

THEY LIKE IT IN THE EAST.

THAT IS THAT PORTION WHO RAISE MORTGAGES AND PRODUCE A HELL ON EARTH.

But Farmers and Laborers are as bad off as we are.

The United States census reports show that in the last decade, from 1880 to 1890, Massachusetts, one of the New England states, grew in wealth in these ten years \$11,000,000 more than Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana all combined.

These are ten among the most fertile states of our Union, and are sixty-one times as large and have nine times as many and just as industrious people as Massachusetts.

Pennsylvania, one of the most barren of these same middle states, grew in wealth \$13,000,000 more than Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana all combined. These thirteen states are nearly fifteen times as large and have more than four times as many people as Pennsylvania. Why this remarkable result? New York, another one of these same middle states grew in wealth during the last decade \$7,000,000 more than Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana all combined. These sixteen states are nearly sixteen times as large and have more than four times as many people as New York. Why this reversal?

Rhode Island, another one of these same New England states, is perhaps the most barren patch on the continent. It is not as large as the two smallest counties of Arkansas. It has less than one-third as many people as Arkansas, yet this little patch of sand and stone and salt water grew in wealth during the last decade \$41,000,000 more than the four great states of Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina and Mississippi all combined. These four states are 136 times as large and have twenty-one times as many people as Rhode Island—just as honest, just as industrious people, all toiling just as eagerly to make wealth.

In one single year, from 1893 to 1894 the state of Massachusetts grew in wealth upward \$24,000,000; Pennsylvania grew upward \$46,000,000; New York grew upward \$235,000,000; three times as much as all the distinctively manufacturing states combined, while the entire south and west suffered an aggregate loss of more than \$400,000,000 in this one single year.

These are not predictions, nor theories, but stubborn facts. The same telltale census reports disclose upon whom these enormous losses are falling, as well as into whose hands this enormous increase of wealth is falling.

Mr. Carroll D. Wright's census bulletin No. 98 shows that notwithstanding the immense increase in the wealth of Massachusetts, 82 per cent., upward of four-fifths of all the families residing in Boston, have no homes, but live in rented houses, while a large percentage of those who nominally own their homes are fighting under constantly appreciating mortgages.

Notwithstanding the enormous increase in the wealth of Pennsylvania, 77 per cent. or more than three-fourths of the families, residing in Philadelphia, have no homes, while a large part of those who have homes are struggling against constantly appreciating mortgages. Notwithstanding the increase in the wealth of Rhode Island, 79 per cent. nearly four-fifths of the families of Providence have no homes.

Notwithstanding the enormous increase of the wealth of New York, 94 per cent. more than nine-tenths of the families who reside in New York city, have no homes, while a large part of the 6 per cent. who nominally own their homes are despondently battling against constantly appreciating mortgages.

This same bulletin shows another significant fact—that a larger percentage of foreign born citizens of the United States own their homes than of natives. The principals of the peoples, independent party are advocated by a majority of the citizens in and around the village, they are working up quite an interest in the free silver idea. Gibbon is surrounded by a rich agricultural valley between the Wood river and the Platte and farmers are well fixed and prosperous.

Who are the people who have no homes? Are they bankers or protected manufacturers or other financial "experts"?

But these census reports do not stop even here in their disclosures.

They show that right alongside the factory-made home markets in Massachusetts nearly 1,500 farms have been abandoned, upward of 700 of which had houses upon them. In Pennsylvania, in New York, in all New England, agriculture is in unprecedented distress and farms are being abandoned.

Take for illustration, Illinois. Before the war this was the farmer's paradise. Almost every acre of it is as fertile as the valley of the Nile and is in high state of cultivation, giving indisputable evidence of unremitting toil and energy. Every county in it has from one to twenty railroads. Its cities have grown in wealth during the last decade about \$500,000,000. Yet the aggregate wealth of Illinois during this decade has decreased \$59,000,000, and during the single year from 1892 to 1894 it decreased upward of \$24,000,000.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by J. M. Swigart. Correspondence solicited.

Last January the state auditor received the sworn statement of all Mutual Insurance companies in the state. But on examination of the same he concluded that all were entitled to a certificate of authority except the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of Nebraska. Because he thought that the company was

not doing business in accordance with the law, that is, the company's agents would induce men to cancel their stock policies and in fact would take up the policies of stock companies and issue their own instead. The company also took notes in payment of membership and survey fees, and other things that the auditor did not seem to think was expedient for a purely mutual to do. Hence he withheld the certificate but afterwards issued a temporary certificate with the understanding that the company would go to the court in a mandamus proceeding to compel the auditor to issue a permanent certificate. This case will come up before the supreme court in the fore part of the next session which commences May 5.

Many of our members hear that it is our company that is being tied but such is not the case, we have our certificates for the county fire company and also for the fire and cyclone company on the wall.

I will give you a copy of one, viz.

"LINCOLN, Feb. 1, 1896. It is hereby certified that the Nebraska Mutual Fire, Lightning and Cyclone Insurance Company of Lincoln in the state of Nebraska has complied with the Insurance law of this state and is therefore authorized to continue the business of Fire and Cyclone Insurance in this state for the current year. Witness my hand and seal of the auditor of public accounts the day and year first above written.

EUGENE MOORE, Auditor P. A. [Seal] N. W. PETERS Deputy. The only way that the trouble now in court can effect any company except the one that did not get the certificate is that the auditor's answer carries the idea that the law is unconstitutional.

The Mutual Insurance Association composed of several local companies will have Judge Martin of Falls City, to defend the constitutionality of the law. Every local company should come to the front and help defray the expense. \$1.00 from each company would be ample money but if some fail a few companies will have to foot the bill. Every company has an interest in keeping the law on the books here all should respond.

Fred Hector of South Auburn and John H. Korster of Johnson, called on us last week, the former is secretary the latter director of the German Mutual Insurance company of Nemaha county. Their company is five years old, has \$700,000 insurance, has paid about \$800 for losses, cost for five years \$3.50 per \$1,000.

Is it any wonder that Stock companies do not desire the Mutuals to have a legal right to exist. If the law is declared unconstitutional the farmers of Nebraska will not lay down and quietly submit but they will organize mutual aid societies until there can be a law passed that will stand the test. But I do not think that any mutual man would be so mean and dastardly contemptible as to ask that a law or supreme court decision should put an estoppel to any Stock companies from writing insurance in this state even at the uncalculated high and increasing rate that the pooled companies are demanding.

Shelton Rallies to the Independent.

SHELTON, NEB., April 25, 1896. Special to the INDEPENDENT. I reached this little city on the east line of Buffalo county about 11 a. m. proceeded to the Howard house, and deposited my baggage, and proceeded to look up a few of the honest denizens of the place and vicinity, and succeeded beyond my expectation in finding friends of the cause of the people. I was able before 5 p. m. to add sixteen new names to the list of those who read the truth as it is found in the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT. The INDEPENDENT has a great many good and substantial friends in and around Shelton who are anxious to see it grow and prosper and continue to carry the good tidings of the hope of the deliverance from the bondage of the money power which controls the financial system of the country.

Gibbon Still Flourishes.

GIBBON, NEB., April 24, 1896. Special to the INDEPENDENT: This is a very pleasant and apparently prosperous little village, situated about fourteen miles east of Kearney on the U. P. R. All classes of business are represented here. There are two newspapers, the Reporter, the Populist organ, has a good circulation, and the editor, Mr. Carson is a wide awake original populist and the paper is a live and spicy sheet. The principals of the peoples, independent party are advocated by a majority of the citizens in and around the village, they are working up quite an interest in the free silver idea. Gibbon is surrounded by a rich agricultural valley between the Wood river and the Platte and farmers are well fixed and prosperous.

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The Metric System.

By a vote of 119 to 117 the house passed the bill to adopt the metric system of weights and measures in all departments of the government after July 2, 1896, and to make it the only legal system after January 1, 1901. It will bother people considerable to change from the old to the new method, but if the goldites win the people will have nothing to measure, so it does not matter much any way.

Should Resent Insult.

The negroes of the state of Nebraska should repudiate the republican party for the insult offered them by the election of the negro Bud Lindsey, notorious as a keeper of a low grog shop in Lincoln, as a delegate to the national republican convention. If they do not, it will be practically an admission that they are on the same level with Lindsey.—Madison Reporter.

WHAT THE SOUTH WILL DO.

LEADING FREESILVER DEMOCRATS DECLARE THEY NEVER WILL BOLT.

Interviews With The Old Time Deceivers.

BLISS BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C. April 18, 1896.

We can't act independently on the silver question," said a South Carolina representative, referring to Senator Tillman's interview in this correspondence last week. "If we bolt the Chicago convention that puts us outside the democratic party."

Then what will happen? "Why, the anti Tillmanites will control the party organization and with the aid of the negroes who can vote even under our inhibitory constitutional suffrage amendment, will sweep the state, congressmen and all. You see we are in a h— of a fix and don't know what to do. We have made the fight for white rule and have won, and between white rule and white money, self preservation compels us to maintain white supremacy. If we can get both, why, we shall be happy. But I don't take much stock in the 'free silver or bust' talk. If the Chicago convention nominates a free silver candidate on a plain free silver platform the democratic ticket will be elected. If a gold candidate is nominated the presidential election will go by default so far as the south is concerned. Every southern state, in that event, will make the fight on state issues. I agree with senator Tillman, however, that the silver democrats will not bolt at Chicago if escape from such an alternative is possible."

So that silver in the south must be considered wholly from the standpoint of state politics. It is advocated or repudiated by the democratic party as party exigency demands. When allegiance to silver is necessary to maintain party supremacy it is boldly advocated. It is done to keep the masses of the party in line on state issues. The southern states will demand a silver candidate and a silver platform at Chicago upon the principle of state preservation. The rank and file of the democratic party in the south is ready to abandon the party on the money issue only when and where it can be done without jeopardizing local interests. The gold faction fully understands the southern situation, and is not in the least alarmed at the bluster of southern silver democrats.

"Where," remarked a New York democrat, "will the south get its campaign funds if it bolts the Chicago convention? Every penny used to keep 'the solid south' together for the last fifteen years has come from New York. Left to its own resources 'the solid south' would only be a memory today instead of an important factor in national politics. You can put it down, that the south will not bolt the Chicago convention."

This observation was repeated in the presence of a group of southern silver democrats. Livingston, of Georgia, the most blatant blatherkite of them all, quickly responded, "we are simply making asses of ourselves when we talk about bolting the convention. We all know what we will do when the time comes, and we well know that there will be no bolt. This 'free silver or bust' talk is unadulterated idiocy. What is the president's worth to the south with a man like Cleveland in the White House. Our fight is for home government and the repeal of the 'force bill' makes that certain for all time to come."

Livingston stated the proposition broadly and honestly, and nine out of ten silver shrieking southern democrats agree with him. Representative Cox, of Tennessee, an ardent and conscientious silver democrat, was asked what significance he attached to the silver victory in Alabama. "It seems," he replied "that the silver faction will control the Chicago convention."

And what does that mean? "Well, it means a determined effort to nominate a silver candidate and adopt a silver platform. I don't say that it will succeed, but if it does not it means that the south will make a common fight for state preservation and a democratic silver congress. That policy will succeed if we can get out the democratic vote, but right there is great danger. We lost Tennessee in the last election by the stay-at-home vote. Mr. Patterson, the administration champion in Tennessee, lost 12,000 votes in his district. The democratic majority on the state ticket was reduced from 30,000 to 1,500. The situation is even more critical now than in 1894. With a gold candidate for president and a silver state ticket, every democratic candidate from congressman to constable will be compelled as a matter of self preservation, to repudiate the presidential ticket. That being so, it would seem to be our plain duty to bolt the Chicago convention in the event a gold candidate is nominated, but, in my opinion, no such action is in contemplation. That would mean the dismemberment of the national organization and no southern democrat is prepared for that. This phase of the situation was fully discussed at a recent meeting of the Tennessee state executive committee and the conclusion against bolting was unanimous. It will not be considered in the election of delegates to the national convention, and it was not considered in the Alabama primary election last week."

Listening at Key Holes.

There are a few in the populist party who serve no other purpose than guarding the keyholes, and they hold their places without contest by common consent.—Sound Money.

A Grand Leader.

Senator W. V. Allen has written a very sensible and modest letter to Gov. Holcomb giving some good reasons for his declination to accept the populist nomination for president. Our Senator has earned his popularity and won the esteem of all classes except the ossified republican place hunters and their organs. Such papers sneer at his candidacy and claim that the certainty of defeat causes him to decline the offered honor. He would be a grand and fearless leader in the great battle of human rights—Blair Republican.

POPULISTS OAREY LOUISIANA.

Now Then on to the White House.

Our entire ticket is elected, district and parish, and we were successful in a majority of the ward struggles. We feel safe in predicting four years of good district, parish and ward government. We congratulate our people in that they have shown their would-be masters that rights, too, is sometimes might. Paraphrasing the salutation of the Oriental we say "O, People, Live Forever."

The Times Democrat and the Picayune are seeking to aid the Foster cause by creating the impression in the public mind that Murphy J. Foster was elected governor of this state on Tuesday last. None know better than the editors of these two newspapers that Mr. Foster will not be the next governor of Louisiana.

The legislature elected, so far as returns now show, will have a majority of thirty honest men, who will not go into any democratic caucus upon the question of returns, and will vote to give John N. Pharr the governorship.—People's Party Advocate, Washington-Louisiana.



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