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The Farmers Leader

BY ARTHUR LINN.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press shouts with glee over the humiliation of Senator Pettigrew, and points with pride to the fact that Pettigrew's humiliation and the McKinley pledge was the last expiring gasp of the free silver movement in South Dakota. The Pioneer Press is the most radical gold bug sheet in the country, but it was never farther from the truth when it says that the free silver movement is dead in South Dakota. Pettigrew made a fight against the machine in his own party and against the infamous gang who have betrayed the people and helped the thieves to rob them. He denounced republicans for failing to do their duty as members of the legislature, and showed that the party was in the hands of a very corrupt and cunning gang of politicians who don't care a d—n for the people. Senator Pettigrew well understood the consequences of such a battle. He hurled bombs of truth out among the people, and the people listened and wondered. Such things coming from a republican Senator must be true. He told nothing but the truth, and he spoke in a language much stronger and direct than that which the populist speakers had ever used. This is what hurt the machine. The machine didn't care about the truth coming from the people's party orators or papers; they denounced all such as populist lies; but when the leading republicans of the state and the recognized party leaders uttered such stinging truths before large and expectant audiences, then it was that the wrath of the machine was aroused and Pettigrew must be politically butchered. The machine leaders of the state, the influence of the railroads, and the secret influence of the infamous gold power, were combined to down Mr. Pettigrew. This is a strong combination in a state like South Dakota, but had the Senator carried his fight through the state he did at Sioux Falls and Canton, the machine, railroad and goldbug influence would have been knocked stiff and the Huron convention would have been sold for Pettigrew and free silver. A majority of the voters of South Dakota are for free silver and prosperity, and the election next November will demonstrate this to be true. All the peoples party are for free silver, nearly all of the democrats are for free silver and it is safe to say that one-third of the republicans are for free silver and more will be if Senator Pettigrew makes his famous free silver campaign through the state this fall. Senator Pettigrew was in the hands of his enemies at Huron, but the day is not far distant when he will make some of those shouters think he is quite alive and able to take care of himself. Of course the great sin that Pettigrew committed was his exposure of the republican corruption, Senator Pettigrew, in his struggle for free silver as a republican, is living up to the true principles of his party, before it was mortgaged to the gold bugs. The gold bugs are the traitors to the principles of the party. Senator Pettigrew may go to St. Louis, bolt a gold standard platform, join the free silver senators and declare for protection and free silver and join the populists, and sweep the west and south with a whoop, Senator Pettigrew is neither dead or sleeping, and the free silver forces are growing in numbers every day.

If the English gold standard must continue under republican power aided by the howling plaudits of the republican goldbugs at Huron recently, you may rest assured that you must accept the English scale of wages. There is no power on earth that can save the American laborer from the British scale of wages if we maintain the British money standard. Now you republican goldbug workman face this issue. If you vote the goldbug ticket you must accept the gold standard of wages, which is about 50 per cent lower than the standard under free silver. Shout for the British gold standard and starve under the British gold standard scale of wages. Whoop it up for republican-John Bull pauper wages.

The English gold standard in America means the English scale of wages in America. Vote for your goldbug workman, but somewhere on the seat of your pants, you will wear the badge of the gold standard.

The machine pounded crow into and down Frank Pettigrew's throat at Huron. Frank will make them all eat crow next fall and help to sweep them out of power.

The Huron convention represented the old republican machine in perfect working order, railroad attorneys, agents and all. It was a perfect machine, and it got after Mr. Pettigrew in the most approved fashion and it proceeded to make him eat crow, and his friends had to eat raw crow, and after they made Frank eat crow, the well oiled machine proceeded to rub the feathers all over and into Frank. It was a dandy, and there was no friend of Pettigrew's in the five counties who had the courage to resent the slur cast at the free silver lunacy idiots. Where was Marc Anthony Palmer and where were all the Pettigrew shouters who proclaimed for free silver. There was not one warrior from Pettigrew's district who had the manhood or courage to get up in convention and hurl the lie in the teeth of the machine and its backers. Such a speech as Palmer made at Sioux Falls or Canton, applied to the convention, would have been grape shot and cannister; but not a peep from anybody. Every humiliation that could be heaped on Mr. Pettigrew was rubbed into him, because he dared to come home and expose the machine and threatened to rip it up the back. No man had the courage to defend their champion in his just cause. Cringing political cowards. Love of place and pap made object cowards of them all. They feared the machine, hence buried their manhood. Mr. Pettigrew took his medicine like a martyr, and snacked his lips; but as he swallowed his dose, a vow of vengeance was registered in his heart which means that he will make every man in the machine eat two crows where he had to eat one, and that he will sweep them from power in this state. We know Frank Pettigrew and know him to be a fighter. When he takes the stump next summer and gets after the machine, you will see some clean cut political work. Before he opens up the gang will go and plead with him. They will say: "Frank, dear Frank, who do you want killed? We didn't mean to bear down on you so hard at Huron, but Kit said we had to do it. Let us be friends, Frank. Name who you want to take Kyle's place. Your slightest wish shall be law. Yes, Frank, if it hadn't been for that d—d Kit, all this trouble would have been avoided. Frank, we were very foolish. Do you want Kit put out of the way? Just indicate your wish and he goes. Name the next warden for the pen. Name the next governor. Do you want 'Old Shady' drowned? We stand here repentant survivors, because we want you to help us carry the state and obliterate the pops from the face of the earth." Here the machine oil played out and Frank gazed at French, Hipple, Williams, Smith, et. al. "You do, do you," said Frank. "Why, boys, you talk strange, I'm going to help the pops elect a full ticket on the free silver and anti-machine issue." The curtain falls.

The editor has received his annual invitation to attend the 35th anniversary of the mustering of his regiment into the service of the United States. The 10th New York volunteers, National Zouaves, were mustered into the service of the government, April 27, 1861, and before the remnant of that command got back to New York City it was authorized to place the names of 26 general engagements on its battle flag. Those engagements included the battles of the seven days fight in front of Richmond, the second Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, and all the heavy battles between Washington and Richmond and around Petersburg. They were as brave a lot of boys as ever carried a musket.

Hon. John A. Carland, of Sioux Falls, has received a distinguished honor from Washington, in the shape of a letter from the attorney general, endorsed by the secretary of the interior and commissioner of land office, requesting Judge Carland to accept the position of assistant United States district attorney, to assist in prosecuting the claim against the Homestake Mining Company for alleged theft of timber. The claim amounts to over a million dollars. The department considers Judge Carland better qualified to prosecute the claim than any official that could be sent from Washington, and the honor is well bestowed.

Those who think Senator Pettigrew was whipped at Huron, don't know him. The enemy captured his outposts and pickets, and a truce followed. Wait until the St. Louis convention gives him a chance to join the free silver party of liberty and humanity, and Frank Pettigrew will be a host in the coming struggle for human liberty and American prosperity.

The Beloit roller mill is buying wheat. Highest price.

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In Tennessee, the situation is considerably mixed. The populists will make great gains no matter what action is taken by the old parties in their state and national conventions. The nominating convention in Tennessee convenes July 25th.

The people's party of the fifth congressional district of Arkansas, in mass convention at Eureka Springs, March 18, after reaffirming the Omaha platform adopted the following:

"Whereas, there are millions of American citizens who differ with us upon some of the principles as set forth in the people's party platform, adopted at Omaha, Neb., but are heart and hand with us on the question of finance, the great problem of the day, the question which directly affects every American citizen; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, while we demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the rate of 16 to 1, and believe that all money should be issued by the government, and be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use or intervention of banking corporations, yet we believe that under the pressing circumstances of the hour our people, in national convention assembled, should, for the time being, so modify the platform that the majority of the people who are with us upon the great question of finance can step on it and under the banner of the people's party march on to victory.

Every old soldier who votes for the gold standard, votes for the coward money of the traitors who compelled the government to pay them three dollars in greenbacks for one in gold, while the boys were fighting treason in front, with the gold bug traitors in the rear. Any veteran of the late war who votes for the British gold standard in this country, might as well have shouted for the British Alabamas and other acts of British hostility to the union. Though ten thousand Alabamas could not have done the damage to this country that the gold standard has done. Now you republicans who shout for the British gold standard, do not kick at British wages and prices for everything, and the splitting of crackers to make weight. Do not kick if you have to sell wheat at 30 cents next fall, and all other things in proportion. The gold standard will bring you to it. The merchant knows what 30 cent wheat means, and so does everybody.

The Advocate is very unkind to intimate that Al Kuhns didn't do his duty at Pierre. Al voted with his party like a hero. The party demanded this sacrifice from Al, and he sacrificed with 17 witnesses in the cloak room. Al will be all right for renomination next fall. His party is owned by the machine, and the machine oils the wheels, and, if another republican legislature is elected, the boys would come marching home again telling what they would have done if it hadn't been for that d—d lobby. Don't ask the child to burn its fingers the third time.

From the Soldiers' Home.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., March 25, 1896. COMRADE LINN: Your friend and comrade, Tom Tate, who is master of ceremonies in the dining room here, wants to be remembered to you and says further, "ask him to come down and have a square meal; tell him I feel as sorry for a poor old comrade who has been unfortunate and become a poor editor, as I do for a woman with triplets." Anyway, he said something like this, and also, that you "would better do yourself the honor of sending us (the home) your paper."

Naturally, I second the motion. A death here early this morning and funeral tomorrow.—a Mr. Brown, brother-in-law of Gov. Sheldon.

Mrs. Sheldon has been here for some time with her brother who died of cancer in the neck.

About one hundred and forty are here now, with a capacity the Capt. says of two hundred and fifty when he crowds it.

I find it quite homelike, very sociable and friendly and wholly comfortable. Am not quite settled yet, but feel quite at home nevertheless.

Am occupying temporarily, the bed belonging to a comrade who has been nursing the sick man just deceased.

Now I shall be moved and shall thus have an opportunity of larger acquaintance.

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The following extract from a letter written by Ex-Gov. Boies of Iowa, will be read with interest by those who appreciate an honest statement by an honest man:

"I am thoroughly impressed with the belief that we have reached a crisis in the history of our party that is to determine its future for many years, if not for all time to come, and I could not possibly consent to be silent or inactive upon an issue that, in my own judgment, so vitally involves the welfare of this nation.

"I am quite willing to confess that I have been one of the number who read recent declarations of democratic and republican platforms by national conventions adopted by both of these parties, as solemn promises by each to restore silver to the position assigned it in the fundamental law of this government, as money of redemption, and I conscientiously believe that to neglect to do this both in theory and practice alike is an open, flagrant and continuous violation of the highest law of the land.

"I know, to, that upon this vital issue; that in my own judgment, in its importance to all our people, completely obscures every other, my own party is unhappily divided, while overwhelming preponderance of sentiment in the national republican party is in favor of ignoring the plain mandate of the constitution, and substituting for the principle of bimetalism, upon which our financial system by that instrument is based, a single standard of gold; and I believe that if successful in this undertaking, as it surely will be if aided even by the passive consent of the democratic party, the death knell of prosperity for the struggling masses of manual laborers in all the fields of industry in this republic will proclaim the victory thus achieved.

"It is useless for me to try to believe that the adoption of England's measures of value does not necessarily imply the adoption of England's scale of wages.

"I know that high priced labor and low priced products thereof are absolutely contradictory and irreconcilable conditions, both of which cannot possibly endure in the same country for any considerable length of time, and I know also that if our financial system is to be based wholly upon the intrinsic value on the world's market of the number of grains of gold in our present gold dollar or unit of value, we are absolutely at the mercy of the money lenders of our own and other countries; for the very necessity of the governments adopting this one metal as money of redemption will constantly increase the demand for it, and irresistibly continue to enhance its value, and to the same extent depress the price of everything it measures; and if this were not true, the market value of no commodity on earth is so susceptible of manipulation by interested parties as that of gold, and no combination of men was ever formed or ever will be equal in power to increase at their will the value of their own property, thereby control the selling price of the great staples of industry, to that already organized in the banking systems of the principal commercial countries of the globe.

"If we need an object lesson to convince us of the absolute truth of this statement the history of our country during its civil war furnishes that lesson for in the hour of supreme need the great volume of gold in the United States found a hiding place in the vaults of banks, and refused to come forth until in times of greatest peril the credit of the whole nation was only sufficient to exchange \$3 of its most solemn promises to pay for a single dollar in real issue involved in this contest.

"I know if the policy of a portion of my own party and of the great majority of the republican party prevails we are to retire \$500,000,000 of non-interest-bearing national currency as sound as was ever issued by any government on earth and substitute for it \$500,000,000 of interest bearing bonds, and I know that the annual interest on these bonds, every cent of which the toilers of the nation must provide, will not be less than \$15,000,000 to be paid in gold in addition to the principle sum when due.

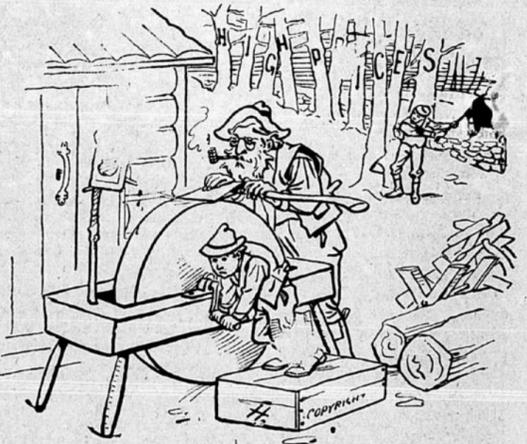
"To such a wrong, as it appears to me I can never knowingly assent. I want it, therefore, understood by every friend I have in Iowa that to the utmost extent of the ability I possess I will do all I can to restore the financial system adopted by our fathers and guaranteed to their descendants in the most solemn form that human rights of any kind can be secured to a free people.

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