populists get their campaign fund from?" His opponent, John Cherry, who had walked five miles to the meeting, showed him his legs. It was satisfactory to the audience, if not to the questioner.—New Orleans Issue.

CLEVELAND, during his term was so patriotic that he paid high premiums in order to redeem outstanding bonds. Now, he issues more bonds and sells them at a discount. Brother, are you going to vote to continue these speculators in office?—Pioneer Sentinel, Sidney, Wash.

Do you think there is no limit to human patience? Beware of the army of the hopeless. Every wrecked life is a cancer eating its way to the vitals of society. Despair is dangerous, hunger is the dangerous inspiration of revolution. Human wool is the fulcrum on which the lever is turned.—Wabash Exponent.