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THE GREAT ISSUE.

It is evident to every observing person that the silver question is daily becoming the great issue for the next political battle. The silver craze, as it is called by the gold monometalists, is spreading with fearful rapidity both East and West, and bids fair to sweep this country with a tidal wave in 1896. Populists and silverites of the old parties may well feel proud of their agitation for free silver during the last couple of years. Less than twelve months ago they were laughed at and sneered at by the goldbugs. But the justness of their cause and the terrible earnestness of their advocacy, especially during the last campaign, opened the eyes of the people, compelled the people so to speak to investigate the question. Yes, the Populist campaign last summer is already bearing fruit beyond expectation. Let no Populist begrudge the time and effort he spent during last campaign for his party, for he will have the honor of having belonged to the party of progress, when nothing but principle could actuate him to do so, and having led, instead of followed, in bringing about the greatest reform of modern times, not the abolition of African slavery excepted.

THE SILVER QUESTION WILL LEAD TO THE MONEY QUESTION.

Some Populists claim that the silver question is of secondary importance. In one sense this is true. It is only a sub-division of the money question. But at present the whole money question is involved in the silver question. The silver question at present means more than simply free coinage of silver sixteen to one. It involves several other fundamental issues belonging to the money question, such as: Shall the government issue money, or farm out this function to private parties? Is a debtor equally with a creditor entitled to governmental protection, or is this government simply organized for the protection of creditors? This is why the money power is getting scared, and the President has been called upon to exert his influence in favor of gold monometalism. This is why President Cleveland and his bitterest political enemies in the Republican ranks are now combining for an aggressive fight against silver. Conventions are now called South West and East, of Cleveland Democrats and John Sherman Republicans, to form the coming gold party. The money power has, or is concentrating its whole strength on the silver issue. The Peoples party, and those who agree with them on the silver question, must do the same thing. The battle between organized capital on the one hand and humanity on the other will be fought in 1896 on the silver question. If free silver is defeated, then we shall have revolution and bloodshed. If it wins, common people will experience such relief, and industry take such a new start, that time will be given the people to solve the whole money and other questions. So that while the silver question may be simply a side issue, yet at present it is the battle ground for the whole issue between labor and capital. To illustrate, four days before the battle of Gettysburg, Cemetery Ridge was of no particular importance in preference to other ridges to establish a position for an army. But two days after, as the armies approached each other and it was seen that a decisive battle must be fought in the vicinity, the taking and holding of this ridge involved the fate of a nation and the liberty of the slave. The concentration of one army at that point compelled of necessity the concentrating of the other at the same place.

So the concentration of the money power of its forces on the silver question likewise compels the Peoples Party and those who agree with them on the silver question to mass their forces at that point. We believe in the Omaha platform, all of it mind you, but as events have shaped themselves of late the silver question is the key to the Omaha platform. The people are not ready yet to vote on the Omaha platform as a whole. They are ready, or getting ready, to vote on the silver question, and we believe it is the duty of Populists to concentrate their energies on that question. We also believe in Mr. Owen's anti-monopoly platform. But can we get people to enthuse over, and comprehend such a principle? We must take people as we find them, not as we would like to have them. The sentiment for free coinage of silver seems to be in the air. The Peoples Party has mainly created this. Now let the party reap the honor of its labor by concentrating on this point and lead in the battle, and not scatter all over the other issues of reform, and let somebody else reap what we have sown. We believe in one thing at a time. We believe in using ordinary common sense in politics as well as in other affairs of life. Hence we should be willing to leave in the background, for the time being other issues, and push to the front for the coming campaign the silver question. As we have said before, we are convinced that free coinage of silver is the only presently obtainable reform of any immediate consequence. The free coinage of silver would revive industry at once. What little revival in business there is now is mainly due to the fact that the public is beginning to believe that free coinage is coming. Just as soon as free coinage becomes a certainty in the near future business will at once revive. "Why?" some willfully ignorant goldbug will ask with an air of assumed astonishment. Simply because with a regular supply of money, be it silver or any other kind of money, prices will be sustained. Under the present gold regime no sane man wants to buy anything, nor invest in anything, because with constantly falling prices he never can realize his money back again. There is no help in sight now except through the restoration of the silver.

We say concentrate and fight for silver. The Peoples party, the only political party squarely and solidly in favor of free coinage of silver, necessarily becomes the vanguard and veteran army around which all silver men of the old parties can gather. We are therefore in favor of a platform for the coming campaign giving due prominence to the silver issue and less prominence to other questions on which there are greater differences of opinion among the general public. We should like to hear from Peoples party men on this question. We believe it is important for the party to take a decided stand in regard to putting the silver issue to the front in the near future. Both of the old parties are disintegrating on the silver question. Our idea is that the Peoples party should be the centre to which this disintegrated material should be attracted and united. Our party, by assuming the proper attitude, can figure as the leading conquerors in the coming contest. Hon. Nels Quam gave in the Tribune lately the correct idea of a platform.

whiskey in each important city in the state, with the provisions that the seller pay the inspection fees? Here would be provided a large number of very desirable offices for the hungry and the thirsty, without imposing any burden upon the producer or consumer of a product necessary for the subsistence or comfort of the people. The tax or expense of the service would not be felt and do no harm. But the expense of some of these other inspectors is a growing burden that the people are chaffing under. The News will not be surprised to hear of a movement that will spread over the entire grain-growing sections of the state before the next election for the absolute repeal of the grain inspection and weighing department. The farmers are fully satisfied it is no longer for their benefit, but that the service is largely manipulated in the interest of elevators, dealers and millers. There is no certainty about it. Numerous instances might be cited where the same identical crop, shipped at the same time, has been diversely graded; some cars No. 1 hard, others No. 2 and smutty, and so forth. This inspection craze must be sat upon, or the time will come when the man who produces an article of human food will be classed as a public enemy until he prove the contrary at large personal expense.

HAWICK NEWS.
The all-absorbing topic is the dry weather. Those who sowed their grain with a seeder say that fully half of it is as dry as the other half is up and looks well. Those who used a drill say that it is all coming up nicely. Ernest Niles and Agnes Moore were married on the 22nd inst, Judge Haselton performing the ceremony. We all unite in wishing them a happy life. The farmers generally are preparing to plant quite large fields of corn, most of them from thirty to forty acres. Some have sown flax, and quite an acreage will be planted to potatoes and sorghum. An effort is now being made to eradicate the hoodlum evil here. Recently the church has been visited by some members of the gang of toughs and the Bible burned and other things carried away. This aroused the ire of the good people, and when later some ladies were insulted a complaint was made out at once and an arrest made. The case was tried before Justice Haselton yesterday. Other arrests will be made. REPORTER.

HOLM ITEMS.
Fish-story time. Misses Anna Augusta and Hannah Johnson departed for Minneapolis last week. Miss Josie Grindheim, who has been staying with her parents for a short time, departed for Swift county to complete a five months term of school near Carson. Christian Larson will leave for South Dakota some time in the near future, to attend to matters pertaining to his claim, near Effington, which has been contested. Miss Anna Johnson, of Burbank, has commenced a term of school in district No. 95. This is Miss Johnson's first venture as a teacher. As she has been a very studious scholar we predict for her a rapid advance as a teacher. Messrs. Henry Christopherson and Willie Sherman of Granite Falls, who are at present rusticated in this neighborhood, and Theodore Torison of this place captured three young wolves last Monday, while on their way from Lake Johanna. If every locality in the county has had as many representatives at Green Lake as Holm has had the past week we feel confident that the "army" of fishers at that place must have been a destructive one—to the fish at least. CORRESPONDENT.

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