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THE OTHER SIDE.

A letter from Mr. W. J. S. Traill appears elsewhere which calls for a few words of comment.
Mr. Traill asks, of what value were the Red River lands before the railroad built their line through the Valley, furnishing settlers with the means of getting in and of shipping grain out, etc. On the other hand we may ask, of what value were the Red River lands to the railroad before the settlers came in here to develop the country? The railroad companies were actuated in their course by motives of self interest; so were the settlers, and neither party remains under any special debt of gratitude to the other. Nor were the Minneapolis millers interested in any benevolent design towards the Red River Valley, so that in discussing any question of alleged injustice as between the two parties, neither is under any obligation to discuss the question otherwise than on the bare merits of the case.

Mr. Traill misrepresents our position in stating the loss farmers were subjected to from unjust cutting down of prices by wheat buyers. We referred to the actual prices paid and not to the quoted market figures, as a reference to our article will prove. It is all the same to the farmer whether the buyer unjustly cuts down the grade or the price of wheat. Had we the space, we could produce any number of instances like the following in further support of our statement. We quote from a letter written by Mr. E. A. Healy, of Drayton, to the Grand Forks chamber of commerce, furnishing facts vouchered for by reliable parties: "Third—An offer of 45 cents per bushel was refused at Grafton, and the wheat shipped to Minneapolis where it sold at 82 1/2 cts per bushel, though in the mean time the market had dropped 5 cents per bushel."

Mr. Traill seems to maintain that wealthy and powerful corporations could not be established and maintained except upon honest principles, and that men elected to offices of great responsibility must necessarily be just and upright.
While utterly repudiating the communitist doctrine that men of wealth and high station are necessarily oppressive and unjust, we are not quite prepared to believe that we live in that Utopian age when rulers and lawgivers may be accepted as paragons of virtue and patriotism. The freshest pages of history furnish us examples to the contrary.

Mr. Traill thinks the papers of the Red River Valley are doing the country harm by discussing this question in the manner they do. But we believe that sound policy dictates that we should discuss all public questions in the interest of those who are already here and not of those who may possibly come here, lest while we are trying to build up a reputation for our country abroad we allow its character to be injured at home.

Regarding Mr. Traill's offer of the use of his elevator, we desire to accord him due credit. This can only be a small factor, however, in the discussion of the general question.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

There seems to be no abatement in the general feeling of dissatisfaction in regard to the present condition of the wheat market, but on the contrary the agitation appears to be increasing. Quite an excitement was created in the vicinity of Grand Forks upon the announcement of Pillsbury & Hulbert of their intention to remove their elevator from that town to some other point in consequence of the strictures made upon the company by the newspapers. This step on the part of Pillsbury & Hulbert would seem to be intended as a warning to other companies to keep still on the subject or be punished in like manner. This, however, is not the proper way to meet the question. Retaliation for the sake of revenge is bad policy either on the part of the people or the elevator company.

We call attention to one remarkable statement by Mr. C. A. Pillsbury to a reporter of the Minneapolis Tribune. He says: "I admit that our elevator rents are far from being infallible, and must of necessity make many mistakes against farmers; but while they are doing this they are making ten times as many against themselves and our books are open to prove this fact." That is, the wheat buyers have been pursuing a policy by which farmers have had the advantage ten times to their once. It seems then that instead of the elevator companies robbing the farmers, the farmers have been robbing the elevator companies. We are surprised that such shrewd men as Messrs. Pillsbury & Hulbert, when they have so much power in their own hands, should keep on so long running business at a loss.

Seriously, Mr. Pillsbury claims so much that it is impossible for us to receive his statements as correct. "If that proves too much, proves nothing."

A re-adjustment of the tariff is fore-shadowed by speaker Carlisle's revenue committee.

Sara Bernhardt says she does "so love the American public." It is a case of misplaced affection.

The rumor is again revived that President Hill is about selling out his interest in the Manitoba road.

Senator Salva has a fine opportunity to show his executive ability, of which he is said to possess an unusual amount.

Raymond Bros., of Fargo, have failed with wheat to the amount of \$150,000. They did a wholesale business of considerable magnitude.

A motion in the house of representatives at Washington to appoint a special committee to consider petitions for granting the right of suffrage to women was lost, the vote being 88 to 154. But the movement is making progress.

The Bankrupt Capital has accounted to the force of circumstances, and the late holder is \$25,000 poorer for his brave attempt to plant a newspaper where there was not room.

Speaker Carlisle had the good sense not to appoint Sunset Cox to the chairmanship of the committee on foreign relations. Accordingly the latter is said to be much disappointed.

The South Dakota papers are enjoying a much needed respite from the arduous duties of denouncing Governor Ordway. This will enable them to begin their work with renewed vigor when the governor returns after the holidays.

"We are the under dog in the fight," says C. S. Hulbert in announcing, through the Grand Forks papers, his intention of the company to withdraw from that city. We regard this as a rare specimen of humor, showing how Mr. Hulbert could have succeeded in another line if he had not chosen to be a wheat buyer.

We believe it was the Pioneer Express that first suggested the holding of meetings in every neighborhood to elect delegates to a county convention from which a delegation could be sent to some central point for the purpose of discussing the evils that afflict the wheat market. At a late meeting, of the Grand Forks chamber of commerce the following resolution was passed. We quote from the Herald: "Be it resolved by the Grand Forks chamber of commerce, that a committee of three be appointed by this chamber, with instructions to draft a call and issue the same, for farmers and business men of the North Dakota, to hold precinct meetings for the discussion of the evils set forth in the report made to this chamber concerning abuses in the transportation and purchase of wheat, and the election of delegates to county conventions of their respective counties to be held on or before January 24, 1884, and that the said county conventions elect delegates to a general convention to be held in the city hall at Grand Forks on the day of ———— 1884. The basis of representation to be the same as that of the Territorial Delegate Convention held at the city of Grand Forks during the fall of 1882. The object of said convention to be, the consideration of evils acting to the detriment of agricultural and other legitimate business pursuits, and to devise ways and means by which these evils may be obviated or abolished."

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I propose that at an early date a preliminary meeting be called at Hamilton or some other central place where delegates from every section of the county may meet and take such action as may seem to them best. It is to be understood that all the farmers in the county can stand, and I can see no reason why an organization of this kind cannot be made to extend over the whole territory. Let us at least make a start and invite other counties to take up the question and make a contest for the county seat, and call only names will not accomplish anything. There must be solid work, and I believe with united and persevering effort something can be accomplished that will free us from bondage. Now Mr. Editor, I do not feel capable of saying much on this subject but we must not let our inability prevent us doing what we can. Let every farmer put a hand to the wheel or stop growing.

A FARMER.
Bowsmont, Dec. 20, 1883.

An Editor's Tribute.
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For the information of farmers I would say that what is shipped upon any market in car load lots, is sold on its real merits, and not on what Minneapolis millers say it is worth, and any one shipping a car load of wheat can get just as much as a bushel for as a dealer who ships a large quantity. There has been a great deal published in the Red River Valley press about the necessity of more railroads but it is my opinion that in order to get them, we should endeavor to settle up the country and make business for them, instead of publishing to the world that farming is a losing proposition, and are obliged to sell our wheat for less than it costs to raise it, owing to Minneapolis millers controlling the grain market and swindling us out of it. We will find it hard to convince intended settlers of the desirability of investing in the face of such statements. It appears, however, that such an enormous industry, such as the milling interests of Minneapolis, should be built up and successfully maintained upon any other than honest principles, and still more incredible that the people of Minnesota should elect members of the Minnesota Millers' Association, who have the Messrs. Pillsbury, Washburn, Fletcher and others to the highest offices in the gift of the people, if they have made themselves wealthy by a systematic course of swindling the farmers as the Red River papers would make the public believe.

If the farmers would compare the prices they are receiving for their wheat with the cost of every other commodity that is produced in the country, they would observe that after sharing in the prosperity of the country for the last few years they are now sharing the general depression of business that is universal throughout America. Yours truly,
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