

THE UNTUTORED WEST.

Peculiar Views of an Eastern Gold Bug Editor.

It can scarcely be doubted that unless some altogether unforeseen events occur to change all the currents of probability, the next presidential contest will be waged upon financial issues, the center of which will be the question of honest money or free silver. Every indication at present points that way. The aggressive fight that is being made by the men who have most to gain by the adoption of the silver standard of monometallism, those who are interested, that is to say, in silver mines and stocks, together with the vast unwisdom and lack of principle of the untutored west, have already produced an effect. The friends of honest money are implored to wake up and bestir themselves lest the day of settlement shall arrive and find them unprepared.

There is a good year before the question begins to take definite shape, and in that year it may happen that higher prices for agricultural products and a renewal of prosperity may turn the farmer from his present purpose, which is to pay off the mortgages on his farm in 40-cent dollars. But with all due allowance made for such a reaction, it is not at all improbable that the next democratic national convention will be controlled by the silver men, who will shape the platform and name the candidate. That is the claim put forward already, and although it is probably not justified by existing facts, there is enough in the future to warrant speculation as to what effect it will have upon the democratic party.

The appeal of the silver men is made naturally to democrats. There is little danger that the republican party will be weakened by defection to the silver ranks, but that the southern democracy will be badly rent by the new outbreak of financial heresy is absolutely certain. Following, as it does, upon the heels of populism, to which the southern democrats surrendered in such matters as the income tax, it will come in the nature of well earned retribution.

The first evidence of a break comes in the form of a call for a non-partisan convention of sound money men, representing the various industries and enterprises of the south, to be held on May 23 at Memphis. In this convention the administration is taking a degree of interest that indicates personal concern in its success. The president has already broken out in a letter to Representative Patterson on the subject, and Secretary Carlisle has promised to address the convention. This, it is anticipated, will have the effect of preventing the disruption of the party in the south, and of

impressing on the democracy of the south, and of the nation that both ends are still alive.

What is more likely is that three candidates will be in the field next year, with the democrat last in the count.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Irrigation Enterprise.

Hon. Amado Chaves, superintendent of public instruction, has just returned from western Valencia county, where he has been on official business for several days. He reports that the Blue Water company has met with great success in the construction of their big reservoir. The dam has now back of it seven miles of water about twenty feet deep. The company has 200 men at work breaking land, planting, putting up fences and constructing ditches. Some 2,000 acres are already planted and several thousand more will be put under cultivation. The most improved machinery is being used and all kinds of grain is being planted. The enterprise seems to be in the hands of plucky and practical men, who are about to turn a barren waste into a perfect garden. Arrangements are being made to set out orchards of the best fruits from the very start. This enterprise has been a God-send to hundreds of native people who have found employment with good wages in these hard times.—New Mexican.

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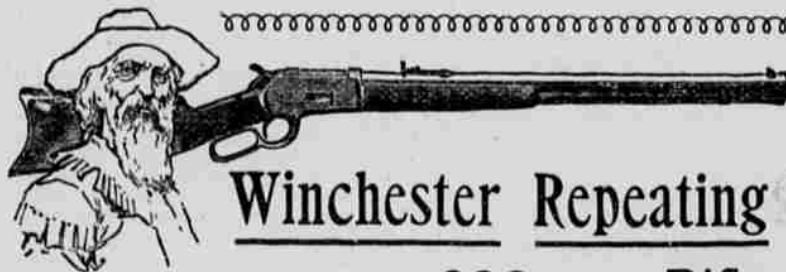
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge or Probate Clerk at Silver City N. M., on May 25th, 1895, viz: Martin Tellis, who made homestead application No. 1566 for the w 1/2 of n-w 1/4 of sec. 18, tp 19 south of range 20 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Abel Duran, of Silver City, New Mexico.
Candlo Tellis, of Duncan, Arizona.
E. Balda, " " "
T. Gonzales, " " "

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the interior department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
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