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A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The TIMES wishes its readers, patrons and friends all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. While times have been dull and money matters slow during the year, we have no cause to complain of the patronage accorded us by the enterprising and thrifty merchants of our city and the good people throughout the county. The TIMES has prospered the past year equal to any year since we have been in business and we take a pride in believing that we possessed some merit to secure this. That we gave value received for every dollar's worth advertising run in our columns we have no doubt, and have never solicited a line on any other plea than a plain business proposition. We can truly say that we approach the holy Christmas time with malice toward none.

We have no desire to punish our enemies and we love our friends. Feeling this way, we can wish you all no merrier Christmas than we have planned for ourselves, a fat turkey, with plum pudding, eaten with our family at peace with the world.

The Pleasant Hill Local thinks that if Weyler and his gang were set down in Cass county and the outsiders fenced out, they wouldn't last a month.

Hanna has issued his ukase to President McKinley to abandon civil service, and turn the offices over to spoilsmen, and we have no doubt it will be done.

A. A. Marshall, cashier of the defunct Archie bank, was acquitted last week by the Harrisonville circuit court of the charge of receiving deposits when he knew the bank was in a failing condition.

The dispatches report F. V. Hamilton in Washington looking after his patronage business and incidentally keeping a watchful eye for something equally as good for himself.

Theodore Durrant has been sentenced to be hanged on Friday January 7th, 1898, for the murder of Blanch Lamont. This makes the fourth time he has been sentenced and it is confidently believed he will suffer the penalty he so richly deserves on this date.

It is not a very high compliment to the President when members of his own party protest vigorously against his appointment of Supreme Judge. A man appointed to this position should be above reproach; his private and public character pure, of broad mind and much learning. It appears that McKenna doesn't fill the bill.

Congress has passed a relief bill to aid Klondike sufferers, and appropriated \$200,000 for that purpose. The management of the expedition will be left with the war department. It is understood that two expeditions will be started on different trails and an effort made to get relief to Dawson at an early day.

The papers over the district speak in complimentary terms of Thos. L. Nelson of Stockton, for State Senator. Mr. Nelson is an able young lawyer of Cedar county and a clever gentleman. He is chairman of the democratic central committee of the county and has always been a zealous party worker. He is deserving, competent and would make a creditable senator.

The St. Clair County Democrat, commenting upon the candidacy of J. A. Calverd, of Henry, and W. W. Graves, of Bates, for circuit judge says: "Both candidates above mentioned are well and favorably known throughout the district. They are men of unquestioned integrity and honor, lawyers of a high order of ability, democrats of unflinching loyalty, and should either receive the nomination he would get the undivided support of the democracy of St. Clair county."

"ABSOLUTE" PAPER MONEY.

"We published DeArmond's speech partly to show that sensible people agree upon the principle of absolute paper money, not redeemable in coin. This the TIMES denies, or at least challenged us on the point a year or two ago, and then dodged out. The truth is that there is no democratic paper to our knowledge in this district that is in accord with DeArmond at this point, and as he is right they are all wrong."

The above is taken from the Free Press of this city. We are not authorized to speak for Judge DeArmond, but we will say, that we never saw anything in any of his speeches or writings that showed he believed in the kind of money Atkeson advocates. Neither is such a doctrine laid down in any democratic creed of state or nation. If Judge DeArmond believes the government has the power to issue paper money in unlimited quantities without a promise to pay, and force its acceptance upon the people of this and other nations, then Atkeson is right in saying that he is not in accord with any democratic paper in this district, and he might make it broader and include every reputable democratic newspaper in the United States. Paper money is and can only be based upon the wealth of the nation. So long as our nation confines itself to its resources in the issue of its money it will be honored and is just as good as any other money under the sun. Does anyone doubt for a minute that Spain to day would remain in her deplorable financial straits if she had the power to make such irredeemable paper money and compel its acceptance. Hasn't every other nation on earth the same right and power to make money possessed by this country, if "absolute or irredeemable money can be made?"

We repeat that so far as we know Judge DeArmond's views coincide with ours in this matter. If not he can speak for himself.

We did not dodge this issue, as Atkeson said, but we did refuse and do now refuse to enter into a long theoretical discussion, which is of no interest to our readers and at its conclusion would leave the principals at the starting point. We have no objection, however, to Atkeson devoting just as much of his valuable space as he chooses in explaining his "absolute money" doctrine, but we will not promise to read his articles.

NO FUSION IN OURS.

So far as we are personally concerned we heartily endorse the attitude of Governor Stephens on the fusion or rather "no fusion" question. To our thinking it would be the height of folly for a majority party, in State or county, to deliberately enter into a fusion and divide up the offices with a minority party on a mere sentiment. We believe the platform of the democratic party is broad enough and strong enough to hold up all opponents of republicanism, of oppression, of concentration, of the single standard idea and government by injunction.

If the democratic party was in the minority in the state and it was necessary, in order to defeat the republican party that we have a fusion with a party, whose views on the principal issues more nearly conformed to ours, then there might, in our judgment, be an excuse for a fusion with the populist party. We wish to be understood as not antagonizing any voters who are opposed to the great evils in politics to which we allude above, but we hold that those who honestly believe in the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, who believe that the people should be taxed only an amount sufficient to conduct the affairs of the government economically administered, who are opposed to a government by injunction, should cast their votes with the democratic party as the only one that can possibly be successful and correct these great evils.

We believe that our party to day embraces more fully the principles laid down by Jefferson than for years and is truly the party of the people of this great country; and we believe in opening the doors and inviting all lovers of good government and free institutions to come in and vote with us. But they should do this patriotically and without price.

It is reported that Vice President Hobart called Senator Foraker into a private room and informed him that he must call his friends off the trail for Hanna's scalp in Ohio, and on his refusal to do so the V. P. informed the senator that when he came up for reelection that the administration's friends would see that he was defeated, to which Senator Foraker retorted that if that was to be the policy of the McKinley administration he would look after it personally and see that not a single republican congressman would be elected in Ohio and that McKinley would not get the delegation of that state at the next republican national convention. Whatever else might be said of Foraker it cannot be denied he is a fighter, and the McKinley-Hanna combination will have a warmer time in taking his scalp than in going through the hair raising process with our old Uncle Filley, if that can be possible.

The following short editorial from the Louisville, (Ky.) Dispatch is to the point, and is commended to the earnest consideration of the wavering: "Those democrats who differ with the party on the financial question have two plain roads before them. One leads to the democratic camp, where they can agree with the party in everything else except on the money question, and the other leads to the republican party, where they cannot find anything to which they will agree—not even on the money question. There is room and welcome in the democratic party for every man who will stand by its platform and its nominees when made, but there is neither room nor welcome for those who claim to be democrats while they help the republicans."

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, gives timely warning to his party that it "must not press upon congress a bill the object of which is first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, and the immediate results of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallicism," and adds "that in that event a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united republicans in fragments while it will unite and consolidate the opposition." Will the republicans profit by such sound advice from one of their distinguished members.

Col. John O'Day, of Springfield, denies that he has aspirations to become chairman of the democratic state committee.

McKINLEY'S FINANCIAL POLICY.

Reference to Gage's Statement in House and Senate.

The Republic Bureau, 11th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Dec. 17.—To sustain his assertion of yesterday that this administration is for the single gold standard pure and simple, regardless of any pretended friendship for silver in the President's message, Senator Stewart of Nevada to day quoted the statement made by Secretary Gage yesterday to the House Committee on banking and currency. Mr. Gage stated that the first object of his bill was "to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, remove as far as possible doubts and fears on that point and thus strengthen the credit of the United States, both at home and abroad."

Mr. Stewart said he thought this statement of the Secretary of the Treasury was clear enough to set at rest any doubt as to the real financial policy of this administration. The Nevada Senator produced this evidence in answer to the statement of Chandler of New Hampshire that McKinley favored international bimetallicism.

In a ringing speech in the House to-day Congressman Dockery called marked attention to the gold policy of the McKinley administration as manifested every day. He showed them how the failure of the Wolcott Commission was followed by Secretary Gage's announcement that he proposed to fasten the gold standard more firmly on the country; and in line with that policy the Carson mint was to be closed by a provision of the legislative appropriation bill. He also incidentally discussed the question of tariff and repeatedly was cheered by the democratic side.

"SILVER DICK"

Amos J. Cummings' Pen Picture of the Famous Missourian.

The Washington Post prints the following sketch of "Silver Dick" Bland, from the pen of Congressman Amos J. Cummings: "Here is a veteran, seated near the main aisle, who has never sought a place on either of the two leading committees, yet his name is familiar in both hemispheres. His face is almost as Semitic in cast as that of Gov. Dingley of Maine, but he is more firmly knit and has a voice that would attract attention in a mid-night gale. For more than twenty-four years has he trodden the floor of statesmanship since the reconstruction period. The Bland dollar was something tangible and acceptable to the people.

"Bland remains on the committee on coinage, weights and measures, where he has been a fixture for the last twenty years. At the head of the minority there, however, he is utterly powerless. The gold men outnumber him and his hands are tightly bound. But no man can muzzle him. The speaker has repeatedly and vainly essayed the job. Bland is experienced in parliamentary law and has the rules of the house at his fingers' ends. He bides his time and when the proper moment arrives, emits a roar that startles the house and sends the loungers in the lobbies scurrying for the galleries. He handles the situation without gloves. Powerful in invective, precise in statement, blunt and vigorous in language and leonine in voice and manner, the very atmosphere of the House seems rarified after one of his efforts. Twice was he heard in the extra session. Then he disappeared and was seen no more."

INSURGENTS WILL WIN ANYHOW.

Silence of Congress Will not Prevent Their Triumph.

Washington, Dec. 20.—"McKinley and Reed will not let Congress do anything for Cuba," remarked a Senatorial visitor at the White House this morning. "I believe that before the middle of April the insurgents will achieve their independence and that immediately thereafter the world will hear of the newest Republic in the Western hemisphere. I am sorry to think that when that proud day for the Cubans comes the people in that rich and productive island may turn their trade to Great Britain. We have not treated them right. The Government should long since have recognized the belligerency of the insurgents. They are struggling for liberty and are our close neighbors.

"Another thing is plain to anyone who keeps posted. Spain seems to have enough money left to supply Minister De Lome with funds to have misinformation spread before the people of the United States in newspapers that are more friendly



A rosy, happy, laughing baby brings the greatest happiness in all this wide, wide world to the wife and mother,—a baby that does not know illness, a veritable romping, rollicking cherub. It rests with woman herself to enjoy this great happiness. If she is afflicted with the weaknesses and diseases peculiar to her sex and does not properly prepare herself for that greatest event in woman's life, motherhood, she may be sure that baby will suffer for her neglect and be puny and peevish. By taking the proper care of herself during the period preceding motherhood she can insure the health of her baby.

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to the Dons than to the Cubans. The wallings of the Spanish Minister indicate clearly to my mind that Spain knows Cuba is lost; but to keep up the play we hear daily that Blanco will work out the autonomy scheme if the other nations will be patient and give him a chance."

MISS HERBERT'S TRAGIC END.

Daughter of the Ex-Secretary Hurlis Herself to Death.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—In a fit of melancholia, as the result of a long illness brought on by an accident while horseback riding, Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Hilary A. Herbert, and one of Washington's brightest society leaders, threw herself from the third story of her home this morning, striking upon her head. She was picked up and carried to the house, but death came before the arrival of a physician.

A short time previously Miss Herbert had severed an artery in her wrist with a pair of scissors. This fact was discovered by a servant, who rushed from the room to notify the household, and it was while the servant was absent on this quest that Miss Herbert hurled herself three stories to death.

Jimmy Barry, the American prize-fighter, was released finally from the charge of manslaughter, due to the death of young Croot.

Weyler is aroused over the death of Ruiz. He boldly announces that the present Ministry should be overthrown.

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