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TODAY'S WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Forecast for Wednesday: Minnesota—Light showers; variable winds.

Table with columns: Place, Temp., Place, Temp. Lists temperatures for various cities like St. Paul, Duluth, and others.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. United States Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau, Washington, Sept. 15, 6:48 p. m. Local Time, 8 p. m. 75th Meridian observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

DAILED MEANS.

Barometer, 30.18; thermometer, 54; relative humidity, 77; wind, southeast; weather cloudy; maximum thermometer, 57; minimum thermometer, 32; daily range, 5; amount of rainfall in last twenty-four hours, .16.

RIVER AT S. A. M.

Table with columns: Gauge, Danger Height of Reading, Change. Lists water levels for various gauges.

ANOTHER GUN FIRED.

Maine has been heard from. It seems less important to us than many, because it has not the first element of a surprise about it. We were confident of the result in Maine, just as we are confident of it in the nation at large.

The result in Maine is much more significant than that in either Vermont or Arkansas. In those two states there was little opposition. The Democrats of Vermont, who have never won a victory, were disorganized enough before the Chicago business came to give them a finishing stroke.

Maine was generally confessed to be a state of doubt this year. It is one in which the fiat money theory has had in the past a stronger hold than anywhere else in the entire East. A fusion of Democrats and greenbackers at one time, and not so very long ago, controlled the state government.

MAINE GIVES A PLURALITY OF 50,000, OR MORE, FOR THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

The completeness of the victory is seen in the fact that the Republicans carry every county in the state, elect every state senator, all but less than a dozen of the lower house, secure every county office, send to Washington a solid congressional delegation by the largest majority ever cast, and overthrow the fusion forces by a total majority which is 100 per cent above what might be considered the natural vote.

"BANISHED FROM ROME."

In the address that Ambassador Bayard delivered at Boston, in England, which drew upon him the censure of the Republican house of representatives, he said, speaking of the effects of the policy of protection, that it had done more "to banish men of independent mind and character from the public councils" than any other single cause.

In 1896 he addressed the employes of the Proctor & Gamble company at their annual outing in Ivorydale, on "Higher Citizenship," which he took to mean "better citizenship," "the necessity for which is each day becoming more obvious in view of the dangers that threaten." He opened his address by saying that he "used occasionally to bear witness here at my home upon divers subjects of public interest, but latterly, either my standard of political methods has been too high or the controlling political influences hereabout too low and sordid to permit free and fair discussion of political or economic questions."

Speaking from his "observation of public men and knowledge of public measures" and his "familiarity with the influences that are strongest in this nation," he said to his audience that "the main trouble in securing a right solution of many economic and political problems is found in the utterly mercantile spirit of the age—the unsurmountable obstacle being the aggregation of fabulous wealth in the hands or under the control of a few who are corrupt, and the resistless power it exerts when in the hands of evil men, in directing and controlling public affairs and dominating private rights in defiance of justice."

Mr. Butterworth's associations had been with the Republican party. It was in its ranks that he had made his "observation of public men," and gained his "familiarity with the influences that are strongest in this nation." It is of that party, those public men and measures and those influences that he, exiled for his independence and individualism, spoke when he said that "they see political bandits grow wealthy by plundering the people. They see respectable people become the tools of these bandits in consideration of the honor supposed to inhere in the office they obtain for cash or base service. They see a triumvirate of political bosses parcel out the spoils of a nation or state, as the Roman consuls partitioned the plunder of a province. They witness the great danger of a party that has the prestige of victory and honor being seized and controlled by the representatives of vast wealth, who contract with political bosses to advance the funds necessary to capture a nomination and election, with the understanding that the rates of duty shall be so adjusted that a part of the revenue contributed by the people can be appropriated without liability for embezzlement."

WHAT SHALL BE LEGAL TENDER?

To the Editor of the Globe. The newspaper paragraphs from Mr. David A. Wells' article in the New York Tribune and your intelligent and lucid comments upon them together comprise an argument upon the points presented that is quite conclusive. Indeed only those whose minds are clouded by erratic fancies, and whose opinions are the logical product of impulse rather than reason, can reach any other conclusion.

There is one detail, however, on which the Globe can no doubt offer some light, at least to the public a practical answer. It is this: You rightly say "do away with the legal tender note." But what would you discharge his indebtedness unless there is something designated in law which constitutes a legal tender? That any one would refuse payment when offered in the best form of the world's coin is improbable, but, as it is possible, what provision should be made by which a Shylock creditor must release his debtor? What shall the debtor make tender of in the courts should he desire and value your inquiry. W. C. M. St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14, 1896.

The question proposed by our correspondent is entirely pertinent, and yet it is one whose importance will, we think, be less regarded the more that it is studied. "What shall be a legal tender?" is a very big query in the minds of men today, when legal tender has been exalted unduly, and the creditor wants to take the limit of his right, and the debtor to escape all that he may. This anxious disposition to take advantage of the letter of the law is a part of the evil heritage of legal tender acts. It is our opinion that there would be scarcely any necessity for defining a legal tender under the proposed system of absolute freedom of contract. As to all engagements that have been entered into already, we assume, of course, that they shall be discharged according to the conditions prevailing at the time when they were made.

The most important thing of all under such a system, and the one which would knock the legal tender idea out of sight, would be the fixing of a unit or standard for deferred payments. This we regard as infinitely more desirable than any definition of coins or fixing of legal tender status. All contracts to be made under such a system for a period of years would call for the payment of a certain number of units, each unit of which represents the purchase price at the time of a fixed quantity of a very large number of the staple products of industry. These being calculated by some of the systems of index numbers now in use, we would have an end forever to the contention that debtor or creditor must profit by changes in the nature of the term "dollar." Such a unit being established by law would soon take the place of the dollar altogether. It would be used for monetary engagements on short time and for small amounts, would probably be a unit for the ordinary promissory note, and would reduce the "dollar" from its proud position as master of the commercial world to a mere shopkeeper's assistant, no more important than his yardstick. It is our idea, then, that the first work should be to define this unit for deferred payments. Second, to declare that all contracts now existing should be discharged according to the meaning of their terms at the time when they were made. Third, that the dollar, henceforth to be a mere metal unit of little importance, except to express prices of contracts in small transactions, should be defined as 25.8 grains of standard gold. Fourth, that all existing legal tender acts should be repealed, and the passage of any others be forever prohibited. Fifth, that contracts in the future should be payable according to their terms, whether they called for the multiple tender unit, or for gold or silver, or any other commodity. Sixth, that, where nothing was mentioned in an agreement except the word "dollar," the term should be construed as already defined to mean 25.8 grains of standard gold; since, if this should seem to involve any hardship, it would be only a proper penalty inflicted on the man who signed an agreement to pay "dollars," knowing perfectly well that the law said that this should mean a given quantity of gold. If he wanted to pay silver or something

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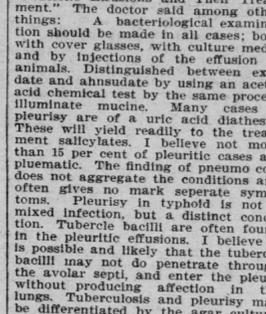
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