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OFFICIAL PAPER



Personal Mention

Ed Swan is in to attend the council. His postoffice address is now Rousseau, S. D.

Messrs Biddle and Fuller visited "Bachelors Hall," Sunday and spent a pleasant afternoon.

Master Olin Comeau was two years old last Sunday. We wish the little fellow many happy returns.

Rev and Mrs Ashley, Dr Driesbach and Frank Wright, went to Gettysburg Tuesday to attend the election of officers of the Masonic lodge.

V J Fuller expects to leave tomorrow for Wisconsin to visit his old home, his school having granted him a vacation of two to three weeks.

Deputy Sheriff Moore and Mr Courtney of Stanley county were here last week after Bull Marshall, who was wanted for beating the father of Prairie Chicken almost to the point of death.

There was a small party at "Bachelor's Hall" last Friday evening when Mr O E Combellick entertained four of his pupils, namely, Bert Green, Harry Oliver, and George and Harry Webb.

Miss Violet Eidam almost won a Demorest Medal in a contest at Lake Benton where she is going to school. She stood second in a class of eight, the winner gaining only one and a half points, namely, 47. The title of her piece was "In the bushel or in the jug" being an extract from one of Gov. J P StJohn's speeches.

Two to three inches of snow fell here last Thursday and Friday.

If a bottle and a cork cost \$1.10, and the bottle cost \$1.00 more than the cork did, what did the cork cost?—[Gettysburg Herald.

There was a dance at the government shop at the Agency last Saturday evening.

A social party was held at the residence of Messrs Biddle and Fuller last Friday evening.

Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Cordwood—& Cash—wanted on subscription at The Press office.

The river has been acting peculiarly since last Friday, for three days raising just enough to prevent the edges of the ice from freezing solid at points where the most travel was crossing the river.

Mr Kluth returned from Pierre Sunday. He went down to get some "plans and specifications" for two new boats which he intends to build in the spring. One of them is to be a gasoline launch with a stern wheel and the other a big cattle boat.

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C. A. B. School Notes

Mr King and his force are making lockers for the girls.

Mrs James Crow Feather has been quite ill during the past week.

The boys and girls are getting ready for their Christmas entertainment.

Wood is very scarce, hardly enough being available for use at the school.

Preparations are being made to put the new machinery in the laundry.

Major Hatch and Mr Conser returned on Saturday from their trip to Cherry Creek.

Supt's Mossman and Leavengood returned from their trip to White Horse station Friday.

Mrs Zimmer, Miss Lou Amitson and Mr Amitson visited the school last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Annie Cross who is going back to Pierre Indian school with Supt Leavengood is staying at the school at present.

Miss Lou Amitson and brother left for there home near Everts Monday morning. Mrs LaPlant went as far as Gettysburg with them.

The agency and school are enjoying quite an extended visit from Special Agent Frank M. Conser of the Interior Department.

Supt Leavengood from the Pierre school spoke to the children at the general assembly Sunday evening. There were some visitors from the Agency.

Miss Wetzel has received a transfer to the Riverside school in California. She is much pleased as the transfer will take her close to her home at Los Angeles Cal. Everyone at the school is sorry to see her go.

AMEY SHEPPARD.

Harry Frazier, an Indian who has been working for Charley LaPlant, was a pleasant visitor at the Press office today. He is a typesetter by trade, having taken his first lessons at Santee, Neb.

Messrs Wm Moore of Lebanon and A M Barker from Illinois were in town today and took a careful examination of our Roller Mill.

An extra number of Indians are in this week to wait for the payment. They are holding a general council.

LATER—The Indians commenced going home yesterday, having been informed that payment would not commence until after next Ration day, which comes on Monday, Jan. 4th.

There is a dearth of butter and eggs in town at present; 25c is being paid for choice butter and 20c to 25c per dz for eggs.

Our readers will doubtless notice the adv. in this issue of our new Club Rates. The Inter-Ocean is one of the best and most valuable of all the dollar weeklies. It gives the news from a Republican standpoint and is the best exponent of Republican principles we know of. Besides its financial and market reports are the best there are published for western readers.

We are able to give this paper so cheaply to our readers because of the very liberal terms offered to us by its publishers.

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

No county in the west offers better inducements to-day to the farmer desiring to build a home or to the capitalist looking for a profitable investment for his money than is offered in the fertile lands of Potter county, South Dakota, which can be purchased at prices which are merely nominal when compared with less productive lands but a short distance east. Here can be found railroads, school houses, towns and villages ready built, society organized and equal to that of the east on the one hand, and cheap fertile lands on the other—a combination impossible to find in a country either older or newer than this. That this condition cannot long remain is attested by the fact that some of the best investors of the west, conversant with the value of such lands, are rapidly buying them up.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

The Press is in receipt of the following communication from a writer whom the residents of Forest City will immediately recognize. While we may not be able to agree with Mr. Converse in all of his views, still we shall be glad to hear from him often. Limited space, however, will sometimes only permit us to make extracts from his writings.

New Pine Creek, Ore.
December 6.

Mr E P Thorne
My Dear Friend.

Believing as I do, that it is the duty of all intelligent citizens of the United States, especially those with whom the power of enacting laws is constitutionally vested, to utilize every opportunity to become acquainted with the financial and economic conditions existing today in our loved republic, and assimilate the facts learned, as I may say, so that we may exercise understandingly the elective franchise given us by a free government; it was with considerable interest that I read the article "The Fallacy of Free Silver," published in the "Press" of Nov. 19th.

It seems to me that an unbiased treatment of this question, based on non-partisan lines, might result in unbounded and unquestionable benefit to any community, even be that community as wide as the whole commonwealth. It is the duty of every voter to investigate these conditions, and to know our national institutions, for the voter is "E Pluribus Unum" who constitute our government, and as he wisely votes, just in that measure do we have wise and equitable legislation.

It has been the custom to blind the eyes of the masses just previous to elections which results in such a confused and irrational conception of the issues at stake that the average voter may vote against his own best interests unknowingly. It is the duty of each and every intelligent citizen to become thoroly conversant with these national conditions and problems, and if not intelligent, then should he become a student, at once, until he is able to hold sound doctrines evolved by his own brain.

You speak about the scarcity of gold, yet gold is the principal money here, silver only used for small change, while large sums are almost invariably paid in gold, and paper money is the exception. This condition is local to the Pacific states, and another peculiarity is that one scarcely ever sees a penny here—a penny is as rare here as you say a gold piece is in Forest City. Small change if insisted on is made with stamps; and it is not many years since a twentyfive cent piece was the smallest money in circulation here. In local phrase it is called "two-bits", and we hear no more of the "slug."

You speak of the security of gold, yet the national treasury holds many millions of the yellow metal in reserve, and Uncle Sam invariably pays the interest on his debts in gold. The retirement of the national currency would release this gold, but would it benefit us? What would be the result if this gold reserve was released and the task of maintaining the "gold standard" devolved on the national banks? Can you say?

The per capita of money in the United States is something over \$29.00, most of which is currency or paper money, and it is quite interesting to study this money and how we get it (usually by hard labor!) By we, I mean our people as a whole, considered as an individual. There are seven assayed offices, five mints, and one printing and publishing establishment. The latter is located in Washington D.C., the former are placed at various convenient points throughout the Union, and from these come our money—outside of the issues of the national banks, of which there are many.

Silver certificates, gold certificates and U. S. notes are all issued at the Washington office. Silver certificates are really nothing but promissory notes drawn on the U. S. treasury, and are issued only in such amounts as are equalled by silver in the treasury. They are our \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills.

Gold certificates are parallel with the silver certificates, only issued in larger bills, and if called in would release the gold reserve; but these bills are more convenient and safe, for all practical purposes, as long as they are backed by the reserve and a stable government. This is simply an issuance of credits by the government.

U. S. notes are issued only in very large denominations. They are convenient for

travellers who require large sums of money and wish to carry it within small space.

I would like to call attention to another fallacy—as it appears to me—of the Free Silver party, with Wm. J. Bryan at its head. They advocated the releasing of the reserve in the U. S. treasury, claiming it did no one any good there. But you see, it is the sure prop on which the credit of our country stands. Take the prop away, and our promises are worthless, with no reserve to back it.

I might say more about the profit in coining the silver, but won't now. I'll desist until I know your opinion of this.

Truly your friend,
J. W. CONVERSE.

If you want to be a politician you ought to read the Congressional Record. Hon. E. W. Martin, our Representative from the Black Hills, is sending it to The Press. In the issue of Dec. 5 there is a rehash of the tariff question. So far as we understand it, both sides give very good reasons for the faith that is in them. But what will the voter think of Congressmen drawing princely salaries and taking up their time with the discussion of the settled principles of this government? The Press has no patience with them whatever.

The gold standard and the protective (reciprocity) tariff should be settled policies now of the voters of this country; and the party that can find no other issues ought to be buried in oblivion, with a monument over their graves bearing the legend "Died by eating too much moss."

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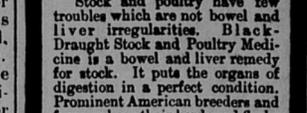
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