

HON. HALDOR E. BOEN GIVES HIS VIEWS.

Hon. Haldor E. Boen writes us a long and valuable letter on the present status of the silver party and the Peoples party and their relations. We extract as follows:

FERRIS FALLS, April 26, '95. Christian Johnson, M. D. Willmar, Minn.

MY DEAR DOCTOR:—You ask: "What figure is the new silver move going to have on our party?"

My views on that question are in brief these: The American Bimetallic Party was organized for the purpose of teaching the gospel of bimetalism to those classes which can not be reached through the populist organization. Thus there are now two mono-metalist parties, namely, the republican and the democratic; and two bimetallic parties, namely, the Peoples party and the American Bimetallic party.

The first two favor the English banking system, which means private or corporate control of the public function, the power and right to issue the paper currency. They also favor the gold standard, which means declining prices; and declining prices means the wiping out of the great middle class, so that ere long we will be a nation of millionaires and paupers, if that policy prevails. The two last named parties favor the equal mintage right for silver and gold at the American ratio, 16 to 1, and that the government issue the paper currency. A return to bimetalism and government paper currency means a return of higher prices, the perpetuation of the great middle class, and general prosperity.

The golding press has busied itself with creating the impression that the Bimetallic party was organized for the sole purpose of destroying the Peoples party. For my part I fail to see why there is not room for two double standard parties as well as for two single standard parties. Lead, or mislead, by the plutocratic press, the reform press has generally assailed the new organization. I think that is wrong, because at least as far as the money question (the main question) is concerned the object of the two parties is practically the same. The money question must be settled before any of the other reforms demanded by the Peoples party can be accomplished, and the silver question is a branch of the money question and must be determined before anything else can be done.

I have the honor to be personally, and I might say intimately, acquainted with the main leaders in the American Bimetallic party; and while I am inclined to think that some of them at least are not in favor of either the land or transportation planks in the Omaha platform. I see no objection to their assisting us in carrying out the finance plank in that platform, as I feel sure is their purpose to do.

The Omaha platform embodies almost the whole range of political economy and demands reforms all along the line. No political party ever came into power on so many and so great issues presented at one time. It is so much that it confuses the average voter, and in the bewildered state of his mind he votes the old ticket, preferring that to what he considers an experiment.

Yours sincerely, HALDOR E. BOEN.

FROM SECRETARY AYER.

L. M. Ayer, the secretary of the Peoples Party State League, sends us the following letter, which will be read with interest:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May, 2 '95. Dr. Christian Johnson, Willmar, Minn.,

DEAR SIR: I have read your editorial in the "Tribune" of the 30th ult., on "the great issue," with much interest, but must differ with you slightly upon the basis which our campaign of 1896 should be fought. The disintegration of the old parties on the silver question is going on rapidly and the feeling between the elements is becoming more vehement every day. Thousands of the recently converted silver men are now studying other reform measures which the Peoples Party advocate, and in fact the rank and file of the old parties are now studying and investigating subjects which they have heretofore persistently ignored because of their blind faith in their old parties infallibility and their prejudice against anything new. In talking with many of these people we find them ready to join a movement for general reform. They hesitate to announce themselves as Populists, owing largely to a prejudice formed by reading the monopolistic press which has associated the name "Populist" with "Anarchists." The more they study our demanded reforms the less radical they seem to them, but it is a slow process to educate careful business men along a line of reforms against which their old party leaders are arranged. A very encouraging feature at this stage of the game, is the readiness with which they acknowl-

edge the necessity of putting new men to the front to carry out new ideas. They recognize that old politicians can not be trusted and must be relegated to the rear. That acknowledgment prepares the way for another, that a new party must be placed in power to carry out the necessary reforms. As regards the silver question there is no telling what its status will be one year from now. If the present rate of progress towards free silver coinage keeps up it is more than likely that the question will be practically settled before the conventions are held, but if there should be a reaction, which I believe is more than likely to occur when the gold bugs get their second wind, and commence in earnest to realize the tremendous resources which they have at hand, then we may look for the great fight to be between gold and silver, and the Peoples Party should be prepared to take the initiative and justice would give it the victory.

While I recognize that some issue must become prominent in the next campaign, I cannot agree with you that the time has come for the Peoples Party to apparently abandon all other issues for the "free coinage of silver." You say, "we also believe in Mr. Owen's anti-monopoly platform, but we get people to enthuse over and comprehend such a principle?" To me it seems the most practical and effective way to win a victory in 1896. Anti-monopoly is a very broad issue. All the planks in the Peoples Party platform can be condensed into one, Anti-monopoly. We choose to saw our log and mark each plank in flaming letters. That is all right and as it should be while the proselyting and agitation is going on as it calls attention to each individual wrong we wish to right, but it is only a few that can be educated to believe in all our reforms, at once. We can get the majority started on one or two issues and then they lean to us in a half-hearted way. Every Peoples Party man is an avowed Anti-monopolist and nine men out of ten that are intelligent enough to reason upon the subject, regardless of what party they belong to, will acknowledge that monopoly is the great curse of the world and is at the bottom of all our troubles, but they may not agree with us regarding the causes or cure of the disease. Nevertheless, the sentiment is there, and they realize that a severe check must be given to its growth. If these elements can be cemented together on the broad basis of "Anti-monopoly," there is no question but a victory can be easily obtained. An object lesson in history is to be found in the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Not one line or word in the platform upon which he was elected could be construed as meaning the absolute abolition of slavery, but every man who voted for Lincoln believed that slavery was wrong and should be abolished, although they could not all see how it could be done, and it was that sentiment that gave the party its vitality. I believe the Peoples Party should aim to unite all Anti-monopoly elements under one banner and present a solid front to the enemy. Let us quit quibbling over the curses and strike a united blow at the cause. When we once conquer the cause I have no fears regarding the cure.

With a new party in power, with new men to the front and all imbued with the spirit of reform, the question will be settled in the interests of humanity. The brotherhood of man will assert itself and the "almighty dollar" will take second place in legislation.

Very truly yours, L. M. AYER.

ARCTANDER NEWS.

Rev. R. K. Fjelstad announced after the service at East Norway Lake church on Sunday, the 21st, that 43 persons have made application to join the congregation. We welcome them.

S. Haltestad is teaching a term of parochial school in school house of district 69.

A large number of our people have had the pleasure of being invited to attend the wedding of Miss Tomine Negaard, an old-time resident of this town, and many, no doubt, would have wished to lay aside their daily duties and attend if circumstances would have permitted. Those who attended as far as we have been informed, are Mesdames Martha Negaard, G. Swenson, Miss Hannah Negaard, and Halvor and Martin Negaard, being mother, sisters and brothers to the bride; also R. O. Stai. The many friends of the bride here wish her abundant success.

Anton Larsen, an old-time Arctander boy, is now comfortably located in Ferris Falls, Minn., where he is for service in the fine foot wear.

Abraham Johnson, who was up in Wells county, N. D., last fall and took a homestead claim,

has now gone up there to settle on it, and make that place his future home.

Alfred Gordhamer was in St. Cloud on the 20th to take a claim in the woods in the northern part of the state. Success, boys.

Mrs. C. McVaigh, of Willmar, spent several days here selling books lately.

Mrs. Chas. Bergquist was up from Willmar attending the funeral of her grandmother, at Edberg's on the 17th ult.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Paulson visited friends in New London last week.

Martinus Johnson, of Brown County, visited his daughter, Mrs. K. J. Huseby, lately.

Elling Ellingson and son, with family, of Willmar, visited at Kambestad's lately. Mr. E. J. and family, we understand, is over from Colorado on a visit. Halvor Negaard is at work putting up a wind mill for Ole Haugen, who intends to use air as a power to grind feed with, it is a Duplex 16-foot steel wheel, with wood tower.

E. K. Lund has made a great wind mill this winter, and put it up this spring.

G. Swenson is also at work putting up a wind mill on his farm, he having secured the machinery of an old wheel. He is doing all the wood work, both for the wheel and tower, himself.

Martin Walby is at work building an addition to the residence of John Foshager. A. O. Anderson is managing the work of building a fine residence for Mathias Johnson.

The parsonage occupied by Rev. H. K. Fjelstad was very near consumed by fire lately, as some one had set fire to burn the heavy grass in the slough close by, and the heavy breeze made it nearly impossible to control it. It seems that people are not careful enough with setting fire on the grass. This was the second time in the last two years in which that parsonage has been threatened to be consumed by prairie fire.

As it had pleased the able editor to invite the different Peoples Party men to express their views in the columns of the Tribune in regard to the issues in the next campaign, we for one will give our opinion in brief, although we expect that it will have no bearing on the public. We fully agree with the editor, and we have been of the opinion for some time, that the money question will and has to be, the leading issue in the next campaign, as that is the question that has agitated the most, and has to be settled in the near future, for if the silver will not soon be placed, again, upon the place where it belongs, but that the gold bugs will be allowed to continue with the present gold basis only, this country and especially the laboring classes will be ruined. And this question has to be settled by the Peoples Party. As we cannot depend on that either of the old parties will accomplish anything in that line—although they will no doubt, be forced to take a standpoint in the matter, and there is all probability that they will adopt a Bimetallic platform—as President Cleveland was elected on a bimetallic platform, but his first action after taking upon himself the presidential duties, that was of an importance, was to call an extra session of the congress, and have the silver taken away from the market as standard money, therefore it will be necessary for the Peoples Party, and all that favor the same principles to unite on that question. I am in full sympathy with the entire Omaha platform, but believe that all the different planks cannot be equally advocated at the same time, and the money question is now the most important, and the one that has to be settled first, and when that is satisfactorily settled we will, no doubt, get better times and the other issues will be settled one by one.

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