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MONEY QUESTION

THE ISSUES OF NINETY-SIX ARE VINDICATED

Says Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan at Spokane Banquet. Prosperity Due to Increase of Metal Money, and the Increase is Due to Act of Providence.

At the banquet tendered Wm. J. Bryan by the Spokane democrats last week, the distinguished statesman said, in part:

"I would not be worthy the affection you have shown if I should not be willing that the honor should fall to another if another should be deemed more worthy than I. I will not conceal from you the fact that I hope for the triumph of our party. Young as I am, I can remember '96 with great distinctness. I can remember something of the bitterness of that fight. I am satisfied that much of the opposition we encountered then was due to ignorance of the ideas we represented. While the surface question was the money question, the real issue was a larger and a deeper one. It was the first great public protest against inherited and predatory wealth, and the beneficiaries of that predatory wealth heaped upon us such abuse as had not been heaped upon a party in a century.

"But, my friends, the times have changed, and the world has moved on. No party has ever been vindicated as our party has been vindicated in the past 10 years. Upon no question was our party more fully vindicated than on the money question. It was not republican agitation, nor republican speeches, nor republican editorials that maintained the gold standard. It was the act of God in giving us a supply of money from an unexpected source. Suppose that I lived in Spokane and the democratic party took the position, if you can imagine it, that there was not water enough for the people of this city and the republicans said the city had plenty of water. Suppose the democrats advocated that a pipe line be laid to Silver lake and suppose the republicans opposed that and won. And suppose that immediately after the election a spring burst forth in the center of the city and poured forth a volume of water half as great as the city needed. Then the people of the city consumed, in addition to the old supply, the volume of this spring. What republican would say that his party had been vindicated? We said the country needed more money and the republicans denied it. After election, the yellow stream of gold broke forth and everybody is glad and everybody is prosperous, and yet the republicans say they are vindicated.

"No one proposes that we go back to the old supply of money. Some of the bankers are even demanding the right to issue more promises to pay because we need more money. The quantitative theory of money has been established.

"We said the trust was an evil and the republicans at first denied it. One great republican made three utterances in a single year, first, that there were no trusts; second, that the trust was not an evil; third, that if it was bad, don't worry, the republicans will take care of it. He reminded me of a man who borrowed a kettle and was sued for its return. He said that in the first place, he had not borrowed it; in the second place, that it was cracked when he got it, and in the third place, it was in good condition when he returned it.

"The democratic party said in 1900 that a private monopoly is indefensible. Now no other position is taken by either party, and they are beginning to talk about the president's stand against monopoly."

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Vessels Coming and Going and Loading at the Saw Mills.

The Brig Geneva is at the Union mill, loading for San Francisco.

The steamer Jim Butler is loading at the West mill for San Francisco.

The schooner W. J. Patterson is loading for San Francisco at the American mill.

The schooner A. B. Johnson sailed today from the West mill for San Francisco.

The barge Washtucna is still waiting for a tug to tow her from the Western mill to San Francisco.

The steamer Newburg arrived in port Thursday night, and sailed this morning from the Slade mill for San Francisco.

The steamer Quinault left Friday with a cargo from the Hart-Wood mill, taking the new steamer Berkeley, with a cargo from the Western mill in tow to San Francisco.

P. O. DEPARTMENT

CHICAGO SYNDICATE OFFERS TO RUN IT AT A PROFIT.

Would Pay the Government All Over 7 Per Cent. Profit; Reduce Postal Rates One-Half; Add Express Department and Add to the Rural Delivery Service.

W. D. Boyce, a business man of Chicago, has made, on behalf of a syndicate, a proposition to take over the postoffice department and operate the same as "a private affair for public benefit." Boyce agrees to pay the government rental for the postoffice buildings and to pay the government, also, all of the profits above 7 per cent. on the investment. He guarantees that he will reduce the present rate of postage by one-half; that he will extend the rural free delivery so that every farmer in the land will have the advantages of that service, and that he will add a postal express department so that packages may be distributed by the rural carriers outside the mail.

Here is an opportunity for those republican leaders who insist that the government should "keep out of business." Under present conditions there is a deficit in the postal department. The two-cent postal rate is regarded by many as excessive, and it is not possible to respond to the requests for extension of the rural free delivery. But here is a man who proposes to cut the postage rates in two and then pay the government all net profits above 7 per cent. on his investment, after paying rental on postoffice buildings!

If the republican leaders' hostility toward public utilities is well grounded, why not give serious consideration to this Chicago proposition? This hostility is not, however, well grounded. Men know that with all of its present day shortcomings the postal department in the hands of the government, gives to public affairs better service than it would in private hands. When any one proposes to place under private control a public department so near and dear to the people as the postoffice, there is no difficulty in convincing even thoughtless republicans that the suggestion is "indefensible and intolerable." As this is true with respect to a monopoly in the postoffice, so it is true with respect to a monopoly in any of the necessities of life. "A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable."

It is safe to say, however, that the Boyce syndicate could make material reductions in the expense of conducting the postoffice department. Mr. Boyce says that the men whom he represents have had experts investigating the proposition for a period of seven years. If Mr. Boyce and his associates can count upon making the postoffice department an income producing business, why not the authorities at Washington make it at least self-supporting? While the authorities are waiting for Mr. Boyce to give them some money-saving hints, it might be well for them to use the pruning knife upon the enormous sums paid to the railroads for the carrying of the mails.—Bryan's Commoner.

"AT CRIPPLE CREEK."

A Stirring Story of Life in the Rockies in the Early Nineties.

"At Cripple Creek," one of E. J. Carpenter's productions which will be seen at the Grand, Wednesday evening, January 23, is in every sense an idyl of the Rocky Mountains. It is a simple story of Western life, told in its author's best style, and is a dramatic gem of great power and beauty. Its pathos moves the heart with its tender emotion and there are a number of amusing comedy scenes interspersed through the play which serve to brighten the intense situations upon which the drama is founded. The types of characters are true to the locality—the rearing slopes of Colorado's lofty peaks. Its men and women move in an atmosphere of true nobility, the nobility of honest purpose, courage and sympathy. Joe Mayfield, the gold miner, whose heart is big enough to shield the orphan and protect the weak and down-trodden, whose charity is a sermon to mankind is the leading character of the play and in him the author has given the stage a type of American of which his countrymen may well be proud.

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"UNCLE" JOE CANNON.

BY LUE F. VERNON.

"Uncle Joe Cannon, Steady at his post, Nobody to growl about, Nobody to roast, Hears senators talking, Listens all the while, When they get too frisky, Calls them down in style.

Never had the fever To hunt mountain goat, Thinks more of his cigar Than of bearskin coat. Likes to argue "tariff," And "protection," too; In fact, will talk of anything To make "free trade" skidoo!

Pleased to see the ladies In the gallery grand; Likes "Marching Through Georgia," When played by any band. Will tell a "funny" story While chatting with the "boys," No use for politicians Built on plan of puppet-toys.

Goes along serenely, Traveling to the end, Not a thing to vex him, United States his friend. Knows what he is doing, No favorites high nor low, "Square deal," "fair play," honest man, Is plain, old "Uncle" Joe.

Doesn't need a medal For anything he's done; Public life is spotless, Bright as mid-day sun. Does his duty fearlessly, For stars and stripes will fight, Long may he be with us, "Uncle" Joe's all right.

A PIONEER KILLED

David Wilkie Meets With Fatal Accident Near Montesano Wednesday Afternoon.

MONTESANO, Jan. 19.—David Wilkie, a prominent Wynooche valley farmer, and one of the oldest and best known residents of this section, was thrown from his buggy just west of town Wednesday afternoon and received such serious injuries that his death followed later the same night. Mrs. Wilkie was also badly hurt in the same accident and her condition is considered most critical.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie were in Montesano Wednesday making some purchases and started for their home four miles up the Wynooche river shortly after four o'clock. The horse they were driving was young and only partly broken. While going up the bluff road this side of the Chehalis County Logging & Timber Company's railway the horse became frightened and rearing, overturned the buggy, throwing both occupants down the steep embankment. David Wilkie was about 65 years of age and was one of the California Argonauts, having gone to the New Eldorado in '49, coming to this city 24 years ago, where he has since lived, honored and respected by all who knew him. His sudden death was a shock to the entire community and the sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved family over the terrible accident and its sad ending. Mr. Wilkie leaves a wife, four sons and one daughter to mourn his accidental death.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spaulding and the body will be laid at rest in Wynooche cemetery.

OCCOSTA SELLS WELL.

Active Bidding for Ocosta Realty at County Seat.

MONTESANO, Jan. 19.—The county treasurer commenced the sale this forenoon of the county real estate taken in at the recent sale for taxes of 1905 and subsequent years. Ocosta, Westport and additions figure mostly in the sale, and when the sale started this morning a surprise was sprung on every one at the prices bid for Ocosta property. It had been thought that the lots would sell, if at all, for less than a dollar a lot on the average. There were present, however, several parties who ran property up to a figure way beyond anything anticipated, and surmise and rumors are thick as to what has caused the bidding. It is stated that both the Northern Pacific and the Milwaukee railroads had representatives present to take in certain properties necessary for these roads to have. The sale of the Ocosta property was not finished today and will not probably be before next Wednesday, but it is not thought that the balance to be sold will bring near as much as that already disposed of.

A twice-a-week transcript of the happenings on Gray's Harbor—The Aberdeen Semi-Weekly Herald, \$2.00 a year, \$1.50 in advance.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP

REAL WORK OF SESSION WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK.

Reform Forces in Harmonious Control of the Senate. Will Act Independent on Measures Not Affected by Their Agreement. Applicants for Place Disappointed.

[Special to the HERALD.]

OLYMPIA, Jan. 19.—Fifty-six bills introduced in the house, thirty-three in the senate and the appointment of committees in both house and senate, two bills passed in both branches and signed by the governor—this expresses in brief the work of the first week of the tenth session of the legislature. The second week will see many committee meetings to examine bills and arrange for hearings, for this has every appearance of being a serious and industrious legislature, knowing what it desires and unwilling to do the will of the political bosses who used to come down to Olympia and, with free whisky and other accommodations, to thwart the wishes of the voters who sent the representatives here.

Uppermost in the mind of the legislature, of course, was the struggle in the senate which ended in the overthrow of the "old-timers" and the inauguration of a "new deal" in legislation. This overthrow was accomplished by a majority of the senators entering into an agreement to stop the extravagant practices of former sessions and to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Evidently the reform forces deemed it essential to control the committees, for at the very first session, Senator Booth introduced amendments to the rules which clipped from the lieutenant-governor, who is president of the senate, the control of committees, and required him to submit them to the senate for confirmation.

This fight for the limitation of the power of the president of the senate is one of the most remarkable in the history of state legislatures. For many days preceding the opening of the session, friends of the lieutenant-governor scoffed at the very idea. They made it out that the senators who had signed the agreement had done so in several cases under a misunderstanding, and that afterward they wrote letters to the lieutenant-governor showing they were wholly out of sympathy with any movement that would affect him. They told of withdrawals from the agreement in sufficient numbers to make a majority of the senate impossible, but it was evident in less than twenty-four hours after the legislature met that the compact was proof against plans of the "old gang" to break it up. It had been predicted that as soon as the reform forces attempted to adjust committee appointments, contention would begin and the signers of the agreement would scatter.

However, in the caucuses exactly the contrary condition was found. The members manifested unselfishness in a remarkable degree. If it chanced that any two of the "new deal" senators had been expecting a place on the same committee, each was entirely willing to step aside and let the other have the place. The reform forces were bound together by something stronger than patronage or committee places. And so it was that the prediction of contention and inability to control committee appointments failed.

Early in the week, when the house approved the report of the committee on employes, there were sundry sorry faces in the galleries and corridors. A delegation of eight or nine aspirants for jobs followed the Spokane delegation to Olympia. About half of them found places, and for the rest it was "back to the mines." It is believed that the patronage reforms adopted by the legislature this year will prevent the biennial spectacle of place-hunters by the score gathering in Olympia at the opening of the session. E. H.

A BIG REALTY DEAL.

Rowland Bros. Sell Two-Thirds Interest in Corner of Union Block.

Will Lanning and M. Ryan effected a big real estate deal Saturday, when they sold the two-thirds interest in the 50 feet of the Union block, on the corner of H and Heron streets. A. L. McLeod, manager of the Aberdeen Brewing Co., was the purchaser. The sale was of the interest of the Rowland Bros. A. J. Anderson, who is sole owner of the adjoining 50 feet, still retains his one-third interest in the corner property.

The price paid is not made public, but it was a pretty stiff figure, as the premises have a rental value of \$300 a month, which means 6 per cent. interest on an investment of \$60,000.

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