

DEADLY SILVER

Pittsburg Populist Believes That Silver Defeated Blaine, Harrison and Bryan

Editor Independent: At this time the republican papers of the country are trying to select a candidate for president for the democrats for 1904, and no one with sense enough to get in out of the rain will fail to understand why this is thus, after he reads my explanation.

I assume that Blaine was defeated in his race for president because he was too friendly to silver. The green-back campaigns up in Maine had brought him out of the darkness and in congress he was friendly to the silver dollar. He was the most popular man in the country (before his nomination) with the masses. He was nominated by a party fully able to have elected him, having ample resources and everything favorable to success. The banks, bondholders, aristocratic money lenders, and such like did not want a president who was not a gold bug and these classes threw their influence to Cleveland and won. This was score No. 1 for the gold bugs.

In 1888, while out of power, the republicans won, as Mr. Harrison's silver ideas were not developed till after has was elected. Then the subject came before congress in all its greatness, and in fear of free coinage of silver, Sherman offered as a substitute the Sherman act of July 2, 1890. This act Mr. Harrison approved and it was a very liberal concession to the advocates of free coinage, an act that gave us some \$60,000,000 per year of new money.

In 1892 Mr. Harrison was again nominated and had the political power of the nation aiding him; yet was defeated. Why, it may be asked, was Harrison greater than Cleveland in the estimation of the people in 1888 in his contest with Cleveland, and yet defeated four years later? What was the change? As to this I say that it was the same thing that defeated Blaine—friendship for silver, for the bankers found him out in 1890.

Here we have two of the most popular republicans in the United States, two of the ablest men as well, defeated for the presidency for one reason, only one reason, that of being in sympathy with the cause of 16 to 1, free coinage, or bimetalism. No other plausible reason can be brought forth. Had Mr. Blaine been elected, we never would have had a silver champion as we had in 1890 in the person of Benjamin Harrison.

Now, when we come to 1896 it is easy to discern the reason for the defeat of Mr. Bryan. Gold bug democrats did to Bryan what gold bug republicans did to Blaine and to Harrison. Who defeated Blaine but republicans and who defeated Harrison but republicans? Men of that party did it. In the defeat of Bryan it took a well organized movement within the democratic party to accomplish the result. Led by the money power, the daily press was practically solid against him. To uphold their power over the people the bondholder in 1884 and 1892, 1896 and 1900 were as vigilant as the slaveholder ever showed himself to be in behalf of the institution of slavery. However the slaveholder did not have to overcome the votes of his slaves, for they could not vote; but the white men in bondage, north and south, fairly fell over each other on the way to the polls to protect the plutocratic bondholders, bankers and banded trusts in their empire of licensed pillage, and the poor, insensate serf in his docility and political degradation has proven a marvel. It is likewise a marvel that the great democratic party, with its honorable memories and great statesmen, has been so singularly unfortunate in its selection of candidates for president—with its Cleveland posing as a democrat, but always doing the bidding of Wall street operators representing both old parties, and winning; and with its Bryan, representing the common people, and losing. It would seem that the people are under a hoodoo of some kind. A POPULIST.

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Fortunes in Sugar

The following is an abstract of statements brought out in a personal sketch of H. O. Havemeyer in the April Cosmopolitan. Yet Hanna once said "there are no trusts." Roosevelt talks of "good trusts and bad trusts," and the National Economic league is teaching the people that capital and labor can only be remuneratively employed by organizing "large unite." Wonder how big a dividend labor got during those years when capital was drawing 233 per cent in 12 years?

"The results produced by Mr. Have-

meyer for his own stockholders are best illustrated by taking a concrete example. The man who paid par, or ten thousand dollars, for one hundred shares of sugar refineries stock at the time of the formation of the trust in 1887, and kept his shares until the present time, would have received thirteen thousand six hundred dollars in dividends, or one hundred and thirty-six per cent in about fifteen years. In other words, he would have virtually got his investment for nothing and would still be considerably ahead. But the stock was selling considerably below par when first brought out, and it was above par for only a short time during the earlier years of its existence. Consequently, the profits of the early shareholders were much more than the figure mentioned. In November, 1890, when action was brought to prevent the absorption of the North River Refining company by the trust—being virtually a suit to dissolve the trust as an illegal combination—although the stock continued to receive dividends at the rate of ten per cent a year, the price of the shares dropped to forty-eight. The purchaser at that price in 1890, who held his shares until the present time, would have received eleven thousand one hundred and eighty-seven dollars, or two hundred and thirty-three per cent on the investment, in the shape of dividends; in other words, his principal returned to him twice over in a dozen years, with a liberal margin besides!"

Modern Duke of Alva

The Boston Globe makes a statement and then asks a question that is very easily answered. It says:

"Mr. Morgan has become a greater man than Caesar, a sort of Duke of Alva. Men are but his instruments. The question of whether the workmen receive justice and are enabled to give their children sufficient bread is all subservient to the matter of securities. Why should such a man care for congress and politics? He has the upper hold on the people without them, and the corporations are but his slaves. How long shall this man rule over us in a republic?"

The Independent replies: Just as long as the republican party remains in power.

North Carolinians are claiming that the elimination of the colored voter works like a charm. They say that the legislature of that state, which was elected by white votes, has adjourned and there were no scandals. It sat down on every proposition to divide the school fund between the two races according to the taxes that each paid. It provided liberally for two normal colleges, one for blacks and one for whites. It enacted a child labor law. It outlawed rural distilleries of which there were many in the mountains and confined the manufacture of liquor to incorporated towns. It extended the local option law and provided that dispensaries where liquor cannot be sold after dark or drank on the premises may be established in any county where the people so vote.

SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

This week opened with about 3,000 cattle here Monday, 5,000 Tuesday and 3,000 Wednesday, and a steady but slow market, averaging probably 15c lower than a week ago. Heavy receipts in Chicago has kept our market down, but we hope to see a better market by the last of the week. Common cows and butcher stuff very slow sale.

We quote good beef steers \$4.70 to \$5.00, fair \$4.40 to \$4.70, warmed-up \$3.85 to \$4.10; choice cows and heifers \$3.60 to \$4.25, fair to good \$3.00 to \$3.50, canners and cutters \$2.00 to \$2.50; good light stockers and feeders \$4.25 to \$4.50, fair \$3.75 to \$4.20, stocker heifers \$2.60 to \$3.25; bulls \$2.60 to \$3.30; veal \$4.00 to \$6.50.

Hog receipts liberal Market lower. Range \$6.90 to \$7.15.

Sheep receipts moderate. Market slow and weak. Southern sheep moving freely. Killers. Lambs, choice \$6.00-\$6.50 Yearlings 5.25-5.50 Wethers 4.50-5.00 Ewes 2.50-3.50

Good paint is cheap. It will pay you to paint your house and barn this spring. See the special paint bargains offered by the Farmers Grocery Co. of this city in their ad. this week. Write for color card and mention The Independent.

Carried Out, Nit

Resolved, That we fully approve of the action of the republican administration and of the republican members of the senate and congress of the United States for the carrying out of the principles and provisions of the republican platform.—National Republican Editorial association, at its meeting in Washington, Feb. 27.

How have these "provisions and principles" been carried out? Let us see:

"We condemn all conspiracies and combinations intended to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production, or to control prices, and favor such legislation as will EFFECTUALLY restrain and prevent all such abuses, protect and promote competition, and secure the rights of producers, laborers, and all who are engaged in industry and commerce."—Republican national platform, 1900.

Where is this "effectual" legislation?

"We favor the associated policy of reciprocity, so directed as to open our markets on favorable terms for what we do not ourselves produce in return for free foreign markets."

Where is the reciprocity with Cuba? "In the further interest of American labor a more effective restriction of the immigration of cheap labor from foreign lands."

Has this been done? "(We favor) the extension of opportunities of education for working children." Has this extension been made? "(We favor) the raising of the age limit for child labor." And what has been done? "(We favor) the protection of free labor as against contract convict labor." And has the protection been given? "And (we favor) an effective system of labor insurance." Something like the Burlington Voluntary (?) Relief doubtless—but where is the measure?

"Our present dependence upon foreign shipping for nine-tenths of our foreign carrying is a great loss to the industry of this country. . . . The national defence and naval efficiency of this country, moreover, supply a COMPELLING reason for legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the TRADE-CARRYING fleets of the world." Have we recovered that place? And where is the legislation for which there was such a "compelling" reason?

"We favor home rule for, and the EARLY admission to statehood of, the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma." And what in the name of common sense do these republican papers call "early" admission?

We can admit that a "department of commerce and industries" has been created. It is rarely difficult to create new offices. But we may seriously doubt that "the administration has acted wisely in its efforts to secure for public service in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine islands ONLY those whose FITNESS has been determined by training and experience." We might mention names of some whose services had been secured, which might raise a serious question as to what kind of "fitness" was expected; say, Tom Cook, A. R. Cruzen, and a few others of that stamp.

The pledge to Cuba has been carried out; but nothing has been done to "equalize and lower the rates of interest," although several bills have been introduced professing to have that end in view, and which, by the way, cast suspicion upon the platform statement of "confidence in the wisdom of the legislation of the 56th congress by which the parity of all our money and the stability of our currency on a gold basis has been SECURED."

The republican editorial association has another guess coming. It ought to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "carrying" and adding the words, "out of a few, very few, of the principles and provisions of the republican platform."

Farmers Meet and Organize

Holdrege, Neb., April 18.—The farmers had a meeting today at the court house to organize a branch of the State Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association. State Organizer C. Vincent of Omaha was present by invitation and at the close of his address a temporary organization was effected and a soliciting committee chosen to secure stock subscriptions. Mr. Vincent's discovery that the elevator lobby failed in its effort to cripple the Ramsey bill was a pleasant surprise and will stimulate further organization in this county.—World-Herald.



Don't Be Too Fat

Don't ruin your stomach with a lot of useless drugs and patent medicines. Send to Prof. F. J. Kellogg, 448 Kellogg Building, Battle Creek, Michigan, for a free trial package of a treatment that will reduce your weight to normal without diet or drugs. The treatment is perfectly safe, natural and scientific. It takes off the big stomach, gives the heart freedom, enables the lungs to expand naturally, and you will feel a hundred times better the first day you try this wonderful home treatment.

Recall the Army

Editor Independent: Now that Roosevelt is "going to the mountains, because the mountains cannot come to him," let the people ask him as commander-in-chief to recall the army from Manila, and thus stop the ruined-constitution men from filling graves, swelling pension lists or being sent in boatloads to lunatic asylums, never to recover.

Stop the plural marriages with "nurses and school teachers!" Stop "officers killing poor prisoners of war," on their own soil, and by U. S. men, who were made to believe that the United States government was a friend to help them to liberty, practically already theirs, from the Spanish government.

How outrages "smell to heaven," as never odor ascended before!

Racing over the country talking of "prosperity," with an insufficient number of men to do the farming work, even in this part of the country, as well as all over the great area, is worse than verdant talk!

A great crowd of sleepers are on a terrible precipice, in the clouds, and the rocks below are awaiting their fall!

O, my country, what a fall is before us, if the people do not awaken in time to avert it!

If the "rampage" will not awaken the sleepers, what will?

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Must See the 'Affidav'!

Editor Independent: I wrote postal for missing number of April 2, but have since received it all right.

I have never before failed of getting the paper on the Monday following the date of publication. I was very much amused in reading the piece "God-Ordained Revenues" which struck me as something that might be called wise or "otherwise." "Freaks of the Mind" I had read in The Independent, and I was impressed with the idea that the writer of this last article was a little too dogmatic in his assertion, where—referring to the editor—he says: "He confounds men with society. These are two wholly distinct and different things." Which may be, or may be not—it depends. It is not immutably so from any man's "say so"—sure.

Freaks of the mind, I take it, include much good, as well as much poor logic, and beside it all, is included much illogical guess-work about things we know not of.

I have felt much sympathy for the editor of The Independent in his pit of "darkness"—as compared with his correspondent's abode where the light of fore-knowledge of the Creator's intentions seems to shine freely.

Your correspondent seems to guess, in a self-satisfied way, that the Almighty meant to put the "single tax" into the list of his commandments, and very coolly resting his case on this assumption, as won, he "cheekily" shifts the burden of proof onto the editor by telling him that "it is up to him to prove the contrary." Well, I should smile. Guess-work is good work if you only guess right! But it seems the editor don't "subscribe" to the "revealing" powers of guess-work about infinite "designs." He wants to see the sure-enough "affidav" with the genuine signature to the writer's commission. Come forward, presagers, and show your credentials!

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