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Bro. Crosby thinks we are way off in giving as our opinion that if free silver fails to carry the day in 1896 we shall have revolution and bloodshed.

"The Willmar Tribune says if free silver is defeated in 1896 there will be revolution and bloodshed. What rot! Who is going into the blood-shedding business anyway, and what are they going to kill?"

"Who is going into the blood-shedding business anyway? Why, Bro. Crosby the United States army and the State militia that are now being drilled, armed and equipped all over the country at millions of dollars expense. Gatling guns and repeating rifles in the hands of organized bodies of hundreds of thousands of men, appears to us to portend bloodshedding business. If this belief in the minds of many of our most sagacious men that an insurrection is probable in the near future is all "rot," why all this anxiety in certain quarters to increase our standing army and to augment, drill, arm and equip State militia everywhere? There is no possible danger of foreign invasion, nor is there any possibility of wars of conquest. No, Bro. Crosby, however much we all may wish that the talk of popular revolts is all "rot," it is nevertheless not "rot," nor ridiculous. Our money aristocracy knows that hungry stomachs will drive men into lawlessness, create Coxeyites and mobs. They know that we are fast becoming a nation of tenants, a people without houses. They know that it is only a question of a few years under our present money standard, until a few bondholders will own this whole country, and they know that when the people wake up to realize this fact that there is going to be trouble. This is why, and the only possible reason, they are so anxious about having a large standing army and militia in these times of peace. The present condition of millions of people suffering for the wants of the necessities of life, in sight of these very necessities of life clogging the wheels of commerce by their very abundance, cannot last for any length of time without popular uprising. History for 3,000 years back proves this beyond question. We believe, and men of all parties believe, that before the year 1900 we shall have one of three things, either, 1st, political reform so that any honest and industrious man can make a decent living for himself and family, or 2nd, revolution in some form, or, an army powerful enough to keep the people down like European countries have. We make no threats. We simply point out the danger ahead, the inevitable outcome of the present system of political economy according to the unchangeable law of nature as evidenced by history in the past.

Almost every people on the globe have had to fight for the preservation or recovery of their liberties and rights once or often in each century with the privileged classes of their own nationality. The American people had to do it in 1776. They had to do it again thirty years ago. Those who talked about war in the fifties, and even in 1861 were regarded as evil prophets, and their warnings were denounced as "ridiculous rot." Even after the firing on Fort Sumter 75,000 men were supposed to be able to put down the rebellion. But events proved that the "ridiculous rot," turned out to be the saddest truth. Look over the land to-day, not only in this possible civil commotion, but into the large cities and mining regions and notice the connection between labor and corporations. Are not the lock-outs and riots the order of the day? The relation between labor and capital is getting more strained week after week and month after month. Some day, we don't know when, some audacious and skillful labor leader, some Napoleon, may arise and unite the discontented and wreak vengeance on their oppressors.

Who dare say that such a thing is improbable or impossible? What is the use to try to hide the fact that this nation is standing on a volcano that may explode at any time. Why not acknowledge the facts as they are, let them be as bad as they may, and try to correct things before it is too late.

Doom of the Small Town.

A late number of the New York World contains an article on this subject that ought to excite both the interest and the apprehension of the denizens of such towns. There is no question that our present system is resulting in the centralizing of population as it is of wealth. The discrimination of railroads against the small and in favor of the large town, against the small and in favor of the large manufacturer and merchant, is the chief factor in the work of doom to the small town, for it is to interest of the railroad to keep producer and consumer as far apart as possible. Believing that industrial and social health will follow a proper distribution of wealth, F. S. & H. has ever favored a regulation of railroads that would make their present ruinous discriminations impossible, and some time it will dawn upon the business men and property owners of country towns that in this respect this journal has been their most considerate friend.—[Farm, Stock and Home.

The above fact, and it is a fact that anyone can observe for himself, is one of the strongest arguments for government operation of transportation facilities. When the small towns realize it they will see that they have no chance for growth now in competition with larger towns favored by rebates, and carload or trainload shipments. Small towns are dying out all over the State of Minnesota from this cause, and yet the inhabitants thereof keep right on fighting the Peoples Party for advocating government ownership and operation of railroads and equal rates to all localities. When will these people learn what is for their own good?

IN CIRCULATION.

Over \$15,000,000 More Money on the Move Last Month.

Washington, May 3.—The treasury circulation statement for April shows that during the month the circulation of all kinds of money in the United States increased \$15,249,820, making the total in circulation on May 1, \$1,309,434,134, or \$22.97 per capita, as compared with May 1, 1894, the total circulation has decreased \$92,000,000.—[Morning Call.

The above little item shows that the stagnation in business is due to contraction of our circulating medium. According to this statement our circulation had been decreased \$109,000,000 from May, 1894, to March, 1895. No wonder business was stagnating and getting worse and worse. During last month \$15,000,000 has been let loose and precisely during that time a slight improvement has been noticed. See? This money contraction is what Populists have claimed right along was the trouble, and now facts prove they were correct. We have said right along, and we say now, that as soon as our money men will loosen their purse strings we shall have better times. See how they rule the destinies of this country! They shut up the money, and we have a panic that staggers the whole country from Maine to California. They open up, and times begin to revive. But damn the system that allows a few men to play such havoc with the business of 70,000,000 of people.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, in a speech before the Travelingmen's (Rep.) Club, of Marshalltown, gave an extended history on the finances of the United States. He said the act of 1873 demonetizing silver was a mistake, though he declared it was not a crime and was not accomplished in secrecy. He believes strongly in the restoration of silver and is confident that an international agreement will be reached within reasonable time on this question. Allison is on the right track. The silver sentiment is growing rapidly.—[Moody Co. Enterprise.

Yes, Bro. Krause, "the silver sentiment is growing rapidly." "Allison is on the right track." He has got so far as to admit that the demonetization in 1873 was a mistake, but he has not got very far on the right track. His hopes are in an "international agreement," something that Allison and every posted man knows will never come. England will never agree. Gladstone has told us so time and again, and the reason why. Any man that pretends to favor free coinage of silver, and yet wants to wait until England gets ready, is simply a goldbug in disguise.

Silver in France and the U. S.

The United States has about 400,000,000 dollars in gold and silver, and France has 1,000,000,000 dollars in gold and silver. France is borrowing gold, and is in 000 of it within a little more than a year; France by using silver, by paying up both gold and silver in about the proportion of her holdings of these metals. The United States treasury officials say they dare not

pay out silver, for if they do it will "drive out of the country," and put a premium upon it. France's treasury officials do pay out silver, notwithstanding the relatively large amount of it held there, and it does not drive gold out of France, nor put a premium upon it, but on the contrary the store of gold there is constantly increasing. A recent report of the Bank of France, really the French treasury, shows that during the year of '94 the increase in the gold reserve was \$71,600,000, and for the first three months of '95 the increase was \$16,000,000, or nearly \$88,000,000 for fifteen months, while in about fourteen months the United States borrowed \$165,000,000 to keep up her "legal reserve," and maintain the "parity." Notes of the Bank of France are payable in coin, and when presented for redemption they are paid in coin, usually about half and half gold and silver. Why is that not the rule here? Probably because the French Republic is ruled by the people, while this one is ruled by Wall street. At all events, this is the only explanation now in sight.—[Farm, Stock and Home.

The office of Willmar Tribune is now located up stairs in the Gilger block to the left. Mr. Victor E. Lawson is there and ready to do all kinds of job printing. The friends of the Tribune must remember that the paper is entitled to their patronage and must have it in order to succeed. A paper cannot be run on subscriptions alone. It must have advertising and job work in connection with it. We want especially to impress on the friends of reform that if they want a paper that can speak right out without fear or favor it must be supported by them. It is a small matter for the Peoples Party of Kandiyohi county to support a good newspaper if all contribute their share. Most all unprinted stationery and sometimes wedding cards, etc., etc. Now then send in your orders to the Tribune office. We guarantee satisfaction in price and work. The Tribune has a large circulation both in the village and throughout the county and advertising with us will give you better returns for the money than anywhere. Our mail list is open for inspection to business men who wish to advertise. We do a legitimate and above-board business, and ask the patronage of those who may have anything in our line on that basis. Patronize the Tribune and it will be a rousing success.

After his course of lectures in Minneapolis last week, W. H. Harvey, the noted author of Coin's Financial School and other popular works, visited the state university and by invitation made an address in which he dispassionately discussed the free silver question. A couple of weeks previous a gold monometalist had lectured before the students and was given a hearty welcome and indorsement by Prof. Northrop, but if the Minneapolis papers are to be believed, Prof. Northrop treated Mr. Harvey with scant courtesy if not with positive rudeness and took particular pains to discredit Mr. Harvey's arguments and to warn the students against them. If the university of this state is to be converted into an educational annex for Wall street the sooner the public understands it the better, and it may be well if it is known in time to enable the legislature to assert the authority of the people and by proper action prevent the perversion of the institution to partisan and sinister purposes.—[Albert Lea Standard.

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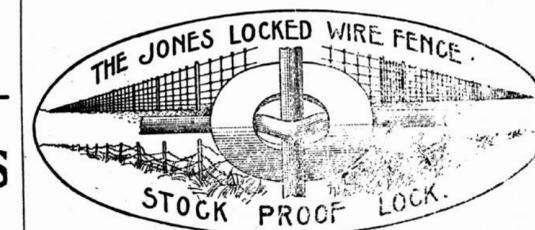
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