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Mr. Ross Alexander and His Figures.

Hon. Ross J. Alexander addressed the Wheeling Bimetallic Club the other night, the occasion being the celebration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday. It had not occurred to the silverites composing the club that when they repudiated Jefferson's anti-Bryan principles last summer, they lost the traditional Democratic privilege of regarding him as a patron saint.

In Mr. Alexander's speech, according to the Register's report, there was comparatively little about Jefferson, and a great deal of comforting figuring to show how "it might have been" last November, if such and such a thing had happened. There was some skillful jurgling of figures, possibly based on the fraudulent ones made shortly after the election by Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, and completely exposed by returns and census reports.

As an evidence of Mr. Alexander's style of misleading his hearers and making them feel comfortable, we quote the following sentence from the Register's report: "He showed how elections were conducted in some of the states in the interest of the Republican candidates. In Ohio there were 90,000 more votes cast than the census returns provided for, and they did not all vote."

Probably Mr. Alexander showed a similar apparent discrepancy between the total vote and the census returns in other states than Ohio, and probably his statements with regard to them were just as wide of the truth as the above, but the Register's brief report does not so quote him.

The surprising thing is that so able a man as Mr. Alexander should know so little about the population of his own state. According to the census of 1890 the total population of Ohio was 2,672,316. The number of males over twenty-one years of age, or voting population, was 1,016,464. The total vote on the third of last November, six years after the census, was 1,009,225, or 7,239 less than the number of voters six years before.

Mr. Alexander will have to show a wonderful decrease of population in Ohio since 1890 to prove that there was an excess of 90,000 votes in 1896. This he cannot do. The estimated population of Ohio on the 1st of January, 1896, was 4,400,000, an increase in six years of 727,684, with a corresponding increase of voters. But even if there had been no increase, Mr. Alexander's statement would still be disproven.

Such statements regarding the election are frequently heard from the Popocratic platform, and they are generally about as reckless as are the free silver arguments on the currency question.

Bad for Altgeld.

There are many features in connection with the failure of the Globe Savings Bank, of Chicago, that show ex-Governor Altgeld in a bad light. One of these has to do with the relations of the bank with the Illinois State University.

President Spaulding of the bank was the treasurer of the university fund. When the bank toppled over it was found that the funds of the university were at least tied up for a long time, probably lost forever. Then it was said that Altgeld had recommended Mr. Spaulding for the position of treasurer of the university fund. This Altgeld denied stoutly. Now comes a letter signed by Altgeld recommending Spaulding for this very position.

A public man recommends a great many people, and, being human, he may forget some of his recommendations. It is, however, very unlikely that Mr. Altgeld forgot his recommendation of the president of his bank for so important a trust as the state university fund.

Unless Altgeld can find some explanation of this incident it will probably finish him in Illinois.

Sound Money Democrats and the Tariff.

A Democrat senator who stood for sound money complains that men of his way of thinking are in a bad fix at this particular time; they helped to put the Republican party in power and now that party ignores them on the tariff issue.

We can understand how the situation may be to some extent embarrassing for sound money Democrats who are not favorable to protection, but what did these gentlemen expect? Protection was in the platform of the Republican party, in the Republican press and in the speeches made from the Republican stump.

There was no promise that in exchange for the help of sound money Democrats Republicans would abandon their protective tariff principles or do anything to deny to American capital and labor their prior rights in the American markets.

As we understood the position of sound money Democrats, they chose what they thought the lesser of two evils and helped the Republican party to triumph because they thought that the best way to preserve the country's honor and to advance their own interests.

Before the election they made no demand on the Republican party to ease up on the tariff question, and if they had made that demand it would not have been acceded to.

With the most kindly feeling for sound money Democrats, it must be said that the Republican party could not now yield its position on the tariff question in payment of their distinguished and highly appreciated services in the campaign.

The Kentucky Mess.

The legislature of Kentucky was called in special session to elect a United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term in the United States senate of Mr. Blackburn. For about two months that body has been wrangling and doing all sorts of things except to elect a United States senator.

Almost from the beginning there have been charges of bribery and attempted bribery, and now these charges are being investigated. At this distance we know nothing of the truth of this ugly accusation, but it interests American citizens everywhere to know whether it is or is not true that attempts have been made to elect a United States senator with money, or even by this means to defeat the election of a United States senator.

For it must be born in mind that while there are those who earnestly desire the election of a senator at this session of the legislature and whose desire might carry them into bribery, it is also true that there is another element as deeply interested in defeating any election at this time.

Senator Blackburn and his friends would be interested on this side. They have insisted from the first that if the legislature in this session were to fail to elect a senator, they would control the next legislature and so send Mr. Blackburn back to his old seat in the senate.

No matter who has used the money or has offered money to influence the legislature either to elect or not to elect, it is worth while to ascertain the facts and punish the guilty, if that be possible. In a matter of this kind decency and the public interest are far above any personal or partisan consideration.

This country has already seen too much of the use of money in contests for seats in the senate of the United States.

Splitting the Democratic Party.

During the recent campaign the Democratic party split on the money question. As a result we had sound money Democrats and unsound money Democrats. This split could not have been more marked, for each side put in the field a national ticket. Now the sound money Democrats in the house have split.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the young statesman who emphasizes his Jeffersonian principles by declining to appear in the claw-hammer coat on state occasions, was selected as the leader in the house of the unsound money Democrats. But up pope Jerry Simpson, the once sockless statesman who has lately taken to the vanity of golf stockings, and he lays out a policy opposed to that of the wing of the unsound money Democrats whose leader Mr. Bailey is.

Mr. Simpson was not getting along very well, and Mr. De Armond has entered the lists on the same side, and there is more disposition on that side to accept his leadership than to take that of Mr. Simpson. This split has come about by reason of a difference of view as to the Democratic policy to pursue in the house.

The men who accept Mr. Bailey's leadership take the ground that the Republicans, who are in the majority in the house, will be held responsible for what that body does and for what it fails to do, and should not be obstructed or in any way embarrassed in carrying out their plan.

The Democrats who side with Mr. De Armond and Mr. Simpson take the opposite view of this question. They are determined that the Republicans shall not have plain sailing in the house. The De Armond-Simpson movement will not make much difference to the Republicans, but it shows that the unsound money Democracy is rattled and in danger of going to pieces. This country has outlived greater calamities than this would be.

The Greek Irregulars.

The Turkish officer sent to the invaded Turkish territory to ascertain who are the leaders of the invading Greeks, reports to his government that he recognizes among the leaders of the invaders regular officers of the Greek army whom he met in Athens.

This Turkish officer, having been sent to the front to discover this very thing, would have no difficulty in making the desired discovery, at least in making such a report as he knows his government wants. Turkey desires to connect the Greek government with the movement of the irregular troops, and a Turkish officer desiring to find favor at home would serve up to the sultan just such a dish as he knows would be most palatable to his serene highness in Constantinople.

At the same time, it is quite probable that the Greek irregulars are led by experienced officers who may well belong to the regular military establishment of Greece. There can also be no doubt that the movement of the irregulars ostensibly under the auspices of the national league, is winked at and encouraged by the government in Athens. The fact about it all is that the Greek people are intensely interested, not only in helping the people of Crete to get fair play, but now they feel that their own honor is at stake.

The people are pushing the government and the government in turn is doing about all it dare to do in the face of the attitude of the great powers. Unless the government were tacitly permitting the irregulars to go ahead, this body would not now be in the field against Turkey as the advance guard of the regular government army.

So excellent a publication as the Athenaeum, published at the State University, our chief educational institution, should not commit the error of referring to ex-Governor Pierpont as the "ex-governor of West Virginia." While he is known as the "Father of West Virginia," having taken the lead in the movement resulting in the erection of the state, Mr. Pierpont never was its governor. He was, however, the chief executive of the restored or Union government of Virginia at Wheeling until the new state was admitted, and continued in that office until 1868, moving his capital to Alexandria from Wheeling after the admission of West Virginia, and from Alexandria to Richmond, after the surrender of Lee.

The display on the occasion of the dedication of the Grant monument promises to be one of the finest ever seen in this country. One of the sights of the time will be the crowd that will be there to see the military display. Our American crowds are always worth seeing.

The new penitentiary board is going slow, but from the character of the men who compose it we have no doubt the board will go well. In the meantime those expecting positions under the new board will have to be patient and hopeful.

It is predicted that Mr. Roosevelt, as assistant secretary of the navy, will either reform the navy in sixty days or resign. Mr. Roosevelt was not in a hurry to resign his position as police commissioner of New York.

The people of West Virginia will look to the constitutional committee for its best work, and when that work shall be submitted they will pass judgment on it. The disposition of some to pass judgment in advance is not fair.

William Jennings Bryan is still hard at work giving the American people the assurance that he is not the right kind of man to be their President. He threatens to keep this up until the next presidential election.

Weyler is not the only man who knows he is beaten. Old Gomez, the Cuban commander, knows it also, and the more the Spanish pig squeals the more delight Gomez takes in sticking him again.

Up at Harrisburg they are talking about a $50,000 fund to influence legislation. What has become of those measures that were to reform Pennsylvania character?

Altgeld is said to be a rich man. He might buy back some of his reputation by restoring some of the funds looted from his broken bank.

A New Jersey band of thugs is headed by a sixteen-year-old girl. In one way and another the gentle sex is asserting itself.

We see some mention of David B. Hill in connection with New York politics. Isn't Mr. Hill dead?

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

President McKinley's Attitude Defined. Carrying Out the National Platform Pledge--Personnel of the Commission.

Washington special in New York Journal of Commerce: The appointment by President McKinley of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, General Charles J. Paine, of Boston, and ex-Vice President Stevenson, of Illinois, as commissioners to an international monetary conference, is declared by friends of the President to be in compliance with his sense of duty in carrying out the pledges of the Republican national platform. President McKinley is somewhat more hopeful than some of the pronounced advocates of the gold and silver standard that something can be accomplished in the way of the larger use of silver by European countries. Senator Wolcott brought back encouraging reports from his point of view and hopes for better results now that he is authorized to go officially to Europe as the representative of the administration. The fact that the matter requires delicate adjustment has been recognized by the President, however, in availing himself of the alternative power given him by Congress for conducting negotiations through diplocatic channels instead of summoning a formal international conference.

The resolution permitting negotiations for a conference was changed at the last moment in Congress so as to give the President discretion to employ diplomatic methods instead of calling a conference. The President feels, aside from the hopefulness of results which has been stimulated by the rose-colored reports of Senator Wolcott, that he ought at least to make an effort to carry out the pledge of the Republican platform in favor of bimetallism, and that if the effort fails it will stop the mouths of critics as they could not be stopped if it were left open for them to declare that bimetallism might have been accomplished if it had been honestly attempted.

The President cannot be censured for having failed to give the supporters of bimetallism full representation on the commission, for he has named neither an advocate of the gold standard nor an advocate of the silver standard who is opposed to efforts to secure an agreement. Ex-Vice President Stevenson, the Democratic delegate, has not been known as a financial authority, even among advocates of the silver standard, but his late official position is counted upon to give him influence in Europe, and his views are perhaps as friendly to an international agreement as those of any of the supporters of the silver ticket in the last national election.

Mr. H. H. Hanna, the chairman of the committee appointed by the business men's conference at Indianapolis, had a talk with President McKinley to-day by special appointment before leaving for home. It was one of several frank conferences which have taken place on the subject of the appointment of a monetary commission to consider the reform of the paper currency. The President has at all times shown himself anxious to promote the consideration of the currency question by a competent committee of experts, and Mr. Hanna was greatly encouraged to-day by the result of their conference. The President will not take positive action for another week or two, but Mr. Hanna will return at the end of that time and a further conference will be held in regard to the propriety of bringing the subject before Congress. The supporters of the Indianapolis movement have had many talks with senators and representatives, and have been much gratified by the cordial reception which they have received from members of all parties. There are some Republicans who doubt the benefits of a commission, but they and a large proportion of the silver men and gold Democrats have intimated a readiness to authorize such an inquiry if it appeared to be the wish of the administration and the business community.

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TIMELY EDITORIALS

On the Huntington Tragedy—Young Men who Carry Revolvers too Numerous.

Concerning the tragedy in Huntington Sunday night, where a young lady's death was caused by a pistol wound inflicted by her lover who "playfully" pointed a pistol at her, the Huntington papers indulge in the following comments, which apply as much to every other section of the state as to Huntington:

The Herald says:

The untimely death of Flora Teubert leaves its lessons as well as its griefs. A young life put out, two homes shrouded in deep sorrow, and a community shocked with the sadness and awfulness of the deed, are only the things which unerringly follow a casualty. It has been asserted that in this city, scores of men, young and of mature years, indulge the vicious habit of carrying fire arms. Whether this is true or not the Herald does not undertake to say, but it is common rumor. To this cause—the unnecessary and unlawful practice of carrying a pistol—must be attributed the death of Flora Teubert. There lies the fault. If Richard Woods had not carried that pistol, Flora Teubert would still be alive, and the hearts of all parties concerned would not now be bowed down with grief. The grand jury is now in session. It has an object lesson before it. Let the grand jutry and the prosecuting attorney cause a close investigation of the offense of carrying concealed weapons. Let the law, which is strict enough, be rigidly enforced by the court, and such terrible accidents will be done away with. No man, or boy, in this law-abiding community, has a moral or legal right to carry a pistol, and the practice ought to be promptly and effectually broken up. All the parties concerned in the tragedy have the sympathy of the Herald and of the community, but let the community learn a lesson from it—however sad and unfortunate the case may be.

The Advertiser says:

It is difficult to restrain oneself to words of moderation in commenting on the dreadful death of Flora Teubert, which occurred last evening. This beautiful girl, who had scarcely passed the border which divides childhood from womanhood, whose life was filled with the promise of its full share of happiness and love, is in a moment stricken to the grave. The unfortunate cause of her death, so often bewailed in like cases, will not be checked in this community by this sad and terrible example. The vainglorious and supremely idiotic thing of young boys assuming the barbarian habit of carrying and flourishing pistols will go right on. It seems to be an inseparable incident of the idiotic callow vanity of youth.

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