

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18.

DEATH has been declared same. Now let him be hung.

WE want a 50 to 1 corn crop in Missouri this year fifty bushels to one acre.

THE four countries in the world on a silver basis are Mexico, India, China and Japan.

AND so Bryan is to be brought back to Missouri in order to whip up an extra Democratic convention this year.

THE Ledger welcomes a new correspondent from Pine, a flourishing neighborhood in the west end of the county.

THE extra session of the Missouri Legislature will soon be over. The extra convention of the Democratic party is now on the programme.

THE rich fellows who race around the country in order to keep from paying taxes remind us of the churchgoers who run from church to church in order to keep from paying the expenses of any preacher.

DON'T sit down and wait until we have from 10 to 1 in order to get all the money you want.

HON. W. J. BRYAN is advertised to speak in Mexico, Mo., 25, and answer Carlisle's Memphis speech.

SOME of the officers of Audrain county are interesting themselves in reference to tax dodgers.

THE Columbia Savings Bank pays 4.01 per cent for use of Boone County's money.

THE National Bank of Bolivia pays 7.1 for Phelps County's funds.

YOUNG men should learn a trade. It don't make any difference how much money we can work in this country.

THE New York World, referring to the advance of stock and products throughout the entire world, says:

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Opposed to a Convention.

THE VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVE HALL OF MISSOURI.

He Seems to Think there is Dynamite in the Silver Question and It Must Be Handled With Care.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Representative Hall, of Missouri, who is now in Washington, believes that although the agitation in behalf of silver is still continuing in the West, there is one factor which may have an influence upon the future which has not yet been taken into consideration.

It is the promise of unusually good crops in the West.

Mr. Hall achieved much prominence in the last Congress by his pronounced and able advocacy of the income tax. He has also voted for the free coinage of silver, although he is not extreme in his views upon this subject.

He is in favor of a conservative Democrat who does not let his partisanship bias his judgment, for it will be remembered he voted to seat the Republican colleague, Mr. Joy, when the Democrat, O'Neill, was contesting the seat.

It is this fairness which makes Mr. Hall's views worthy of attention, and when he says that a year of good crops may change present conditions in the West, the assertion may be accepted as coming somewhere near the truth.

"There is, of course," said he, "a strong silver sentiment in my State. Our Governor is pronounced in his opinions, and the two Senators are ardent advocates of free coinage. At the same time there is a general belief that it would not be wise to commit the party at this time to any expression upon the financial situation. We have no election in the State this year, and there is no reason why we should not assemble in our action. I understand that of the 15 members of the State Democratic Central Committee only two are in favor of holding a State Convention to take action on the currency question. One of these is against it personally, but will be guided by the wishes of his constituents."

"Do you believe that such a convention will be held?"

"I do not. If the State Committee does not call it, there is no way in which it can assemble, unless by the people of the State take the matter in their own hands and by holding county conventions select delegates to a State Convention to be called by newly-chosen State committee men. This is a succession of events which I do not regard as probable. On the other hand, a spontaneous and irregular action, in the fact that there is 10 or 15 candidates for every State office at the convention next year, and each one of the aspirants does not want his country or his party committed to a position which may be embarrassing a year hence."

"We must proceed with considerable caution in Missouri. We must not, in view of our experience last year, run any more hastily into any action. Things here may be no disorganization in the party, and disorganization would be threatened by any action upon the silver question. We are certain to have good crops. Our corn and wheat both promise an abundant harvest, and when we have gathered and sold our products, we can take a day or two off and talk over the financial question."

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"There is some sporadic gossip, but nothing definite. It would not be wise to predict whether Missouri will send a delegation pledged to a free coinage candidate. Morrison is a very highly regarded man, and I believe he would carry the State. Personally I would like to see the Republicans elected, and I would like to see the Democratic Administration. It is now in order for them to step up to the front and be ready to meet the situation. There is no sufficient explanation for the improvement of the times, which cannot be explained anyway."

THE Democratic Committee of St. Clair County, Illinois, by a vote of 12 to 10, refused to send delegates to the State convention to be held in that State this year and adopted the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, The Democratic State Central Committee of Illinois, unwisely and without warrant of precedent or party usage, has seen fit to call a convention of Democrats to meet at Springfield, Ill., June 5, to consider a question which is the Federal question in the Congress of the United States, and

"WHEREAS, The National Democratic Convention has from the founding of the party down to the campaign of 1892 formulated a platform of principles, and

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the best interests of the party in St. Clair County will be subserved by not sending any delegation to the said convention."

J. A. HUDSON, editor of the Moon City (Mo.) Times, a thoroughbred Democrat, died in the wool, is Chairman of the Congressional Committee of his district. Hudson writes a very strong letter to Col. Carroll, member of the State Central Committee from his district. Hudson sees no reason for a convention this year, and we excerpt from a most sensible letter the following paragraph:

"I insist that it is not a question as to whether Democrats desire the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver under such a law as would establish and maintain bimetalism, a bimetal standard, the permanent use of both gold and silver as standard money. Though this is the question these agitators are trying to keep before the people, it is not a question involved in this coinage matter."

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Barker on the Buchanan Letter.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

MEXICO, Mo., May 13.—Dear Sir: In Friday's Daily Ledger it appears that Mr. Buchanan, Minister to Argentina, in a letter to Secretary Morton, wants the American Congress transferred to outside countries just to take a casual bird's eye view of our country in order to get the thing well located in their heads that something is wrong in our currency scheme from the standpoint of bankers in other countries."

It is well for the friends of the honest silver and good money in this great controversy, that the advocates of the single gold standard are mostly made up of cuckoos of gold and bondsmen of the American people. We expect by gold standard, and the destruction of silver money, to make great and undue profits, headed by two men in power who openly defy the mandate of Congress in assuming authority to issue bonds, and issuing them in such a manner as to create, in the minds of all disinterested and honest men, a profound solicitude for the very existence of our credit as a people.

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