

HALL ON SILVER.

The Second District Missouri Congressman to His Constituents.

HUBBARD, Mo., July 23.—Congressman U. S. Hall has made public a vigorous letter to the voters of the Second congressional district in regard to the silver question. He declares that the time has come when all good citizens should study the matter calmly and dispassionately, disregarding the denunciations of all who have indulged in violent vituperation of their opponents. He declared that he voted for free silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 in the last congress and will vote for it in the coming congress if the Democrats of the district remain unchanged, but he holds that he has the right and it is his duty to express his views on great public questions regardless of personal political effect.

He continues: "I think, therefore, that the free and unlimited coinage of silver in the United States alone at a ratio less than the commercial one will contract the volume of currency and money far more than one-half; impair, if not destroy, our credit, individual and national; bring a round of general and almost universal foreclosure of mortgages and collection of debts; entail upon our people such a financial panic as would cause almost universal distress and suffering and forever bar the debtors from paying their debts with the same volume per capita in circulation as when the debts were contracted."

In all the markets of all the countries of the world it requires about thirty-two pounds of silver to buy as much as one pound of gold, or as it is expressed in commercial phrase, the ratio between the two metals is 32 to 1. The extreme silver men demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver by this government alone at the ratio of one-half its commercial or bullion value, or at the ratio of 16 to 1. This will force our government to coin free of charge all the silver bullion, silver coin, or silver wares brought to our mint by any persons, corporations or syndicate, domestic or foreign, and our government to force all of our own citizens to accept these dollars thus coined in payment of any of our debts and settlements due from foreigners to us, but we will still be forced to pay them in dollars worth twice as much, as no law can be passed by this government alone, without international agreement, that will force a foreigner to accept our silver except at its bullion value. I cannot believe you will advocate such legislation when you understand it."

In closing, Mr. Hall says: "I favor the free coinage of both gold and silver at the very lowest ratio which will keep both metals in circulation, this to be brought about either by international agreement or by our own country."

THE WALLER CASE.

France Refuses to Accede to United States Requests.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The negotiations with the French government respecting the case of ex-United States Consul Waller, who is now confined in prison near Marseilles, France, are in a most unsatisfactory condition in spite of the best efforts of the department exerted through Ambassador Eustis to secure justice for Waller, and it is becoming evident that if anything is to be accomplished it will be only by the display of a much more determined stand than has yet been assumed by this government.

Great pressure has been brought to bear upon the state department to induce it to secure justice for Waller, and many leading men have interested themselves in the case. The two senators from Kansas, of which state Waller is a citizen, have been particularly energetic, and ex-Senator Martin has called in person at the state department to urge prompt action.

For one thing the French government has absolutely refused to the ambassador the right to see Waller personally, a very extraordinary attitude to assume where the rights of an American citizen are concerned. Then it has failed so far to supply the ambassador with the desired copy of the court martial record in order that his government might satisfy itself of the sufficiency of the evidence on which Waller was convicted.

It is said by Waller's friends here that altogether the proceedings were extremely irregular and a travesty on justice. The fact that Mr. Eustis as yet has been unable to secure anything like a record appears to give weight to these statements.

As to Paul Bray, Waller's step-son, it is clear that he was deported from Madagascar and suffered hardships without the vestige of a trial or any legal proceeding, and, as he is an American citizen, this must form the subject of a demand for redress. Altogether the case is one threatening to hold out many difficulties in the way of amicable adjustment, but, in view of the pressure which is being exerted on the state department, it may be assumed that it will endeavor to do so before congress meets again. The subject is further complicated by instructions from the legislative branch similar to those which formed the basis of action in the Mora case.

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—The people's party is the only and original silver party. The demand for free coinage was in the Omaha platform in a clear cut and effective form, and it will also be in our next platform. But we shall not sacrifice our other principles for this alone.—Maine Populist.

—The republican papers are telling their readers that their party will settle the silver question and "settle it right." As a poll of the new congress shows that 230 of the republican members are in favor of a gold standard, and only 20 against, it is easy to see what these papers mean when they say the question will be settled right.—Topeka Press.

—The sound money idiot is busy explaining how it is that the legal tender notes of the national government are unsecured because they have no "specie basis," and at the same time proving the national bank notes are secure because they have a "bond basis." The sound money man must be a terrible temptation to the fool killer.—Pittsburg Kansan.

—The Medical World, of Philadelphia, has its columns opened to the discussion of economics and its relation to the physicians. The effect of monopolies on the profession is as marked as on any other class of men. The disclosures are remarkable and startling. It also appears that the physicians are awakening to the causes and the remedy.—Coming Nation.

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—The newsdealers, booksellers and stationers of New York are in the deadly grasp of the department store octopus and are wiggling. They see fate awaiting them—but they will not take the only avenue that will solve the problem and solve it right—government ownership of monopolies. They prefer bankruptcy and beggary to overcoming their ignorance about socialism. No law can prevent men from combining and robbing the people, except the law that establishes a public monopoly and employs the people and sells to them at cost. No other way is even suggested.—Coming Nation.

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—A correspondent writes to the Farmer's Voice that if there was no such a thing as a dollar in existence we would still express value in dollars, and the Voice replies: "Certainly. We have been doing that right along with mighty few dollars in sight." The correspondent seems to have a knowledge of the science of money and the use of a "money of account." If all the gold and silver were dumped into the sea, we should continue to differentiate and express values in terms of the money of account, through the means of paper representatives of the "unit of account," its multiples and decimals. GEORGE C. WARD.

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People's Independent State Convention

The People's Independent electors of the state of Nebraska are hereby requested to elect and send delegates from their respective counties to meet in convention in the city of Lincoln on Wednesday, August 28, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating one candidate for judge of the supreme court, two candidates for representatives of the state university, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate-at-large for each county and one additional delegate for each one hundred voters or major fraction thereof; cast at the general election of 1894 for Hon. H. W. McFadden for secretary of state, which gives the following representation by counties:

Table listing counties and their representation: Adams 10, Antelope 11, Banner 2, Blair 2, Boone 11, Box Bitter 6, Boyd 10, Brown 14, Buffalo 19, Burr 9, Cass 15, Cedar 7, Chase 2, Chas. 2, Cheyenne 4, Clay 14, Colfax 8, Colver 1, Custer 18, Dakota 4, Dawes 1, Dawson 1, Deuel 1, Dixon 8, Dodge 40, Dundy 4, Fillmore 15, Frontier 9, Furnas 12, Gage 12, Garpard 14, Gosper 12, Grant 2, Greeley 6, Hamilton 10, Harlan 9, Hayes 3, Hitchcock 14, Holt 13, Hooker 10, Howard 10, Kearney 10, Keith 10, Keya Paha 2, Kimball 2, Knox 10, Lancaster 10, Lincoln 10, Logan 2, Loup 2, Nemaha 10, McPherson 1, Morrill 2, Naumok 2, Nelso 2, Nuckolls 13, Otoe 14, Pawnee 8, Perkins 10, Phelps 11, Pierce 5, Platte 15, Platte 15, Polk 15, Red Willow 9, Richardson 11, Saline 11, Sarpy 5, Saunders 21, Scotts Bluff 10, Seward 12, Sherman 11, Sherman 7, Stanton 4, Thayer 11, Thomas 1, Thurston 3, Valley 8, Washington 7, Wayne 6, Webster 10, Wheeler 3, York 18, Total 788.

We would recommend that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote to which their respective counties are entitled.

We would also recommend that in the counties candidates for the various county offices be nominated by the same convention which selects delegates to the state convention.

J. A. EDGERTON, Secretary. J. H. EDMISTON, Chairman.

Peoples' Independent County Convention

The Peoples' Independent party of Lancaster county are hereby called to meet in county convention on Wednesday, July 31, 1895, at 10 a. m.

The purpose of this convention will be the selection of thirty-three delegates to represent the county in the state convention called to meet at Lincoln on August 28, 1895, and to nominate candidates for the various judicial and county offices to be filled at the next general election, viz:

Three judges for the Third judicial district, clerk of the district court, sheriff, treasurer, county clerk, county judge, superintendent of public instruction, coroner, surveyor, county commissioner.

The representation in said convention will consist of two delegates at large from each ward and precinct in the county, and one delegate for each fifteen (15) votes, or major fraction thereof, cast in the last general election for the 11th St. W. McFadden for secretary of state, and such representation will be as follows:

Table listing wards and their representation: First ward 11, Second ward 11, Third ward 11, Fourth ward 11, Fifth ward 11, Sixth ward 11, Bada precinct 6, Centerville 6, Denton 6, Stevens 6, Grant 6, Garfield 6, Highland 6, Lincoln 6, Little Salt 6, Middle Creek 6, Mill 6, North Bluff 6, Oak 6, Olive Branch 6, Rock Creek 6, Saitillo 6, South Pass 6, Stevens Creek 6, Stockton 6, Waverly 6, West Oak 6, York Hill 6, West Lincoln 6, Total 272.

It is recommended that the primaries for the selection of delegates in the county and precincts be held on Thursday, July 27th, the hour for holding such primary to be fixed by the central committee, and that proper notice of such primary be given to the electors.

It is also recommended that a list of the delegates elected, with alternates if any are chosen be mailed or delivered to the secretary of the county central committee as soon as possible after their selection. J. M. THOMPSON, Secretary. J. C. MCNESEY, Chairman.

14th Judicial District Call

The People's Independent electors of the 14th Judicial District of the State of Nebraska are hereby requested to elect and send delegates from their respective counties to meet in the city of Lincoln on Saturday September 7, 1895, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for judge of the district court of the 14th judicial district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention. The basis of representation will be one delegate at large from each county and one additional delegate for each one hundred voters or major fraction thereof cast at the general election of 1894 for Hon. H. W. McFadden for Secretary of State, which gives the following vote by counties:

Table listing counties and their representation: Furnas 12, Gosper 12, Frontier 9, Hitchcock 14, Total 53.

World recommend that the delegates present cast full vote of their respective counties. J. A. SHERMAN, Chairman 14th Judicial District.

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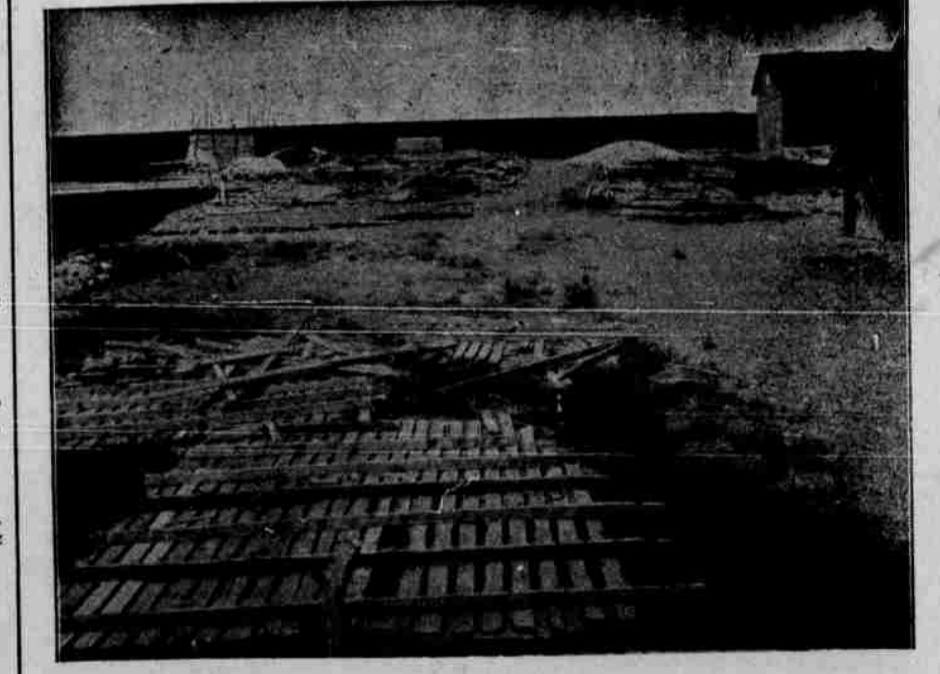
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