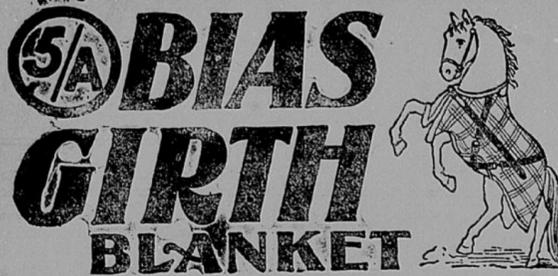


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THE MURDERED EMPRESS.

On Saturday, the Empress of Austria was murdered by an Italian anarchist. The Empress was visiting the famous summer resort at Geneva, Switzerland, and was going from her hotel to the lake for a sail. The assassin sprang from behind a tree and stabbed her to the heart with a sharp three cornered file. The Empress expired in a few moments, the murderer was quickly captured and confessed his guilt, glorying in his crime.

It is not a week since the life of the Czar was attempted and he escaped only by a fortunate chance. These things show how deep is the spirit of unrest and disquiet pervading all Europe. Of course these wild outbursts of unreasoning hate represent but the extremes of this feeling, but the fact remains that throughout all Europe the masses of the people feel that the present systems of government must end.

No one, certainly will uphold the dastard hand in striking a defenseless woman, but the thought is in millions of minds in Europe that the old regime must go. It was not the poor Italian anarchist who conceived the crime, it was but the expression of a thought which exists in more or less tangible form in the hearts of many who have suffered and are suffering from the oppression of the princes and kings and emperors and czars of the old world.

But the sorrowing is not all on their side; the grief-stricken Francis Joseph, when informed of his wife's murder cried out in his agony, "Shall I not be freed from grief and pain in this world?" Such is the cry of one of the greatest rulers of the world, clothed with power, enveloped with riches and honors from his birth, his life has been one long season of grief. He has seen the power of the empire wane, he has seen discord and strife grow up among his people, until to-day the Austrian government is bound but by a single strand, and that strand is the emperor's life.

In his private affairs the emperor has been no less unfortunate. Elizabeth, the murdered empress, was a daughter of the house of Hapsburg, a princely family whose history is replete with licentiousness, crime, insanity, murder and suicide. There's a story of power misused, of wealth misspent, and of the wildest license.

The dark tragedies which have surrounded the houses of Austria and Bavaria have been caused by their own madness.

While deprecating the crime, and deploring the death of the unfortunate Empress, one can but feel that it would be better for the world if the last vestige of the disease tainted, insanity haunted blood of the Hapsburgs were wiped from the face of the earth. But let it be God's vengeance, not man's.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

We wish to call the earnest consideration of the democrats of Crawford county to the platform which was passed by their county convention. In the turmoil and strife of a nominating convention the delegates are apt to lose sight of what should be the most important part of the proceedings. As in this case, the framing of the platform is apt to be left to some person of radical and often fanciful ideas who is loaded down with resolutions, and who foists his pet theories upon the party. Five or ten years ago the democrats of this county would have hooted such a platform off the stage. But now they allowed their "credo" to be dictated by a man; socialistic and populist in all his tendencies, a man who has nothing in common with democracy but the free coinage of silver and the desire for office.

The first plank and the second are entirely unobjectionable from a democratic standpoint. The one endorses the national platform of 1896, and the other eulogizes Mr. Bryan. These resolutions, no matter how foreign they might have been to the democracy of eight or even six years ago, are thoroughly orthodox now.

The third plank is what might be called a plank for the purpose of buncombe only. It opposes an alliance with Great Britain. As there has been no serious consideration of such an alliance by any person in power in the United States, the resolution is entirely gratuitous and uncalled for. It was probably inserted in order to give opportunity for introducing the sacred name of Washington into democratic society.

The fourth plank endorsing free silver at the heaven born ratio is all right enough for Bryanites, although there was no political necessity of characterizing those favoring a sound currency as "tory-Americans."

The next plank is the most populist. It is even populism gone mad. It is greenbackism in its most virulent form.

The plank reads: Resolved, That we are opposed to National banks and National bonds, and believe in full legal tender paper money issued by the government, bearing no interest and interchangeable with gold or silver at the option of the government.

We would be gratified to have any democrat in this county defend this plank in its entirety. It is not uncommon for objection to be raised to the issue of currency by National

banks but to oppose National banks themselves is absolutely absurd and unpardonable.

The silver republican leader of Crawford county democracy may object to the issue of bank notes if he wishes, we acknowledge that to be good populist doctrine, but why should he oppose the bank? In what way is a National bank a greater menace than a state bank or a private bank? Is it because a government inspector sees to it as far as possible that the bank is run on safe and conservative lines?

We have national banks in Crawford county and we ask the leader of our county democracy to explain in what way they have been harmful to the growth and development of our enterprises and wealth? Why should this self anointed platform writer single out national banks for his special spite? Democrats, are you going to be led by the nose into this wilderness of populism? Are you by your votes going to endorse a policy which you know is wrong?

The second part of this plank is old in the annals of greenbackism, but never until the democratic party was captured by populism has it found utterance in a democratic platform. The proposal is to "issue United States notes redeemable in gold or silver at the option of the government." No limit is placed as to the amount of these notes to be issued and no provision is made for the means of obtaining the gold and silver with which the notes are to be redeemed.

Let us take an every day example of how this plan works. Several of our Denison stores issue checks in payment for country produce, the checks being payable in merchandise. As long as these checks are given for country produce only, the amount issued is less than the demand for goods and the checks circulate freely. Other stores take them as cash in payment for goods and the checks are just as good as gold within a radius of ten miles of Denison.

Suppose however, as the democrats propose the government shall do, that these checks were issued in large or unlimited quantities, that these stores should pay their wages and all their bills in such currency, the time would come when the people would have more of these checks than they could use for the purpose of goods buying. In such an event the checks would invariably go below par, that is people would have to dispose of them for less than their face value, and the more the circulation of the notes expanded the less they would be worth. Then every farmer who had disposed of his produce for these checks would be a loser, every man who had given labor for these checks would be a loser. This would be the effect of an over issue.

Now let us suppose again that the merchants issuing these checks made no provision for their payment, that they let their stocks run down and when the people went to redeem the checks for merchandise the goods were not there. Again the checks would go below par and again the farmer and the wage earner would be the loser. This would be the result of a currency such as proposed by the democratic platform.

The platform states that these notes are to be redeemable in gold or silver—probably at the heaven-born ratio of 16 to 1—at the option of the government.

The case would be parallel if our merchants should issue checks stating that they would be redeemed in butter or eggs at the option of the storekeeper at the ratio of one pound of butter to 16 eggs. The man presents his check, the dealer gives him sixteen eggs, he has plenty of eggs and but little butter, the customer is in the same fix. He wants butter and he does not want eggs. What is to be done? The man takes the eggs because he has to but he goes to the next store and asks them how much butter they will give for his sixteen eggs. Finally he disposes of his eggs for a half pound of butter, and butter which stands for gold in this illustration, has gone to a premium. The ratio of 16 to 1 has gone to pieces and nothing on earth can restore it except a smaller demand for butter or a decreased supply of eggs. But you will notice that in every case the man who gives his labor or his produce for the paper promise to pay is the loser.

Every farmer, every laborer, every merchant in Crawford county, or for that matter in the entire United States would suffer if the platform resolution of Crawford county were to become a law.

We ask the democrats of the county to stop and think. We ask them to look ahead and see into what a chaos of disaster, and repudiation, and depreciation they are being led by their self-imposed leader.

The Review does not wish to make the present campaign one of personalities. We wish to engage in the contest for principle. We do not believe there is a democrat in the county who can explain the fifth plank in their platform with satisfaction to himself or to others. There are other planks equally as bad which we will discuss at another time. In the meantime we wish our democratic friends would get to thinking and see if they can honestly support the principles of their own platform.

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A JUBILEE YEAR.

There appears to be a little foundation for the contention of the Illinois pop leaders that jubilees and carnivals contain at least a "partisan" suggestion this year. They imply rejoicing, and that is a slam at calamity. A "good time" is rather suggestive of good times.

Nevertheless it is to be apprehended that the rank and file of their party will get out with the rest of the people and enjoy the demonstrations in honor of the nation's victories won on the fields of war and peace. The spirit of rejoicing is contagious after harvest, if the harvest has been good. It has been exceptionally good this year, whether we look toward Manila and Santiago or toward the wheat and corn fields nearer home. One thing that will conduce to bring all the people out is that they have the price. If our finances are theoretically in a woeful condition because of the crime of 1872, as some contend, it has not yet got around to affect the people who have to do with the practical affairs of the land, such as raising corn and hogs, wheat and cattle, and those engaged in other productive industries. Everybody who works these days, and everybody who desires to work can find work to do, has something to jingle in his pocket. And really there is no such mourning because the jingle is of gold instead of silver as some of the moon-struck financial theorists are trying to make out. Indeed, why should there be?

There was, it is true, a political funeral in the land two years ago. But that is a common occurrence, and it was so long ago that every body's tears ought to be dried now. There is going to be another political funeral this fall. But a premature display of grief will not prevent it or be helpful to any cause.

On the whole, the occasion appears very opportune for public rejoicing this fall. The brand of politics that will constrain a man from taking part and having a good time, in view of the national victories and the abundant harvest, is out of joint with the times, is plainly out of fashion.—Sioux City Journal.

NO ONE HELD.

Not Likely That Anyone Will Ever Be Punished for Murder at Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 8.—The five men arrested Wednesday after the fight between armed bodies of men representing the two factions of the silver republican party for possession of the opera house have been released by order of the district attorney, there being no evidence to show that any one of them fired the shot which killed Charles E. Harris, of Denver.

The coroner's jury, which is investigating the murder, is taking a mass of conflicting testimony and the only point that has been established so far is that Harris was a member of the party that drove the Teller people out of the opera house. Who fired the fatal shot will probably never be ascertained, as a great many shots were fired during the melee.

Turkish Troops Must Withdraw.

Crete, Sept. 8.—The president of the Cretan executive committee has notified the foreign admirals that in view of the massacre in Candia, it is impossible to continue the effort to organize an administration until the Turkish functionaries and troops are withdrawn. He demands the convocation of the Cretan embassy and proposes to place a force of Cretans at the disposal of the international administration.

Start for Home.

New York, Sept. 8.—Five hundred members of the Illinois naval reserves, taken off 42 different vessels on which they served during the war with Spain, left the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Jersey City for Chicago. The men are expected to arrive in Chicago Friday afternoon.

Sick at Santiago.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 8.—Word was received here that Maj. J. W. Fogler, appointed paymaster from Kansas, is sick with yellow fever at Santiago, and that fears for his recovery are entertained. Maj. Fogler was vice president of the First national bank of Leavenworth.

Rev. Caleb Foster Dead.

Aurora, Ill., Sept. 8.—Rev. Caleb Foster, a well-known pioneer Methodist minister, died Thursday morning of pneumonia at his home, 93 South Fourth street, after an illness of eight days. He was born February 14, 1812, and had been in the ministry of the Methodist church 62 years.

coal operators, charging them with conspiracy, was continued and will not be called until next week. Injunction suit number one was called, and motions of counsel for both sides were made. It will also likely be continued until next week.

Don't Want Troops.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 8.—A State Register special from Pana says that city officials, the mayor excepted, and the aldermen and many business men of the city have drawn up a petition to be presented to Gov. Tanner, asking him to take action to have the deputies guarding the Springside mine withdrawn, alleging there is no need for them, and requesting that no troops be sent to Pana.

Japanese Minister to Retire.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Furu Hoshi, the Japanese minister, has been elected to the Japanese parliament, and will retire from the post at Washington. The present indications are that his successor will be Mr. Hatoyane, a leading member of Count Okuma's party, a prominent lawyer of Tokio, and a man well versed in American affairs, being a graduate of Yale.

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