

HOLD THE FORCES

A Correspondent Who Wants a New Name for Popocracy.

Free and unlimited coinage has but partially received the support of the voters of the United States. It met with defeat from two causes; first, from want of information and agitation in every part of the union. Second, from lack of a "party name" by which the silver forces of the union could rally without prejudice.

It is to be regretted that Senator Butler of South Carolina, proposes to sever the relation made so conspicuous during the last campaign, instead of inviting the noble support given to the silver cause, "to form a more perfect union," under an appropriate name around and under which every true man would hasten to adopt and carry on the fight so gloriously begun. It is doubted that we would have polled half the vote we did under the fragmentary system by which we entered the field had it not been for the dignity and power of our illustrious standard bearer, the incomparable W. J. Bryan.

His personal influence was a million of votes or more to our case. The "democratic name," which stood for silver and also for gold, carried with it a prejudice which hundreds of thousands of republicans, populists and prohibitionists could not be reconciled to. "Save the fragments that nothing be lost," should lead our fragmentary patriots for a bi-metallic standard to consolidate in a union that shall hereafter show themselves invincible. This should be the first thing settled. Why not call the silver organization the "union party" or "national union party." The safety of the homes of the sober, industrious and moral citizens are now in jeopardy by the vicious working of the gold standard system, and overriding dictation of mighty plutocratic combinations which seek to rob the citizen of his free and untrammeled vote, the poor man's only weapon of defense in time of peace.

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GOES HOME TO DIE.

Gov. Holcomb Issues a Pardon to Black Horse, Alias Two Bears.

Black Horse, alias Two Bears, who has been confined in the penitentiary for some time, has been released on commutation of sentence and is now en route to his home at Pine Ridge agency. Two Bears is said to be his real name, though he was known to the court officers and penitentiary officials by the name of Black Horse, which he is said to have appropriated from his brother when arrested.

The Indian carried imbedded in his side a spear head which had been broken off by some red enemy in a long ago war between hostile bands. This spear head was so deeply imbedded that it was thought unsafe to try to remove it, and apparently it had become safely enmeshed so that no great harm was liable to come from it. He had been at work in the copper shop and the penitentiary people think that the constant muscular exertion required has caused the spear to shift its position.

The prison physician gives it as his opinion that he will not live many days, even if he is able to reach the agency.

On the statement of the prison physician, the governor granted a commutation of sentence, which permitted Black Horse or Two Bears to be released. This is the only release of a prisoner on commutation or otherwise than by expiration of term of imprisonment, and the officials, since the election. It is said that a report has been going out in the state that there have been fifteen or sixteen pardons or commutations of sentence in that time.

Insurance Department.

Conducted by J. T. M. Swigart, Correspondence solicited.

Now since the election is over and the friends of mutual insurance are in office is an opportune time to commence to consider the points to be touched upon during the first legislature in which any but republicans have had clear sailing.

Although mutual insurance is not a political subject there never was any good legislation on this subject until a populist legislature gave us the law of 1891 under which some forty-five companies have been organized and have saved many thousands of dollars for the farmers of this state. Now the people of the towns are clamoring for a law that they may also get their insurance at cost without giving the company a hired man a good fat snap. The present legislature should pass a good law for them and in fact all classes of property should be allowed to be insured in mutual companies if the owners want to organize including mills and factories of all kinds. In fact a good, safe, general mutual insurance law should be passed.

Then the auditor should see to it that none but strictly mutuals work under the law. The auditor should send out a blank form to the secretaries that would give in detail the working of the company as that is the only way by which he can judge as to whether they are entitled to do business or not. This report should be printed in tabulated form for the benefit of all who should ask for it. Hence if any member did not know the full details of the management of his company he could find out by asking the auditor for it.

We have made the assertion that if the legislature and all the state officers were to be populists the stock insurance companies would not be molested so far as the law concerning them is concerned except that the "valued policy law" would remain on the statutes without amendment and that a law permitting mutuals to insure all classes of property, but on the other hand that if the opponents of the officers elect were elected that the mutuals would suffer all kinds of snubs and rebuffs. I now here retract the above and ask the readers to observe how far we missed the mark. Our people are not in favor of the classes but the business. Next week the mutual insurance companies of Iowa meet in Des Moines in delegate convention. We hope to attend as it is a school to all who are interested in the case. The companies of Iowa look forward to this meeting as one of deep interest to them and will willingly pay the expenses of a del-

agate or two annually to exchange theories. I hope to meet several secretaries of Nebraska companies this year as their respective companies would profit thereby. As Iowa is considered in the front rank in the line of mutual insurance all over this union, it is to be hoped that Nebraska will come up to her in this respect but we must get together in an association of companies all work in harmony. There will be an annual meeting of this kind in January here in Lincoln. Hope to hear from every company that they will send a delegate.

SAVED THE OLD MAN

Nebraska Senators Exchange Telegraphic Compliments Over the Election.

Senator Thurston felt so good over the returns the morning after election that he wired Senator Allen at Madison as follows: "I congratulate you on McKinley's election, which saves your party from playing Jonah for the democratic whale." To which Senator Allen responded: "Like the young doctor attending his first case of obstetrics, we have lost the mother and child, but, by the grace of God, we have saved the old man in person of Holcomb."

South Dakota Decidedly Close. YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 9.—With the state complete except Hamlin and McPherson counties and three unorganized counties on the Sioux reservation, Mr. Bryan has a plurality in South Dakota of 45. Hamilton and McPherson will give McKinley a plurality, while the reservation counties are expected to go for Bryan. It will take the official canvass to settle South Dakota's electoral vote.

FAILED OF RE-ELECTION.

Defeat of Linton in Michigan and Haines of Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The House of Representatives will lose a good many interesting figures. Not one of these was more prominent than William H. Linton, the acknowledged head of the American Protective association. He has been defeated in the Eighth Michigan district by Ferdinand D. Brucker of Saginaw. It is not known whether it was Mr. Linton's connection with the A. P. A. which brought about his defeat or the preponderance of silver sentiment in his district.

Eugene J. Hainer, another leader of the forces arrayed against sectarian appropriations in the House, and said to be a member of the A. P. A., was defeated in the Fourth Nebraska district by Judge W. L. Stark, populist. Next to Mr. Linton, Mr. Hainer was known as the leader of that element opposed to any kind of sectarian appropriation. The silver men lose Towne, the young Minnesota Republican, who became a national figure by his speech in the house and by his bolt of the St. Louis convention. Mr. Towne still claims his election, but the chances are against him.

There will be one colored man in the next house whose seat will not be questioned. He is George H. White of the Second North Carolina district. George W. Murray, the colored member from South Carolina, has been defeated by Colonel Elliott, but will probably contest the election, as he did in the present house.

A. J. WARNER ISSUES AN ADDRESS.

Silver Headquarters to be Maintained at Washington and San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. The campaign for the free coinage of silver will be waged with vigor during the next four years in preparation for the election of 1900. The directors of the American Bimetallic union, who constitute the bulk of the silver leaders in three parties, have decided to maintain headquarters in this city, from which to send out literature.

The branch office at Chicago will be consolidated with the Washington office, but the San Francisco branch is to be continued. At the request of the directors, General A. J. Warner, the president of the union, has issued the following address to the Silver leagues and Bimetallic unions of the United States: "Silver has lost in this election, but the battle for the overthrow of the gold standard has not ended. The disastrous results that must attend upon the continuance of this standard make it impossible to relinquish the struggle against it until it is finally overturned.

"The gold standard cannot be maintained by increasing revenues, because revenues are not paid in gold. The attempt to maintain the gold standard by perpetual loans must also, sooner or later, fail.

"The victory for gold is a victory of trusts and syndicated wealth, brought about by corruption and coercion, and not a victory of the people, or for the people, and it cannot last. There must be an end also to the constant appreciation of money.

"The battle, therefore, for the restoration of silver must go on without abatement. I urge upon all silver and bimetallic leagues and unions to keep up their organizations and to continue the fight till victory for the people is finally won.

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GAMBLING IN TULIPS.

A Strange Popular Craze in Holland Two Centuries Ago.

Toward the middle of the seventeenth century one of the strangest of popular follies took possession of the usually positive and hard-headed Dutch. At that period Holland had grown from small beginnings into riches and luxury. With a taste for vivid colors, the merchants of Haarlem began to center their admiration upon tulips. Gardens were laid out, new varieties sought, emulation became rife and a mania spread over the people. New forms, shades or combinations were introduced into the market and fortunes were made and spent on these lowly flowers. Bulbs reached fabulous prices, and the only similar craze in more recent times seems to have been the sale of the famous peach-blow vase in New York city at the Morgan sale. This latter, however, was confined to a few connoisseurs, while the tulip craze swept an entire slow-going, practical Dutch community. One bulb of choice variety was equivalent to a competence for an entire family, whereas in Haarlem living was cheap. In a contiguous city for one plant was given two carts of grain, four carts of barley, four oxen, twelve sheep, two casks of wine, four casks of beer, a thousand pounds of cheese, a complete suit of fine clothing and a silver goblet. Another bulb was sold for 13,000 florins, or about \$5,200 of our money. Once there was in Haarlem left only two bulbs of a certain prized variety. For one was offered and refused the equivalent in our currency of \$1,840, besides a splendid coach and pair with their trappings. Another refusal was of twelve acres of valuable land. On the register of another city to-day can be seen the record of the sale of 120 tulips for the benefit of an orphanage, which brought in the amazing sum of—in our country—\$36,900. The spread of this craze is a study in psychology. Finally, when gambling in tulips began, when brokers bought and sold "long" and "short," the government decreed that debts thus contracted should be exacted in the usual manner. Soon thereafter prices suddenly fell, and the mania died a natural death.—Philadelphia Times.

SILENCED THE "MASHER."

How a New Woman Greeted a Giddy Youth's Unwelcome Attention.

He had a smile as bright as his gayly-colored trap as he rode up alongside a demure young woman, who was walking in Central Park, the other morning, upon one of the asphalt paths. She heard the rattle of wheels at her side, yet she turned neither to the right nor to the left. "Good morning," said the handsome young man as he raised his straw hat with the dizzy band, "wouldn't you like to take a ride with me this morning?"

The girl didn't say "Sir-r" or "What means this intrusion?" She slowly turned around and looked the young man over from head to foot. He bore her gaze without flinching, and started to get down from his seat as if to assist her into the trap.

The girl looked at him and then at the pocketbook which she held in her hand.

"I don't know," she said, half aloud, "I don't know, I'm sure. How much would you charge to take me to the Art Museum?" There was a whirl of yellow trap, of bright red hat band and flying wheels. "You'll do," the young man said, as he rapidly drove away.—New York Herald.

His Skin Transparent.

"The worst affliction I ever knew anyone to have," said C. R. Annore, of Duluth, "is that of a young man in my city. His skin has become dead in some way, and all the coloring matter is gone, leaving the cuticle perfectly transparent. The result is that all the veins and arteries are plainly visible and he looks like an animated anatomical chart. The case baffles all physicians, and the only remedy would seem to be to graft new skin over the boy's entire body, which, of course, would be impracticable, if not impossible. His skin was unusually clear and transparent when he was a baby, and, instead of growing thicker and having more color as he grew older, what color it possessed left it, and by the time he was twelve years old he appeared at a distance as though all the skin had been removed.—Washington Star.

Fasted Nearly Two Years.

Dr. Tanner's famous fast of forty days is thrown into the background as a starvation feat by the performance of the big anaconda at the Philadelphia zoological gardens, which was only recently tempted to eat a nice fat rabbit after going hungry for twenty-months. It may have been even longer, but the keepers have no record of the creature's doings previous to its captivity, and so can't tell. It is not very unusual for a snake to abstain from food for several months at the end of which time death generally results; but the anaconda's case is distinctly different from any other. Its fast lasted more than twice as long as any in the history of the Zoo, and during the whole of its continuance there was no evidence of ill health. The spell now seems to be entirely broken, and the anaconda calls regularly for its meals.

His Last Ascension.

Joseph Ellis, of Adrian, Mich., went up in a balloon from Blennerhassett Island, near Parkersburg, W. Va. He lost his grip and was buried as soon thereafter as was consistent with decency.

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NINE STATES VERY CLOSE.

Less Than 50,000 Votes Really Settled the Election.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The immense popular majority received by Major McKinley and his goodly majority in the electoral college tend alike to conceal the real narrowness of his victory because of the closeness of the vote in several states. If there had been a change of less than 26,000 votes in the aggregate in nine states, Bryan would have been elected President of the United States. McKinley's majority in California, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming combined was less than 53,000, and the nine states cast 60 electoral votes. A change of only about 26,000 votes would have given the 60 electoral votes of these nine states to Bryan, and these 60 electoral votes would have elected him President of the United States.

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