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The Farmers Leader

BY ARTHUR LINN.

Some hollow-breasted, wind-broken Wall street wiper jumped onto Pap. House while he was circulating a petition for a citizen's caucus. This degenerate cuss wanted to know when Mr. House had turned pop, and he supposed he was an American citizen. Here you have the cloven foot of bossism, the snarling teeth of the machine tool, the played out imp of hell, who seeks to deny any good citizen the right to ask the people to meet in general caucus for the best interests of the city and the taxpayers. N. J. House served his country faithfully in the 19th Wisconsin volunteers, and is a good citizen, and a taxpayer who minds his own business pretty well. This display of bossism on the part of a few men who seek to keep the machine in running order in a little town like Canton, is the continuation of the system which made it possible to elect a notorious bank wrecker chief justice of the state, and possible to reelect Taylor when he was known to be short. The Advocate says this is a republican year, and the editor don't know whether he is a Pettigrew republican or a Bill McKinley gold bug. This determined effort of the would be machine leaders to keep men in line, under the lash of the party whip, is a degrading evidence of servility. Good citizens ought to shun the unholy conditions which make men tools. Republicanism used to stand for honor, manhood, honesty and the welfare of the people. Today it stands for power and plunder alone. The time was when the writer was proud to be called a republican, but when the party that Lincoln loved and made was mortgaged to the money changers of Europe and Wall street, the party ceased to represent anything but the bosses and negro machine drivers. Democrats, Whigs and Know-nothings organized the republican party, and to hear some of the yaps shout today, one would suppose the republican party created Adam and Eve. The republican party was all right when it was administered in the interest of the people. Benedict Arnold was all right until British gold corrupted him, the same as it did the republican leaders. Wall street and its European bosses own the republican party, own your railroads, own the men who administer the treasury of this great country, make the platforms of the party, and dictate who shall be nominated. These so-called republican yaps call this Americanism and patriotism. Benedict Arnold didn't work any harder to betray his country than the republican leaders who sold out to the English money lords on the silver question. Where is the noble spirit of American manhood which rallied under Lincoln? Republicans who believe in independence and good citizenship should cut loose from the machine and stand for a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Corrupt machine politics led by the money power has destroyed all values and is fast pauperizing the people. Mr. House, we are informed tore up his petition and dropped the question of a citizen's caucus.

The Sioux Valley News believes that four fifths of the republicans of this state are for McKinley, the man who last year said if the republican party adopted a silver plank he would leave it. How is this for a gold standard and Wall Street slavery? If the republican farmers of this state continue to vote for gold men they will continue to sell their products cheaper, and as a consequence the merchant will sell less goods. The LEADER believes that not over one half of the republicans of this state can be fooled into voting against their own interests. The St. Louis convention will tell the tale. If that turns out a gold bug platform, look out for fun.

Gov. Holcomb of Nebraska thinks Senator Allen of that state would be the right man to head the free silver reform elements of the nation for president. Senator Allen is matchless as an orator, courageous, and beyond the reach of Wall street. His record in the Senate is a magnificent example of the American patriot—a second Lincoln. If the St. Louis convention will give us Senator Allen as the nominee for president, the people could follow his standard with a knowledge that he represents the people as Lincoln did.

The free silver republican senators have informed the gold bug manufacturers of the east that they will never get any protection, until they force their party to recognize protection for the west—that is free coinage of silver. The west must have protection as well as the east. Protection and free silver would restore prosperity to the nation with a whoop.

Again the money power in New York has sent out orders to National banks everywhere to urge the business men to stand for the gold standard. Wall street is largely owned in Europe. Business men who may be in debt to a National bank are threatened and no credits or extensions can be given to men who will not stand up for their own ruin, for the gold standard means ruin to every American industry. It was through this infamous system of National bank power that the big petitions were sent to congress asking for the repeal of a law which put four million of silver money in circulation every month. The gold standard has so destroyed the value of farm products that a farmer is lucky if he can make both ends meet, denying himself many things he would like to buy, because he can't get money enough out of his crops to do more than pay running expenses, to say nothing about a surplus with which to buy goods from the merchants. Senator Pettigrew said in his Canton speech that thousands of good farmers, even in the Sioux Valley, are obliged to do without many necessities in their homes because of scarce money and low prices. This we all know to be true. The gold standard has made prices low, and the merchants are asked to support a system which means ruin to their trade. When the laboring and producing classes have no money, or very little, to buy goods with, the merchant cannot sell much, and the merchant cannot buy from the manufacturer and the manufacturer cannot employ help as he used to because he cannot sell goods. Prosperity begins with the soil and labor. Destroy the possibility of these elements to produce a profit and you destroy the foundation on which prosperity must stand. Yet the selfish sordid money kings of Wall street say to the National banker, coerce your merchant into support of a cause which means his ruin. Even a worm will rebel under the brutal heel.

E. E. Carpenter, of the Gulf & Manitoba railroad, was in Canton Wednesday. He reports most encouraging prospects for the various parts of the main line now under construction, and liberal aid through Iowa. Mr. Carpenter is the man of all men we know of, who is endowed with courage and ability enough to undertake and successfully carry out such an undertaking these times. He is one of the best organizers in the entire west and a man with wonderful knowledge of railroad building. Anything he undertakes he will carry through if it is possible for man to do it. Here is an item he handed us, showing the result of the Galveston end of the road and what it means to the people. "The Gulf and Interstate, the newly completed road, yesterday announced a passenger rate of \$2 to Beaumont and \$3 for the return trip. This cuts the fare to New Orleans \$2, and immediately upon the announcement ticket brokers met it with bids for New Orleans traffic at \$2 below the regular rate.

Ex-Senator Ingalls says a second Lincoln is coming to settle the great questions before the nation in the interests of the people, and he says he is coming on horseback. He can't see him yet but he is coming. Has he Senator Allen of Nebraska in view?

The Advocate says this is a republican year. It said so when Taylor, and Kellam, and Ruth, and Sheldon, and the whole gang were elected.

Pasturage.

I have a pasture containing 400 acres with flowing spring water in abundance. Will take horses and cattle for the season. C. B. KENNEDY.

Millet Seed.

I have about one hundred bushels of first class millet seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel. Inquire of

TOM WARDWELL,
DAYTON HALL.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is the list of letters, remaining unclaimed, in the Canton postoffice, for the week ending March 23, 1896:

Miss Julia Shilstad, Miss Elen Anderson Marken, Mrs. Jonnie Daugherty, Mrs. Hettie Parke.

In calling for the above, please say advertised. J. V. CONKLIN, P. M.

Homeseekers' Excursions

April 7th and 21st, and May 5th, 1896, at one fare plus two dollars for the round trip. Inquire at the depot or write H. E. Thayer, Canton, S. D. for full information.

4,000 Oak Posts.

4,000 white oak posts at \$10 per hundred at E. E. Carpenter's, lower Canton. Will take stock or some cheap working horses. Come quick.

E. E. CARPENTER.

MONEY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

The ignorant, the unthinking and the insincere are very fond of giving utterance to howls of apprehension about the evils to happen to our country if the gold standard should be surrendered, and such persons are ordinarily sure that we should go on a silver bullion basis if the United States Treasury ceased to redeem its paper money in coins made of the yellow metal. No evils would occur if we did go to a silver basis; nor would the country be on a silver bullion basis if the treasury now paid out silver coins instead of gold ones in redeeming a part or even all of the government paper presented for redemption.

Let us examine the matter. The gold basis, when gold has a monopoly of the right of free coinage, is a more valuable basis—a higher level—than when the yellow metal competed with the white metal at the mint. When bimetallicism is restored the gold dollar itself will be a less valuable dollar than now—to the extent that the demand is taken from gold and put upon silver, thus causing a higher level for silver's value by the very cessation pro tanto of the gold demand. But until the full, free and complete demand for silver for the money use is restored—until silver can go to the mint at will and get itself coined into money (as can gold)—the present silver dollars are not silver bullion basis dollars. And the above statements are true, because the chief value of both the precious metals is for use as money; because the value of money is in the last analysis regulated by its quantity—that is, it is obedient to the law of supply and demand; and because the value of the bimetallic standard dollars, both of gold and silver, would lie between the present level of gold monopoly money and silver outlawed bullion. The present silver dollars are more valuable than the material of which they are made, not as many still think, because they are redeemed in gold, for they are not so redeemed, but for the reason that their quantity is limited. Now, your gold watch is not money—you can't pay a note at bank or elsewhere with it, for a bag full of gold watches or gold rings would not discharge an obligation. Gold is only potentially money; i. e., it can be made into money if the requirements of the law are observed with respect to the fabrication of gold money. And therein lies the reason that legislation can affect the value of money, since legislation can effect the demand for any given material for the money use, and can enlarge or decrease the quantity of metals or paper made into money, and thus expand or contract the money volume.

The mints are not open to the free coinage of silver, and, therefore, the value of the silver dollar is not measured by its content of bullion at the higher value that bullion would have under free coinage, and still less is it measured by the present value of the content of silver bullion when denied free coinage; but the value of the silver dollar is measured by the demand for the quantity of dollars in existence in the country; moreover, this present dollar value is almost twice, when expressed in terms of gold, what the gold price of the dollar's content of silver bullion is when denied free coinage, as at present.

The present silver dollar's basis would be as good a basis as that of the rest of our money, other than gold, and it would be nearly as high a level as now, in the event of gold going to a premium in other money enough higher than the present slight premium to make it clear to the community that gold was at a premium.

As a matter of exact statement, gold has for years been at a premium in everything but in money of gold value. We mean that gold has risen above the general level of prices for things in general, including silver, to a premium of about 100 per cent. on the average, that is, gold has been like a balloon rising above the surface of the earth.

The evils (?) of a silver basis would be rising prices, which always stimulate production, which in turn lies at the foundation of wealth, and fosters the distribution of newly created wealth, while fully employed labor and capital low. We welcome such evils and should the free coinage of silver bless this nation, it would start the manufacturing wheels and give all men work, giving the idle hungry armies work and clothing and food, stop the foreclosure proceedings on thousands of farms and lift the nation at one bound to prosperity. This is the evil complained of by gold standard traitors to American interests.—New York Financial Record.

MONEY TO LOAN

On real estate. Call on L. H. LARSEN, Cashier Canton State Bank. 3617.

I have a Jersey bull at Warner's livery stable in Canton. Service, \$1.00 cash. J. J. RICHARDSON.

The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jones, who reside in Lincoln county and were former friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jones at Spring Green, Wis., learned, incidentally, that Mr. and Mrs. Jones would be entitled to a china wedding on the 19th inst., and plans for a surprise were arranged. Mrs. T. Mills and Mrs. Tom Edwards formed themselves into a committee of general supervision and decided that the best set of china to be had in the country was none too good for Steve and his china wedding bride. A real surprise was planned and carried out, and the arrival of the Spring Green hosts now in Lincoln county, made Steve and Mrs. Jones think Wisconsin had broken loose and that every badger in the state was coming. About 3 o'clock the army had possession of the Jones home, and E. W. Norton was appointed chaplain and orator, but Ed's modesty forced him to decline some of the honors. Those present at roll call were: Messrs. Tom Mills, Oscar Dunlap, Ketchum, H. N. Cooper, E. C. Stillwell, Tom Edwards and E. W. Norton, and Mrs. Gray and Misses Emma and Carrie Dunlap. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly in games and social talks over old times and the principal events that had happened for the past 40 years were discussed at great length by such celebrated talkers as Jere Gehon, Oscar Dunlap, Steve Jones and of course Ed. Norton got in a word occasionally. Ed. Norton was telling Mr. Cooper what great things free silver would do, when he was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony. Judge Norton called Mr. and Mrs. Jones to the hymenal altar and in a few well chosen words, joined the pair for the second time.

Steve being asked if his love would last, The company echoed with laughter, Oh, Arrah; faith, said Steve, you may well say that.

To the end of the world and after, Oh! Then tenderly her hand he grips, And kisses her so gently, Oh, While all the time the merry old crowd, Kept up their laughter so gaily, Oh! After congratulations mixed with fun, Mr. Norton, on behalf of those present, presented the bride and groom with the finest set of china dishes this side of the Celestial empire, consisting of 52 pieces. Mesdames Edwards and Mills had charge of the culinary department and at 5:30 announced supper—and such a feast. It would have surprised old Delmonico to have looked in on that supper. Some of the guests left after supper but many remained to complete the celebration in due and regular fashion. It was a happy event in the lives of the recipients of the honors.

The members of the Grieg society in company with a number of friends, went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gudmund Skartved, Monday evening, and tendered him and his bride a complimentary serenade with congratulations. It was a happy event and the honor was one of which the recipients were justly proud. The LEADER extends congratulations also.

The members of the Rebekah lodge of this city, assisted by the brethren of Centennial, celebrated the third anniversary of their organization, Tuesday night. A large number were present who enjoyed the occasion. A delightful program was rendered and refreshments saved.

J. E. Smith's new house and outbuildings, about two miles southeast of Beloit, was burned Tuesday. Loss about \$2,500. Insurance said to be about \$1,000. Mr. Smith has the sympathy of the community in his loss.

The Beloit roller mill is buying wheat. Highest price.

Two good farms for rent. Apply to 34 C. B. KENNEDY.

FARM FOR SALE.

Farm seven miles north of Canton. Time to suit purchaser. Grain payments if desired. For further particulars apply to CHAS. E. JUDD, First Nat. Bank.

Hogs and Poultry.

It will pay you to see me before selling your hogs and poultry.

L. E. TILLOTSON,
Beloit, Iowa.

FEED GRINDING.

Leave your oats, corn and wheat or other feed stuff at the Canton flour and feed store, and have it ground to order.

HENDERSON & GUINTER.

Notice to Tax Payers.

Tax payers who reside in Norway, Eden and Fairview townships, can now pay their taxes at the Sioux Valley Bank, Hudson.

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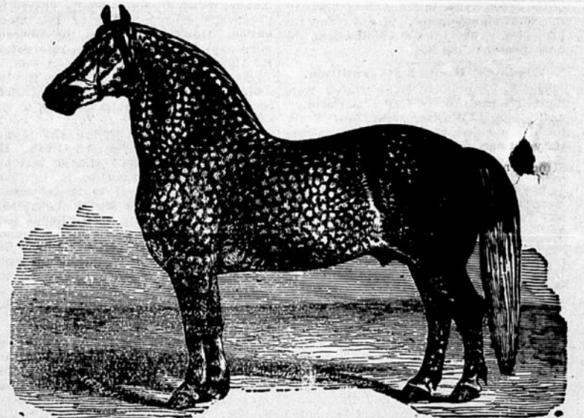
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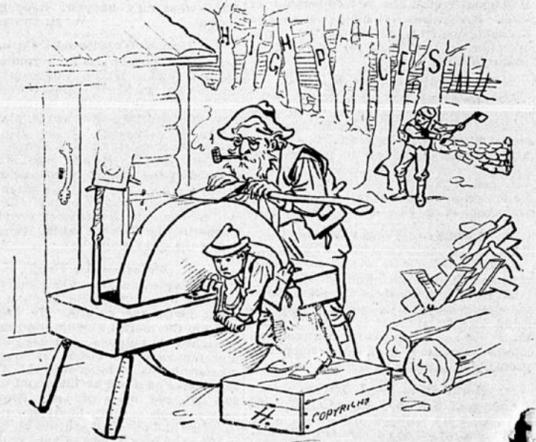
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SAM THORSON,
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Now's the time for buyers to make their dollars count. While Uncle Sam is buying gold with bonds, we're content to take banknotes or greenbacks for our groceries at a heavy sacrifice. The goods were never better than they are now. The damage is confined to the prices. We have only one store, and as we can't enlarge it, we must close out our stock to make room for new goods. Here's your chance to strike it rich. We are introducing a new plug tobacco and for a short time will sell it at 25 cents a pound; try it. Also a full line of bulk seeds—D. M. Ferry's best.

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