COL. HACKNEY WRITES

His Opinions of Republicanism in the Year 1894.

WORSHIP OF THE GOLDEN CALF

Will Ruin the Party Says the Colonel. It Must Restore Silver to Its Old Place as a Money Metal.

To the Editor of the State Journal.

DEAR SIR: I find the following in an Associated Press dispatch in your paper:

Wheat is prostrate in all the markets of the world. For weeks it has been a drug at prices unprecedented since speculation in farm products began. It has sunk below all low marks, refused to respond to bullish influences, and gone begging at quotations known to be under the actual cost of production.

Theories that crop products, like articles of manufacture, had an industrial value under which they could not long be sold, have been exploded, and wheat has continued to fall. How long this condition of depressed prices will last, is a question that interests American farmers, who devote 35,000,000 acres every year to cultivating the cereal, every merchant in the land, and, incidentally, speculators the world over.

After analyzing all the influences that have contributed to the tumble, and there are any number of them, it would appear that a new level is about to be established for wheat, beyond which it is not likely to rise except by the boldest manipulation, and then only for brief periods.

There are speculators who believe those good old days when $1 a bushel was the rule, will never come again, and that seventy-five cents may be looked to as the future top notch quotation. These men are by no means bears, for they concede that wheat cannot hover long around the depressing figures of today.

They have ransacked the statistics of the world, and claim to have discovered that the cheap product of Russia, India and the southern hemisphere, which has lately turned an almost inexhaustible supply into the markets of Europe, will finally drive the American crop out. Exposed to that fatal competition, they argue that wheat raising will some day become an American question, to be treated without reference to the export market, and on the theory that Europe will be supplied from the fields that skirt the Baltic, from the rich plains of India and from South America.

It may be said that this gloomy view is not shared by the professional bull, who, with all his buoyancy, offers no promise of an early return to prosperous prices.

And yet where men congregate, they and women and children are hungry for bread.

Republicans tell us that this condition was brought about by the Wilson bill and Democratic onslaughts upon the tariff, and the latter assert that each is the result of the passage of the McKinley bill. A voice from London shows that both propositions are false, as witness the following, (Also from Associated Press):

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Financial News says: Guatemala today and other silver countries tomorrow. Default with most of them is a question of time. The world's commerce is reeling to a crisis, yet the mischief from the appreciation of gold has only begun. Bimetallism in England is gaining converts.

It is understood that Mr. Lidderdale, ex-governor of the Bank of England, is a strong advocate of an international agreement for a joint standard. Bimetallism is no longer the creed of a handful of cranks. Nearly every economist of eminence is on its side.

The international conference must be re-opened. France, Germany and the United States are anxious that this should be done. Surely our interests are as great as theirs. If in our pride, as the gold mart of the world, we stand aside the punishment will fall upon our heads. It depends upon the British cabinet whether the conference be fruitless or not.

There is no Wilson or McKinley bill in Europe or South America. Aye but what's the matter with Massachusetts?

DENVER, Col., Feb. 23.—General A. J. Warner, president of the National Bimetallic league, addressed the chamber of commerce and a large number of invited guests this evening.

"We might as well attempt by legislation to put 120 minutes into an hour and yet keep the twenty four hours in a day as to make gold the sole standard, and keep prices as they are," he said. "The first industry to suffer under the financial policy of this administration is the agricultural. Farms have gone down where the mortgage becomes a deed. Prices of labor cannot be kept up, profits are vanishing faster than ever before and by the century's close not 25 per cent of our farmers will own their own farms; while in the cities not over 5 per cent will really own their homes.

Brooks Adams of Boston writes that in thirty days there will not be a gold standard man in Massachusetts if things keep on. Debtor nations must put prices below those of creditor nations, and how long can we keep up our policy of giving notes in payment of interest? How short sighted the policy of selling bonds and borrowing gold, hoping to maintain high prices and keep a gold standard.

The time has come for a declaration of financial independence of Great Britain, which will see us suffer bankruptcy before sanctioning bimetallism. To travel the gold standard route has cost this country the past year three thousand million dollars, and the men who have profited are those who have the power at any time to turn on a Black Friday to increase their ill-gotten gain. I see no hope as long as the present policy is pursued by Mr. Cleveland, who takes his bidding from Wall street, which in turn takes its cue from Lombard street.

Who is responsible for these conditions? General Vanhorn, one of the oldest, most loyal and true Republicans in the west; a man who has spent a life time in defense of Republicanism, and as one of the editors and proprietors of the Kansas City Journal, who has been in the forefront of that party for more than a quarter of a century writing to his paper from Washington, where he was an eye witness to the villainy going on there, says:

One thing will strike the thoughtful observer here at the focus of national interests and opinion, and that is that we are fast drifting into the sectional division in politics on the lines of the money lender and borrower—the lender making the laws. When men who pose as statesmen gravely tell you that the west needs capital and that the east wants to know when it lends a dollar whether it is paid back a dollar equal to the one it loaned, and that was the one fact at the bottom of all this debate, there is no use in trying to conciliate. And when they tell you that the tariff reform is "an attack on our industries," and that the destruction of silver was not an attack on the leading industry of eight states and territories, the distinction as to industries in legislation has become very sectional indeed. The west has the political power and the time has come for its exercise. Wall street and State street vote together, though one is in the Kingdom of Tammany and the other in the seat of absolute culture. Cleveland's silver repeal came from Wall street and now its discredit as lawful money is from State street.

Again discussing the means to be employed for the overthrow of these giant wrongs he says:

All I am afraid of is that the west is going to allow itself to be divided in counsel and distracted in action. I see no practicable way at this time except for the friends of silver in all parties to make it a specialty in the coming election. Let Republicans, Democrats and Populists make it a matter of specific and paramount pledge from every candidate for congress and on any hesitancy or evasion vote against the man and for the one who is soundest and most available. The policy is to divide and scatter the great silver majority by side issues and means. Cleveland is doing all he can with patronage, and others will use other means as may seem practicable. The people can win if they only have the will to demand what they want and enforce that demand. The time for action has come.

We have all witnessed the cowardly spectacle of a vast majority of the Republican members of both houses of this congress blindly truckling to Grover Cleveland and a money oligarchy during the last special session. How long, oh Lord, how long, must Republicanism continue to be cursed with these official political teredos.

Let every man in Kansas proclaim his unalterable determination to support no man for congressman or representative in our conventions who will elect a senator next winter, who is not in favor of placing silver back again to where it was under the laws of this country prior to its demonetization in the coinage act of 1873.

Let those who aspire to represent us in the national congress understand that the monstrous wrong done the people then must be undone. W. P. HACKNEY.

AT THE THEATERS.

Miss Julia Marlowe At the Grand Last Night Other Attractions.

Miss Julia Marlowe played to a S. R. O. house last evening at the Grand. There was standing room only. The audience was critical and it meant to be really pleased before it pretended to be so. During the first two acts of "The Love Chase" there was considerable doubt as to whether the play was to be a bore or not, but in the third act and thereafter it was an unqualified success. Miss Marlowe won her way into the esteem of her hearers by easy steps. Her portrayal of Neighbor Constance was charming and natural. Miss Rose Eytinge divided the honors with Miss Marlowe and was entitled to recalls she did not get. Henry Jewett as Wildrake, H. A. Weaver as Sir William Fondlove, Walter Hale as Walter, and Eugenia Woodward as Lydia, formed an able support.

Miss Marlowe was given two recalls but they were not as enthusiastic as they should have been. There is considerable division of opinion on the merits of the play, though there can be none on the acting. "The Love Chase" was written fifty-seven years ago by Sheridan Knowles and is in the stilted style of those old plays which makes "She Stoops to Conquer" and "School for Scandal" wearisome to many people. As one spectator expressed it: "Miss Marlowe plays so well that I should like to see her in a modern society drama instead of a back number."

"Niobe."

Abbott & Tillotson's Comedy company in "Niobe," will be the attraction at the Grand tonight. "Niobe" comes highly recommended by the press of neighboring cities as a good comedy performance.

Peter Amos Dunn, an insurance agent, and Niobe, the goddess of tears, are the principal characters in the cast. The complications of these two characters are said to be amusing and form the plot of the piece.

A great amount of fun is extracted from the peculiarity of the situation, Niobe being imbued with the ideas of 3,000 years B. C., attempts to apply them to the year of 1894.

The White Squadron.

"The White Squadron," A. Y. Pearson's spectacular naval drama, will give three performances at the Grand next Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, with matinee Saturday afternoon. The piece can properly be styled a heavy scenic production, as the scenery carried is beautiful. The play was seen here last year by two large audiences.

SPELL IT "BAZZLE."

A Divorce Suit Brought Against "Barzie" Cowen in the District Court.

Mrs. Cora Cowen has brought suit in the District court for a divorce from her husband, Barzie Cowen, to whom she was married at Oskaloosa, July 29, 1888. "Barzie" is the way they spell Basil at Oskaloosa.

She says "Barzie" has been a drunkard and a gambler ever since she married him and has on several occasions threatened to kill her. Last September he left her and ran off to Montgomery county, Indiana, with a married woman whose name she does not know. They lived in Montgomery county, Indiana, until about the first of last month, when he left for parts unknown.

Mrs. Cowen wants the custody of her little girl now two years old.

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ONE OF OUR "HAS BEENS."

The Humane Society's Melancholy Demise When It Met Opposition.

Where is the Topeka Humane society? There used to be such a society, but to all appearances it has breathed its last. About five years ago a number of citizens formed a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. It was then that the small boy who was in the habit of tying tin cans to dogs' tails, began to quake with fear.

It was announced that the society proposed to prosecute each and every person who was cruel to the dumb animals.

Senator John A. Martin was president; Judge C. G. Foster, vice president; Hon. John R. Mulvane, secretary, and C. F. Kendall, treasurer. The society was composed of a large number of Topeka's tender-hearted citizens, and it started out with hand clappings and handkerchief wavings.

Dr. Geo. H. Hapgood was elected to be the active officer of the society, and it may be said that he did excellent work in this capacity. For nearly four years he worked for the society and did not receive anything for his trouble in the way of money.

Finally he had serious trouble over the arrest of a farmer, and was found guilty of assault and fined $5 and costs. The society did not stand behind their officer, and so Hapgood was sent to the county jail, because he would not pay the costs, which amounted to $180.

This was the death knell of the society. Hapgood immediately resigned, and the affairs of the society are now in the same condition that they were at that time.

Now, brutal people can treat their dumb brutes as badly as they please, as it would not enter the mind of one of Topeka's policemen to look after this part of his work.

If it could be arranged to have the council appoint a humane officer, it would certainly be a good thing, for then the police commissioners would also appoint one, and then we should have two; and then the thing would be done right.

There are many horses in this city which are being treated cruelly, and certainly need the attention of a man whose duty it is to see that the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals, is enforced.

AS TO JUSTICE'S FEES.

J. J. Hitt Makes a Criticism of Justice Grover's Methods.

J. J. Hitt wants to know why it is that Justice of the Peace F. M. Grover will never make an itemized statement of costs incurred in his court, but is willing to give only the total—or grand total.

Mr. Hitt says: "The law requires the justice to make such a specific bill on the demand of the person liable for them, but I have been after Mr. Grover nearly a week to get a bill of costs and he will not give me anything but a total. I am not the only one, but can get affidavits from three or four other people who have been treated this way. It was in Grover's court that a boy was assessed $69 costs in a small, petty case of disturbing the peace. It is easy to make a bill that big if it isn't going to be analyzed. The justice is compelled by law to make an itemized bill on demand, and Mr. Grover ought to be made to comply with the law."

The law referred to by Mr. Hitt bearing on the subject, is section 3049 of the general statutes of 1889, which reads: "Any person liable for any costs or fees shall be entitled on demand to receive a certified bill of the same, in which the items of service and charge therefor shall be specially stated."

ARTZ'S $80 VOUCHER.

W. C. Baker Was Greatly Astounded to See How It Had Grown.

To the Editor of the State Journal.

SIR:—In answer to a statement made in your paper regarding the Artz case, you said of voucher No. 2, which refers to the voucher I signed, that Mr. Artz said he had four other men engaged at the same time I was acting as clerk and assistant adjutant general. I assisted him four nights last February. When he called me to sign the voucher he asked me how much I wanted.

I said my wages are $2.50 per day, but he said he could only give me $2.00 per day, so the voucher was laid before me to sign; and the fact is that it was $8 and not $80, of this I am positive. It greatly surprised me when I heard that the voucher now called for $80.

This is my statement: That I signed no voucher for said amount, but I signed one for $8. I also do not know of any four men that Mr. Artz says he had employed at the same time.

Yours Respectfully,
W. C. BAKER.

GOING TO MAKE THINGS HUM

Ed Snow's Paper to Begin Its Campaign of Education Next Week.

The first issue of the Ottawa Journal in Topeka will be printed on Thursday. State Printer Snow said to a JOURNAL reporter: "You see, I'll have to be here for the next seventeen months and I can't manage the paper as well in Ottawa as I can here, so I've just closed the office in Ottawa and will do all the printing and editorial work in Topeka."

The new head on the paper will be: "The Topeka Edition of the Ottawa Journal." W. J. Costigan, State Printer Snow's editor and right-hand man, has arrived in the city and will write editorials which will be decidedly warm in tone, as Mr. Costigan is one of the most powerful writers in the state. The editor will have an office in Mr. Snow's printing establishment. In speaking of the plan to be pursued, he said: "We are going to give the Republicans the same kind of medicine they are attempting to give us. The Populist papers have endeavored to discuss the economic questions, but the Republican papers would not do this and have thrown up their hands in horror at the alleged rottenness of the Populist state house officials.

"Now we intend to expose the Republicans in good shape. We are going to make people read the paper, even if they damn the paper after they read it," and the Populist editor shook his head in a quite ferocious way.

The paper will contain only editorial and literary articles and will be used as a vehicle for campaign literature.

The headquarters of Associated Charities is in the Natatorium building, on East 10th street. All applicants for aid should be referred to Mr. Eldridge, our secretary, who will be found there.

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A RUN ON THE BANK.

How About the Daily Balance of Nervous Energy?

From January to May a Serious Period—The Necessity of a True Food for the Nerves and Blood—What Paine's Celery Compound Has Done—The Case of Mr. Glaze.

From January until May there is a fearful demand made on one's stock of health—fevers, pulmonary troubles, and the host of cold weather ills quickly bring down the vitality and expend the nervous force.

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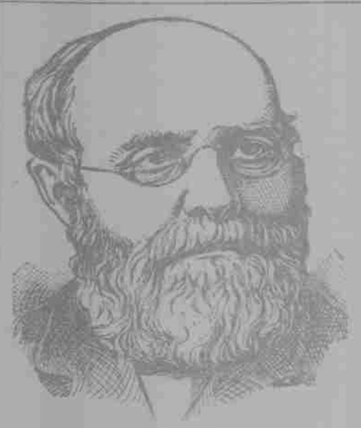

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Every one should profit by the experience of Thomas Glaze of Pittsburgh, Pa., who says:

"I was taken with the dropsy about one year ago in the feet and legs, and took several medicines, but without benefit until I tried Paine's celery compound. I felt better soon after taking it, and do not have any trouble from the dropsy now."

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Easter comes two weeks from next Sunday.

The ice in the river is breaking up rapidly.

The parquet of the Grand opera house seats 702 people.

Rev. E. Cowlen who has been sick, is feeling better today.

The street force is cleaning the ice off the Kansas avenue pavement.

E. C. Seger is now stenographer to Receiver Wilson of the Santa Fe.

There is some talk of a woman candidate for the council from the First ward.

Register of Deeds Frank Brooks says business affairs in Topeka are "picking up."

Corn is being solicited for the Associated Charities which will be ground into meal.

The Topeka postal clerks have organized a union of which F. J. Mileham is the president.

Adjutant General Artz will remain in Topeka, and will open an office for the practice of law.

Contractor P. Martineau says the high school will be completed, ready for occupancy, by June 15th.

"Hal" Nelson will go ahead of Charles Elliott's "ten nights in a bar-room"—until it catches up with him.

A crayon portrait of J. B. McAfee has been presented to the State Historical society by that gentleman.

Col. Tom Durham won't have a birthday this year, and all because he was born on the 29th day of February.

The two business men who have taken the contract for "sprinkling" Kansas avenue in North Topeka, are Baptists.

There will be a grand march at the asylum Thursday morning, March 1; 25 of the old attendants will be let out.

Parkhurst, Davis & Co. have purchased the grocery stock of O. A. Peck & Co. The stock was sold at auction.

Some one stole $5 worth of postage stamps from the office of State Bank Commissioner Breidenthal the other day.

James P. Rowley, the city passenger agent of the Santa Fe, is credited with being one of the best ticket-men in the west.

A. Langfeldt sent three Russian families from Topeka to Hodgeman county yesterday, where they will settle on farms.

Congressman Wilson is traveling through Mexico in the special car of President A. A. Robinson of the Mexican Central.

An effort is being made to have the rooms of the Topeka athletic club kept open all day Sunday for the use of the members.

The electric railway tracks on Euclid avenue, are in a very bad condition. There will be a ditched car there one of these days.

Miss Etta Montgomery, the Y. W. C. A. worker, has gone to New York where she will reside permanently and engage in city mission work.

Mr. J. E. Brophy will take the heavy part in "The Postal Clerk," which is to be given for the benefit of the poor of the city at an early date.

Ralph Ingalls has turned over to the Associated Charities the $9 due him from the state for his services during the legislative war as assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Rev. G. W. Browning, of the Kansas avenue M. E. church, will preach the annual missionary sermon at the meeting of the Kansas conference at Abilene next week.

A young man who started in to quit tipping his hat to young lady friends because it wasn't "the thing," has resumed again. He found they were ceasing to recognize him.

Charles A. Taylor, assistant superintendent of insurance, has gone to Chicago to examine some insurance companies who want admission to do business in Kansas.

Nearly all the members of the cooking class at Liberty hall, are either engaged or married ladies. They learn to make sky blue puddings and cut their fingers peeling potatoes.

Dr. G. S. Dearborn, presiding elder of the Topeka district, has been in the Methodist ministry just fifty years and will retire from active service at the meeting of the annual conference next week.

Chicken thieves made a grand roundup a few nights ago, on College Hill, and got about eighty chickens. Mr. E. B. Merriam, Prof. J. T. Lovewell, Prof. L. D. Whittemore, and Mr. Nelswenger are the losers.

The New York insurance companies have informed Superintendent Snider that they will accept his ruling on the reciprocal tax question, and will prepare an agreed case to be submitted to the supreme court.

The Rock Island has entered the western passenger rate war, and has announced a rate of $20 from the Missouri river to San Francisco and other California points. This is $15 lower than the rate announced by the Santa Fe Saturday night.

Special Pension Examiner C. S. Wilder, whose office has been in the federal building, has been transferred to Hastings, Neb., and H. A. Kingsley of the Nebraska district has been transferred to Topeka. Mr. Wilder left today for his new station.

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EX-MAYOR COFRAN LEAVES

He Has An Important Land Deal On In Mexico.

Ex-Mayor R. L. Cofran will go to Monterey, Mexico, tomorrow, and will be gone about two weeks. Most of the time will be spent in Monterey.

A party consisting of Col. A. S. Johnson, J. N. Strickler and some Chicago gentlemen will go to El Paso tomorrow also, and it is understood that Mr. Cofran's business in Monterey is for the gentlemen. They are interested in a large land deal. The party will stop at El Paso, but Mr. Cofran will go on to Monterey and transact his business.

LOCAL MENTION.

There will be a tandem social at the First Congregational church on Wednesday evening, given by the Y. P. S. C. E.

In the life class at the art school Miss Georgiana Wasson has been posing in evening dress, holding a mandolin. There are eight in this life class, and there will soon be eight portraits of Miss Wasson in existence.

Staff Captain Blanche B. Cox will be here next Sunday and Monday, March 4 and 5, and have charge of the Sunday services of the Salvation Army hall. Miss Cox has traveled much in this country and England. Lieutenant Owens accompanies her here.

Chas. P. Elliott, manager of the Grand opera house, is making arrangements for the revival and production on a grand scale of the "Ten Nights in a Barroom." He has already engaged people for his company, and they will start rehearsing in a day or two. He expects the company to take the road the 10th of March.

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