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The Banker, the Business Man, and the Money Question.

The money question, and it is the question of the day, admitted by all parties and everybody, has many sides and can be viewed from different points of observation. But it is especially as an almost universal commodity of deferred payment that a dollar of unvarying value becomes of such supreme importance. Nor is it the mortgage ridden farmer alone that suffers from the changing value of the dollar. The merchant with stock on hand and the banker with notes secured by chattels that become valueless are suffering as well. Most merchants do business on credit. Most of them are owing considerable on the stock they carry. And while the dollar appreciates in value, goods and merchandise as a necessary corollary depreciate in value. Goods are getting cheaper and cheaper, we say, but it is really the dollar that is getting dearer and dearer that accounts for the enormous fall of prices of all commodities. And hence merchants have to sell old stocks of goods though equally good with new, at a loss, because new goods are forced on the market at cheaper and cheaper prices. Bankers suffer loss by virtual bankruptcy of the borrower, in the form of delay and expenses of collections, and often final loss of some of their credit. Many banks, if not most of the smaller ones, have this year been compelled to strike a large amount of bad credit from their assets. We refer to this here because it is often assumed that when the evil of an appreciating money unit is referred to it is meant to apply especially to the farmer. An appreciating money unit does of course affect the farmer first and foremost but strikes with equal certainty sooner or later at the business man and banker.

The Banker and Business Man to Blame for the Present Crisis.

The latter is more to blame, morally speaking, than the farmer, because he gives his attention to finance and commerce and ought to understand the philosophy of these things, while the farmer's chief attention is diverted to processes of production, and not to finance and trade. We wish to press this home to our bankers and business men that they are, morally speaking, to blame for this crisis, because of their superior advantages to comprehend these things. They should have foreseen and averted the disaster. Now when the crisis is upon the common people they cannot blame them for resorting to radical measures. Let us illustrate this by referring to another movement in human history—the religious movement. The ministers should watch on the tower of Zion, see to it that morality and true piety prevail among the common people. But history, ancient and modern, teaches that at certain periods they neglected their duty, suffered morality and true religion to decline, and then what do we see? Reformers and reform movements spring up from the people themselves. Sometimes these reform movements went to radical extremes, assumed all manner of grotesque and foolish forms—drunkardism, quackism and what not. Just as we see to-day in political economic reforms—Bellaunism, Socialism and Single Tax. But in the latter as in the former the real underlying cause of all the reform upheaval is that those who from position and circumstances in life ought to lead the onward march of human progress neglected to do their duty. They allowed abuses to go on until they goaded human nature into revolt. The person who to-day is deploring our agrarian and labor agitation and laying the blame wholly on the latter, has but a superficial view of the philosophy of human nature. And the school of economists that attempts to

stop this agitation by applying force to keep the discontented quiet, is like the engineer who attempts to stop the water from overflowing by continually raising the dam, while an inexhaustible and ever augmenting stream is pouring in from above. The true remedy would be to divert the stream above into some other channel to stop the supply and the dam would take care of itself. We cannot stop human progress whether we will or not. Human progress is a stream that will and does make its way. Let the leaders of our political destiny content themselves with directing this river through a channel of uninterrupted flow and all will be well. Let them obstruct it and it will overflow and break through and perhaps inundate and destroy.

WHAT IS POPULISM?

It is like other popular movements in ages gone by. It is suffering humanity crying for relief. Populism may be exaggerated and radical. All reform movements have contained this class. But this rag tag radicalism is but the scum and froth thrown to the surface—the great mighty heaving, roaring wave is there. No thinking sensible statesman will dare to assert that one sixth of this nation consists of rag tag radicalism. No, it is the mighty sea of 70,000,000 of American citizens, the brightest and bravest of all patiens in uproar; and the ocean once in uproar runs heavy seas days and days after the wind that set it in motion has calmed down. So do not for a moment think that a little oil will now calm the troubled waters. No, no! It will require the most skillful navigation to steer the ship of state for some time to come. But where is the captain in whom the people can place confidence? Some Washington or Lincoln. Yes, and may he soon come!

The Young People's Political and Literary Society of School Districts No. 63 and 80.

The editor of the Willmar Tribune desires to express thanks to the Young People's Political and Literary Society of school districts No. 63 and 80 for the resolutions printed in last week's Tribune.

The editor was honored last summer by being invited to address the society at their picnic and learned then, never to be forgotten, what a noble band of young folks were there in that vicinity working for the betterment of society, moral and material.

The editor holds that reform of the liquor traffic is an essential plank of the People's party platform. His own personal conviction is that nationalization is a better remedy under present circumstances of society than absolute prohibition. The way that the liquor interest fought the People's party in this state last fall shows clearly that it fears nationalization. But as nationalization is probably a good way off, the editor believes in doing the next best thing, in the meantime to lessen the evil of the traffic in all possible ways, and shall take no back track on the question.

The Willmar Tribune is however no special prohibition paper like the Hammer. Its object and aim is to represent the People's party of Kandiyohi county in general and all the leading planks of the party, among which are some of even more importance to the people at present than the one against the liquor traffic.

The editor, not being yet a resident of Willmar, does not feel it proper to enter into the coming city election contest one way or the other. The columns of the Tribune are however open for a free and fair discussion of the issues involved from all sides. Any communication offered in good faith discussing principles, and avoiding personalities and not too long, will be given space; and all sides will be given a hearing.

THAT FEIG CALDRON.

The Argus and Republican Gazette were both highly irritated by our quotation from the Morning Call relative to Feig, but without adequate cause we think. The quotation simply asserted the fact that Feig kept still, and hence the House could do business; and implied another fact, which we believe our colleagues will not deny, to wit: That Feig can and does obstruct the business of the House by talking. Hence our statement is true literally et verbatim that "Feig is making his presence felt." Now we did not assert, nor even imply that Feig was using his obstructive tactics for unworthy ends. Feig's friends certainly ought to stand an innocent allusion like that without working themselves into spasms.

It is surprising to see how the East is waking up and falling in line with the progressive ideas of the West. Even Old Philadelphia is rubbing her eyes and beginning

to see a light. We clip the following from "The American" of February 9, 1895, a weekly journal published in Philadelphia by Wharton Barker. We used to read the American years ago, and we rejoice to see it now has courage enough to hoist the banner of reform within hearing of Liberty Bell. Last fall Populists were denounced by their opponents as the essence of all that was low, mean and vicious. But here comes The American and tells the good people of Philadelphia and elsewhere that "the peoples party is merely the manifestation of the wide-spread discontent of law-abiding and reputable citizens." This of course is not the opinion of a Wall-street Bull-Bear, but of a man whose opinion is worth a thousand times more, a broad minded journalist and philosopher. The American is a republican protectionist journal. We highly recommend it to our republican friends here about:

Under ordinary conditions, one of the greatest questions before us in America is capital and labor, which is being hastened and intensified by the pernicious policy of government on the currency question. The persistent ignoring of bimetalism means continuous low prices for commodities, and that in turn, notwithstanding labor organization, inevitably means lower wages. Are the wage-earners and producers of America to-day in spite of the tens of thousands of free public schools, more ignorant or more patient than the artisans and peasants of France one hundred and ten years ago? How long do the gold-standard plutocrats of to-day and their creatures in the Cabinet and Congress, the apostles and disciples of Clevelandism, think that the tolling and producing masses of America can quietly stand the present fearful strain? Is there no note of warning in the Coxeite movement of last year, notwithstanding its absurd features? Are all the Anarchists and Socialists in America of European origin? Is not the pre-ut course of the President and his supporters more calculated to swell the ranks of the Anarchists and Socialists than anything that could be done by the most fanatical leaders from Europe of those misguided factions? Is there no lesson conveyed to the responsible leaders of the two old political parties by the wonderful growth of the Populist party during the last two years? That party is merely the manifestation of the wide-spread discontent of law-abiding and reputable citizens, and, unless something satisfactory is accomplished in the meantime, the next election will find the Populist party surrounded by much of its objectionable surplusage, under more conservative and creditable leaders, probably under a new name, but its ranks will then be augmented by hundreds of thousands of voters from the wage-earning class, and from what (before the final de-monetization of silver) were the middle or fairly well-to-do classes, but who are now becoming poorer with each succeeding month. Men are being alienated wholesale from the two old parties by the financial ruin entailed upon them as individuals by the insane gold-basis craze, which has been and is being foisted by interested or ill-informed politicians, by insidious and specious methods, on an increasingly suffering nation, in the interest of the creditor and money-lending classes of this and other countries.

Suerly President Cleveland has not adopted the saying of the infamous Madam Pompadour, "After me the deluge." He and his familiars and those whose private souls are being they are so faithfully serving in endeavoring to push through the proposed immense issue of gold bonds, and so intensifying and perpetuating the reign of low prices, and the ruin of the debtor class, would do well to read and seriously study Carlisle's "History of the French Revolution," and see what happened from perverse ignorance of or indifference to, existing conditions, which a century ago plunged France into lawlessness and temporary anarchy.

Each succeeding month but increases the evidence that the re-establishment of bimetalism, as it existed prior to 1873, is the only way out of the present national dilemma, and it would be far more manly and dignified for President Cleveland frankly to admit that such is the case, than to persist in ignoring the plain facts, and flounder on deeper and deeper with the present vicious policy, which can only have one result that every patriotic American should endeavor to avert.

SENATOR THORPE'S VIEWS.

Editor Willmar Tribune:
The position your paper assumes on local improvements and building up our community is very commendable and your efforts should be encouraged as these are matters we can all agree on, no matter how we may disagree on political questions. In your issue of this week the idea is advanced, that as other places are planning for Normal Schools to be located in their midst, Willmar is by location, etc., entitled to an institution of this kind. If I believed that the State should establish any more Normal Schools at present I should of course make an effort to have one at Willmar, but the State already has so many institutions and so many demands that in these times I cannot favor any further expenditures for new institutions of this kind. We have already killed the Duluth scheme and hope to defeat other schemes of this kind.
L. O. THORPE.

We are pleased to notice that Senator Thorpe is alive to the Normal school question. The Tribune endorses the Senator's view in this matter.

Some merchants have yet to learn that liberal and scientific advertising pays. They judge other people by their own hum-drum methods. But they do not realize how everybody is figuring in these hard times to make the scanty income go round. The mother especially is the figuring member of the family. She wants neat as ever; she wants something for her own comfort and tidy appearance, and she is apt to notice when father and her big boy need anything. She also keeps track of the grocery stock and orders it replenished when low. And you may depend that she scans her weekly home newspaper for bargains in the ad-column. If she sees anything in your ad. that strikes her you may be sure of a call from her when she comes to town. Advertising in a well circulated newspaper pays a hundred per cent. on money invested. No doubt about that.

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HARRISON, Minn., Feb. 24, '95.

Editor Tribune, Willmar, Minn.
DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of the first issue of the Willmar Tribune and find it a live paper well worthy of the patronage of every farmer in the county. Enclosed please find one dollar for yearly subscription; also list of subscribers.
Yours very truly,
N. P. ASPINWALL.

The Willmar Tribune is the name of a new paper, the initial number of which was issued last Tuesday, Feb. 19th. It is edited by Dr. C. Johnson of New London, who ran for the legislature on the People's party ticket last fall and was beaten only 29 votes by Henry Feig. The paper will support the People's party, and as that party cast over 1,500 votes in Kandiyohi county last fall, it ought to start out with a large subscription list. Dr. Johnson is an incisive and logical writer, and he will give his competitors a hustle in that direction. The first number is well edited, neatly printed and displays a good amount of advertising patronage. The paper is being printed temporarily in Editor Crosby's Republican Gazette office.—[Moorhead News.]

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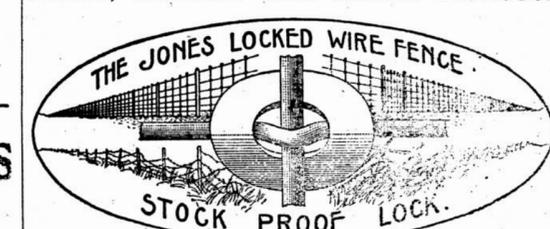
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