

**NOT BY MISTAKE.**

The partisan republican papers are trying to make capital by claiming to have discovered that General Fields, the people's nominee for vice-president, was a way up rebel. Let it be understood that these bright republicans have made no discovery. The people's party knew General Fields' history when it placed him in nomination, and he is just the kind of a man that the party wanted. The party claims that there is no enmity between the north and the south, that the old issues of the war have long been settled and that sad affair is a thing of the past.

In the convention at Omaha the demand from the southern men was that the first place on the ticket be filled by a northern man. Not only that, but they insisted that the northern man be one who had been in the Union army and had shown his courage and bravery there. As a counter-part to this non-sectional spirit in the south, many of the northern delegates insisted that the second place be filled by a southern man and one who had been active on the side of the rebellion. And so the ticket was made, deliberately and on purpose, headed by the brave general of the north and seconded by the brave general of the south.

If the republicans wish to make sectional strife the issue of the coming campaign, let them do so. The people's party has gotten beyond that. The republican party has been talking peace and reunion and fraternity for twenty years, but the moment the people's party makes a practical example of that fraternity, the republican papers turn up their noses and try to prod every old soldier back into line

by reviving the old sectional hatred. Greater duplicity was never witnessed than in the republican claim of fraternal feeling toward the south. It exists with the masses, we admit, but the leaders are constantly endeavoring to break it down and kindle again the fires of sectional hatred and arouse a bitter remembrance of the sad affairs of the rebellion.

Let the republican papers harp about the confederate candidate if they like. The people's party has done its work deliberately, has done what most of its best thinkers believed was best, and has done just what the masses of all parties have claimed should be done, they have given a practical demonstration of their willingness to bury the past, to meet the demands of the present and to prepare for the needs of the future.

The people's party has nominated a man who thirty years ago, took up arms in what he believed to be the cause of his native state against his native land. He made a mistake. He knows it now and is glad that his side was defeated. His course then was just what would have been followed by almost every one of us of the north if we had been in his place.

The independents of the country make no apology for the nomination of a southern man. They are simply practicing one of the good things which the republicans have been preaching for years. The old soldiers who will be whipped into the republican traes by the party leaders because the south has been recognized by the people's party, are few indeed. The old soldier who says he would have been an independent but for the nomi-

nation of General Fields, may be put down as a weakling or a liar, who would not have been an independent with any ticket.

Let the word go forth that the people's party has made its ticket not by accident but with full knowledge of what it was doing and with full purpose to do nothing else; that the party is proud of its practical stand in favor of fraternity and union, and that it invites to its support all who believe that the present needs of the country are far more important than its past misfortunes, and that the future welfare of our nation demands the united effort of all sections with charity toward all and with malice toward none.

IT WAS Solomon who remarked that "there is nothing new under the sun." The discussion of the issues in American politics certainly confirm that remark. We have just finished reading a speech on the silver question delivered in congress in 1879 by Thomas Ewing of Ohio. In it we find the same unanswerable arguments in favor of free coinage, and the same replies to the trumped up objections of the gold bugs that we find in the speeches of the silver men today. The cant about an "honest dollar," a "deluge of cheap foreign silver," etc., was the stock in trade of the enemies of silver then as now. Ewing nailed them to the cross with "conspiracy of 1873," just as the champions of the white metal do today. That speech was made thirteen years ago, and yet free coinage is still a thing of the uncertain future. Verily it takes a long time to persuade the intelligent American voter to cast his ballot in his own interest.

**THE ROOKY MOUNTAIN NEWS.**

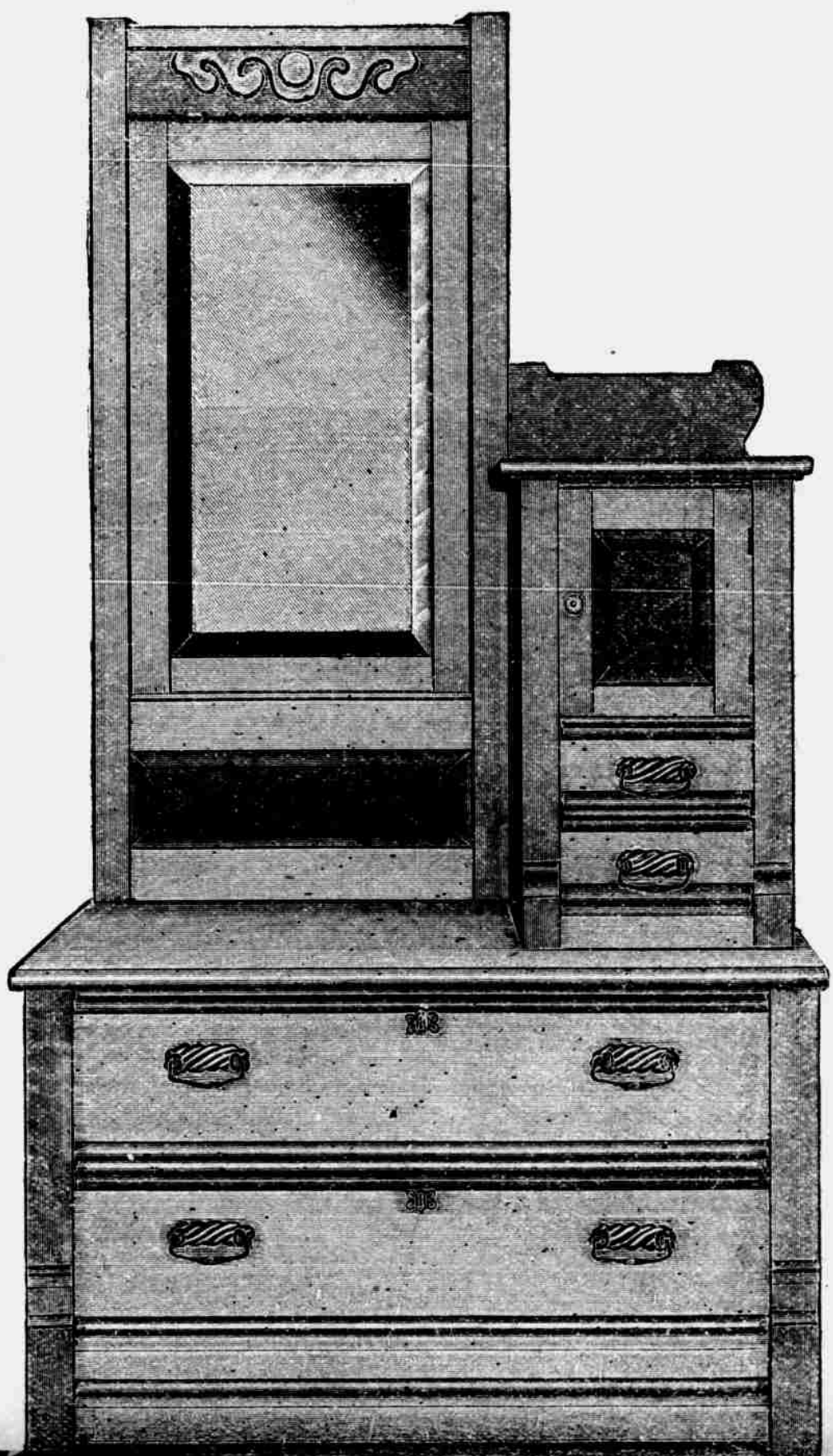
The greatest daily in the Rocky Mountain country comes out as follows for General Weaver:

It is clearly the interest and duty of all of the advocates of free coinage to unite in the support of General Weaver, the candidate of the people's party for the presidency. He is the only nominee for that office who believes in the money of the constitution, and he stands upon a platform that is unmistakably pledged to the reinstatement of silver to the position of equality with gold which it occupied during eighty years of the nation's prosperous growth. Mr Weaver's opponents are both monometalists from conviction or interest, and upon the coinage question hold the view of the single standard money power, which has combined its forces for the permanent debasement of silver, that the volume of currency may be reduced and the rates of interest advanced. The election of either of them would be disastrous to the cause of silver and to silver producers to the extent that it is in the power of the executive of the nation to reinforce the single standard combination.

Under these circumstances believers in bimetalism, to be consistent, must support General Weaver, while it would be suicidal for those whose material welfare depends upon remonetization to pursue any other course.

In another column we publish a little poem written by Mrs. Kellie, and dedicated to Prof. Andrews, the Presbyterian minister who is trying to run for congress against McKeighan in the Fifth district. We commend this poem to the professor's careful and prayerful consideration. It may not have much poetic merit, but it is running over with Bible truth.

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