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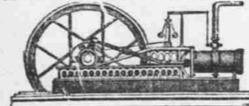
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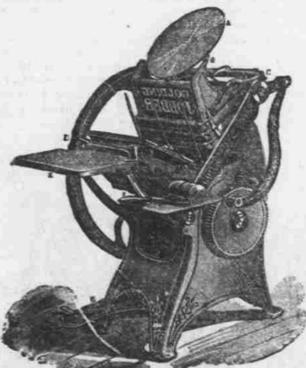
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Currency Hiatus in the G. O. P.

Only that part of William E. Chandler's speech delivered in the Senate the other day which dealt with bimetalism merits more than a passing mention. The significance of what he said on this point lies chiefly and almost entirely in its bearing on the political future and fortunes of the Republican party under the leadership of the man whom it has succeeded in electing President.

Senator Chandler is not made of the stuff that causes a man to face death, endure torture, suffer contumely, or sacrifice position for a principle. He is a professional politician, pure and simple, and the springs and incentives for all his public actions and utterances are moved solely by the demands of political expediency. No matter what may be his personal convictions on the subject, the Senator from New Hampshire would deny them expression if he believed their publicity were calculated to injure his political fortunes or seriously cripple the machinery of his party. What he said, therefore, is significant of a tendency on the part of a considerable and influential contingent of Republican leaders, who seem inclined to use all their efforts to bring about a change of front on the financial question.

Many of the arguments used by Chandler in his speech are as pro-silver in reasoning and illustration as if they had been taken from the campaign deliverances of Democratic orators made during the last campaign. They were, in effect, an arraignment of the financial plank of the St. Louis convention. The good sound Democratic doctrines, arrayed in the vocabulary of one of the blackest radical Republicans that ever withered vegetation by casting his shadow on it, were paraded before his party associates and made to do duty in confounding and condemning the men in control of the Republican organization for the disastrous financial policy they forced into their platform and upon the candidate they placed upon it. How familiar and yet how grotesque those strains singing the praises of bimetalism must have sounded to the ears of the silver Senators coming from Chandler's lips. It was as strange as if a raven had opened his bill and poured from his throat the tuneful melody of a nightingale.

Mr. Chandler proved that he has studied and mastered thoroughly the logic of the Democratic party on the currency question. He pictured graphically the gradual demonetization of silver, told of the closing of the mints in 1873, recounted the efforts to restore silver, and described the serious blow England struck at silver when she closed the mints of India. Mr. Bryan, in his most impassioned flights of eloquence, never said severer things of John G. Carlisle's assault upon the white metal during his management of the Treasury department than did this dyed-in-the-wool Republican from the New Hampshire hills. Senator Chandler traced the fall of prices for farm products and declared that silver demonetization has caused a shrinkage in the values of property in the United States since 1890 aggregating sixteen billions of dollars. This startling admission was intensified by the New Hampshire Senator when he declared that "prices have not yet touched bottom." He appealed in his closing sentences to the incoming President and his advisers to pay heed to the demands of the people, particularly in currency matters, and warned him and them that a neglect to do so would be certain to bring further disaster upon the country and defeat upon the party responsible for it.

Before the election Chandler was one of the few Republicans of prominence in the East who were outspoken for bimetalism. Representing a hide-bound Republican constituency makes this persistence of his in the expression of his currency views all the more significant and emphasizes the presence in strong force of the pro-silver sentiment in New England. That he has reiterated his views so publicly and forcibly is a sure indication that his constituents are almost a unit in indorsing his attitude and approving his utterances.

McKinley, in his feeble, vacillating way, has tried to make terms with his own conscience, and to placate the conflicting factions in his party on the currency question. He sent Wolcott on an opera bouffe trip to Europe to advertise his inclination to carry out the goldbrick pledge in the Republican platform on the subject of international bimetalism. This was intended as a sop, thrown to the Republicans of the West. To square himself with the gold standard members of his party he selected a national bank president, whose views on the currency question are in complete accord with Wall

Street, as his Secretary of the Treasury.

Between the two stools the Republican administration will fall.

Revolt is already in open evidence among the party leaders, and the organization is fast approaching the state of demoralization which marked its career during the Garfield and Arthur administrations.

By the time the next Congressional elections roll around the beginning of the stampede which will end in utter defeat will have set in. When the Republican party is burned beneath an avalanche of ballots four years hence, the corpse will be found with a chest protector made of tariff schedules around its neck and a couple of gold bricks stuffed into its pistol pockets.—K. C. Times.

Murrayville, Ills.

Winter still continues here, though we have escaped the recent snows of the north, and the heavy rains of the south. The ground is again frozen, the sky dull and gray, and we are enjoying (?) typical February weather for this latitude in Uncle Sam's truck patch. It is pleasant, under such skies, to read Eli's letters from the land of tar and dirty heels; though the last one was not calculated to give one a very high estimate of law and government in "the land of the free and home of the brave."

I regret to notice the death of an old Missouri friend, Mr. Markham. I have never forgotten him, nor his family.

When T. P. R. was in Illinois somebody grieved him badly on those nine-mile corn rows of Jacob Strawn's. I well knew "Old Jake," and his land too, and live near it still. I have heard his hands talk of plowing corn rows a mile long, but I have heard Strawn say it kept the collars tight too long on a stretch. It was rarely we could get a row a mile long in the days before tilling was put in, for there was more or less slough on every prairie section, though some of S.'s land was as nearly clear as any in the country; but nine miles would have run on to his neighbor badly and would have had to cross creeks, roads, and wood lands, even life had been a line drawn "cat-wampus" through his land.

We had, recently, a rather interesting farmers' institute in Jacksonville, though the attendance was not large. Much was said about trying to increase the attendance, and one speaker told them that the better cultivation of the soil, the very purpose of the institute could only, under present conditions, increase the price the actual tiller had to pay for the use of it.

We have a peculiar case here. The election of Circuit Clerk was doubtful. The Republican members of the canvassing board gave the office to their candidate, over the protest of the Democratic member. The case was carried into the county court, with a Republican judge, who seemed inclined to decide for the Democrat (the judge is a son of our war Governor, Richard Yates), and as an appeal to a higher court was threatened, a compromise was affected, or, rather the Republican is reported to have bought the office for a payment of \$1,500 to the Democratic candidate, and to pay costs so far, about \$700 more.

Query: What right has a candidate to sell an office to which he was elected by the people?

Query: As a people, "where are we at?"

The REGISTER is to be commended for the stand it has taken with reference to the University and the Normal school. We are drifting too far into socialism, and not very slowly either. Behind much of this zeal for education, as behind our ginger-pop patriotism, there is a mercenary backing; and there always will be so long as we deny men all natural right to natural opportunities and compel every man to purchase access to the passive factor of production, or wealth.

It should ever be borne in mind, however, that it is a waste of time and effort to inveigh against these superficial evils while we ignore the fundamental wrong.

March 1st, '97. WM. CAXM.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF IRONTON, MO., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To Warrants issued during the year, canceled.	\$1918 51	By Warrants issued during the year, canceled.	\$807 38
By Warrants issued during the year, uncanceled, but paid.	211 13		
	\$1018 51		\$1018 51
RECEIPTS.			
Balances on hand March 1st, 1896.	\$163 89		
On Delinquent Tax-Book of 1894.	38 78		
On Delinquent Tax-Book of 1895.	688 21		
On Dog Tax for 1896.	67 00		
On Merchants' Licenses.	77 50		
On Peddlers' Licenses.	20 00		
On Show Licenses.	3 00		
On Butchers' Licenses.	30 00		
On Drainshop Licenses.	180 00		
On Railroad Tax.	41 85		
On Fines.	9 00		
On surplus from sale of horses and hogs impounded.	10 45		
	\$1029 95		
EXPENDITURES.			
For work on streets, hauling gravel, etc.	\$372 35		
For salaries of officers.	263 58		
For per diem of Council and other officers.	94 00		
For printing and stationery.	41 05		
For criminal costs.	52 55		
For rent.	26 00		
For lumber and sundries.	32 57		
For commissions on collections.	83 28		
For clerical work.	98 13		
For election expenses.	15 00		
	\$1018 51	\$1018 51	
Cash on hand March 1, 1897.	611 44		
	\$1629 95	\$1629 95	

WARRANTS ISSUED For the Year Ending March 1st, 1897.

Issued March 9th, 1896.	
338 T B Pruitt, city vs Chas Williams.	\$2 00
W R Edgar, Mayor, same	2 10
W T O'Neal, sheriff, same	4 50
Arthur Huff, clerk and clerical work.	15 40
M H Lashley, 6 1/2 days work on street.	6 50
Herman Weiss, 6 days work on street.	6 00
T B Pruitt, work on street.	14 25
Robt Hill, 8 yards and 24 feet of gravel.	2 00
David Kendal, 1 days work on street.	1 00
Robt Farmer, 82 yards gravel.	18 45
H M Collins, 28 yards of gravel, etc.	7 42
John Hedger, 81 yards gravel.	18 23
Baldwin Bros, 11 yards gravel.	2 48
M L Claybaugh, 26 yards and 3 feet of gravel.	5 87
Robt Hill, 36 1/2 yards gravel.	8 14
T B Pruitt, commission on collections.	5 40
W H Fisher, Coll commissions on collections.	5 31
W R Edgar, Mayor, 2 months salary.	10 00
same per diem.	2 00
T B Pruitt, 2 months salary.	20 00
same per diem.	1 00
A Huff, Clerk, same	2 00
M L Claybaugh, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
J T Baldwin, same	1 00
G D Marks, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
L J Giovanoni, same	1 00
W T Gay, 144 loads clay on street.	14 40
Liepsner & Mathews, 75 dog checks 1896.	1 50
Eli D Ake, publishing and printing.	27 50
Issued April 9th, 1896.	
Herman Davis, judge of election.	1 50
Walace Oliver, same	1 50
J L Baldwin, same	1 50
Dan Stiner, same	1 50
Wm H Whitworth, same	1 50
Jos A Zwart, same	1 50
Jno H Madigan, clerk of election.	1 50
E H Fairchild, same	1 50
H A Nail, same	1 50
Archie Reel, same	1 50
W R Edgar, Mayor, per diem.	1 00
J N Bishop, Marshal, 1 month's salary.	10 00
Geo D Marks, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
M L Claybaugh, same	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
J T Baldwin, same	1 00
A Huff, Clerk, per diem.	2 00
John Albert, 2 chairs for Council.	1 50
W R Edgar, Mayor, per diem, new council.	2 00
J N Bishop, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
Geo D Marks, same	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
W J Schwab, same	1 00
Jno I Marshall, Marshal, per diem.	1 00
Arthur Huff, Clerk, per diem.	2 00
Henry Kendal, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
Issued May 11th, 1896.	
W R Edgar, City vs Arthur Williams.	2 00
R F Wingate, same	3 00
J I Marshall, same	2 00
W T O'Neal, same	4 00
W R Edgar, City vs Mack Kelly.	2 00
R F Wingate, same	3 00
J I Marshall, same	2 00
W T O'Neal, same	4 00
Jos Henson, hauling 21 loads rock.	4 72
T B Pruitt commission on mer licen, etc.	96
E D Ake, printing, etc.	6 00
J I Marshall, work on street, 1 padlock, commission on merchants' licenses, and 32 days' salary from Apr 9 to May 11, '96.	14 72
A Huff, City Clerk, clerical work.	6 80
W R Edgar, Mayor, per diem.	2 00
same 2 months' salary.	10 00
J I Marshall, Marshal, per diem.	1 00
A Huff, Clerk, per diem.	2 00
L J Giovanoni, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
W J Schwab, same	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
Geo D Marks, same	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
Issued July 14th, 1896.	
Herman Davis, City Assessor, etc.	45 94
Whitworth Sons, nails, 'amp, rope, etc.	5 90
J I Marshall, com on dog tax, work on st.	25 30
Barnhouse & Marshall tax book for '96.	75
A Huff, Clerk, clerical work.	11 36
M H Lashley, 1 1/2 days work on street.	1 50
M J Edwards, rent of pound, from November 1, 1895 to May 1, 1896.	9 00

W R Edgar, Mayor, City vs James Welch.	2 00
R F Wingate, City Atty, same	2 00
J I Marshall, Marshal, same	3 00
W T O'Neal, Jailor, same	4 50
430 J A Zwart, Treas's salary from January 13, 1896, to July 12, 1896.	12 50
J I Marshall, Marshal, 2 months salary.	20 00
same per diem.	1 00
W R Edgar, Mayor, 2 months salary.	10 00
same per diem.	2 00
A Huff, Clerk, same	2 00
L J Giovanoni, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
G D Marks, same	1 00
440 W J Schwab, same	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
Issued September 14, 1896.	
C Lashley, 1 days work on street.	50
M H Lashley, same	50
W H Byers, 12 feet drain tile.	72
A Huff, Clerk, making 1896 tax book, and commission on licenses and dog tax.	12 65
W R Edgar, Mayor, City vs John Denny.	2 00
J I Marshall, Marshal, same	1 40
W T O'Neal, Jailor, same	2 00
450 J I Marshall, Marshal, City vs C W Ripley.	3 05
same City vs Raymond Walter.	2 00
W R Edgar, Mayor, 2 months salary.	10 00
same per diem.	2 00
L J Giovanoni, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
G D Marks, same	1 00
W J Schwab, same	1 00
460 J I Marshall, Marshal, 2 months salary.	20 00
same per diem.	1 00
A Huff, Clerk, same	2 00
Issued November 9th, 1896.	
R Hill, part hauling 80 1/2 yds gravel on st.	17 00
same balance.	1 15
Robert Farmer, part 5 1/2 same	11 69
same balance same	1 41
H M Collins, part 6 1/2 same	9 56
same balance same	5 89
same hauling 41 1-5 yards gravel.	9 25
470 J Hedger, part hauling 56 yds gravel etc.	13 50
same balance same	1 10
Baldwin Bros, hauling part 11 1/2 yds gravel.	15 99
same same	10 91
Martin Bros, part hauling 88 yds gravel etc.	14 24
same same	7 81
Pearl Hill, 10 days work on street.	10 00
Wm Hill, part 9 same	6 99
same balance same	2 01
Cad Lashley, pt 7 1/2 days same	6 50
480 same balance same	1 00
Chas Croath, 1 day same	1 00
Emmett Gunton, 1 day same	1 50
Moses Lax, part 2 1/2 days work on street.	1 75
same bal same	75
John Petty, part 3 1/2 days' work on street.	2 37
same bal same	1 13
M H Lashley, part 6 1/2 days' work on street.	5 01
same bal same	49
Benj Nance, 1 day's work on street.	1 00
490 W R Edgar, rent of office.	4 00
J I Marshall, work and commissions.	32 58
W R Edgar, Mayor, 2 months' salary.	10 00
same per diem.	2 00
L J Giovanoni, Councilman per diem.	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
Geo D Marks, same	1 00
W J Schwab, same	1 00
500 A Huff, Clerk, same	2 00
J I Marshall, Marshal, same	1 00
same 2 months' salary.	20 00
Issued December 14th, 1896.	
W H Fisher, commission on taxes.	39 37
W T & G R Gay, lumber, material, &c.	22 70
E D Ake, printing, &c.	6 00
Robt Farmer, hauling 17 yards gravel.	3 83
Martin Bros, hauling 14 yds gravel, etc.	3 64
Wm Hill, 1 day's work on street.	1 00
C B Huff, 2 1/2 same	2 50
510 Jno Petty, 1 day same	1 50
J I Marshall, work and commission.	6 30
A Huff, cancelling 107 warrants.	5 35
W R Edgar, 1 month's salary.	5 00
same per diem.	2 00
same rent of office.	2 00
J A Zwart, Treas, salary fm 7-12 to 12-14-96.	10 41
J N Bishop, Councilman, per diem.	1 00
W J Schwab, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
520 Geo D Marks, same	1 00
L J Giovanoni, same	1 00
J I Marshall, Marshal, same	1 00
same 1 month's salary.	10 00
A Huff, Clerk, per diem.	2 00
Issued January 13th, 1897.	
H M Collins, hauling 4 loads rock.	90
Emmett Gunton, 1 day's work on street.	2 50
C B Huff, 4 1/2 same	4 50
John Petty, 4 same	4 00
Cad Lashley, 2 same	2 00
M H Lashley, 2 1/2 same	2 50
530 H Weise, pt 2 same	21
same bal 2 same	1 79
W J Hunt, 1 same	1 00
R Hotson, pt 3 days' hauling with team.	1 28
same bal same	4 72
Baldwin Bros, hauling gravel and rock.	1 12
R Hill, hauling gravel and lumber.	90
J I Marshall, work and commissions.	11 00
W H Fisher, commission on taxes.	4 01
A Huff, clerical work.	4 10
540 W R Edgar, rent of office.	2 00
Mrs M J Edwards, rent of pound from May 1st to Dec 1st 1896.	9 00
W R Edgar, Mayor 1 month's salary.	5 00
same Mayor per diem 1 day.	2 00
L J Giovanoni, councilman per diem 1 day.	1 00
J N Bishop, same	1 00
G D Marks, same	1 00
G A Buckley, same	1 00
Henry Kendal, same	1 00
J I Marshall, Marshal same	1 00
550 same 1 months salary.	10 00
A Huff, Clerk per diem 1 day.	2 00
	\$1018 51

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF IRONTON,
I, Arthur Huff, City Clerk within and for the City of Ironton aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct statement of all moneys received and expended on account of said City during the year preceding the 1st day of March, 1897, as fully as the same appears from the records in my office.
Witness