

A True Forecast

Editor Independent: The enclosed letter was written, as the date indicates, in 1900, to be sent to Mr. B. O. Flower, then editor of The Arena. It indicates a forecast that is meeting its accomplishment today. I am satisfied to give the letter to the public on its merits and truthfulness. It may help some one to see the way more clearly, and emphasize your movement in organizing the forces that make for Liberty. Let us take warning in time.

JNO. V. POTTS.
THE LETTER.

North Robinson, O., July 4, 1900.—Mr. B. O. Flower.—Dear Sir: In the spring of 1896 when I returned from a few months' tour in West Virginia, I found among my mail the October number of The Arena for 1895. It was the first time I had ever seen your magazine. I read it with avidity. Looking over the whole ground as I had been studying the situation for more than ten years, I wrote you a long letter, with the impression that unless there was some organic concentration of our forces you, with many others of us, would be crushed out, and the gold standard would become the supreme law of the land.

All this has come to pass. The situation is appalling. Unless something heroic is done there is an end of our republican form of government. A military plutocracy will rule with an iron hand. These millionaires and officeholders will buy enough mercenaries to shoot us down in platoons. What they do not obtain by deceit and fraud they will get by the sword as in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Do not mistake. The increase of the army is for discontent at home, as well as subjugation abroad. Negro slavery was nominally abolished January 1, 1865. Universal slavery is to be established by the oligarchy of wealth. We are to be a nation of dependents under the iron rule of an aristocracy of landlords, commercial men, bankers and trained officeholders. The masses, as now in Britain, Germany, and Turkey, will know nothing but toil and subordination. The coils are being drawn tighter

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year by year. The poor will ever remain poor, the rich will enhance their wealth.

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It was no idle boast that if Bryan had been elected in 1896, he never would have taken his seat. These men intend to rule by fair or foul means, and override the will of the people, if they cannot bribe, frighten or cajole them into submission.

I do not know what the democrats will do at Kansas City today. I suppose they will nominate Bryan, and adopt a platform. But the leaders of that party have never shown any capacity to improve the condition of the country. I have personally known the record of the party for fifty years and nothing great has ever come of their administration in that time. They have many great and good men among them, but they are always handicapped.

The party trusted Grover Cleveland, but he betrayed his country and his party. Bryan was defeated by the gold standard democrats. So was Chapman as governor in this state. The oligarchs in all the parties are hand in glove with each other. If we cannot get the people together we are undone.

I am in favor of organizing a people's democratic republican party to elect a fit man and control congress in the interest of good government. I wanted to begin this work three years ago, but could not get men to act. The silver republicans seemed determined to make dunces of themselves. I think they are seeing their fatal mistake. Yours truly,

JOHN VINTON POTTS,
Chairman Thirteenth District Ohio Silver Republicans.
North Robinson, O.

A Challenge

Editor Independent: I hereby challenge the prohibition party, or any competent gentleman, to a public joint discussion of the temperance issue. I shall affirm the following proposition:

"Under existing conditions public ownership is a necessary step in solving the temperance problem."

The object of this work is to unite the temperance and labor forces on public ownership for the coming campaign. Address the writer at Abilene, Kas.

O. H. TRUMAN.

Editor Ferriss

One of the men whose presence was greatly missed at the St. Louis meeting is James H. Ferriss, editor of the Joliet (Ill.) News. He is rusticated down in the jack-rabbit country, studying cart and other "vegetable curiosities, and getting rested up preparatory to the hard work which will soon be upon him. His letter below was received some time ago and should have been printed earlier, but for the fact that it got mixed up in a pile of "overflow" manuscripts which accumulated very rapidly during the January enrollment of the Old Guard. If it were not for the fact that I am trying to discipline my bump of suspicion, I'd say that Mr. Ferriss is poking a little fun at me—but, how-

ever, what's the difference? Let him have his joke. He says:

Friend De France: I enclose a V from the News for your work, and a card for myself. There is great possibility in the organization, and I hope you may make it your life work, and that I shall live long enough to see a monument in bronze on the public square of Lincoln accurately portraying the prominent features of the Grand Secretary of the Old Guard.

I had long been thinking of something of this kind, but that is no great surprise—there are a lot of things I have been thinking about. It is a great pleasure to see the names of Fark, Morgan, Miller, Barker, Dixon, Breidenthal, McDowell and the Nebraskans gathering on the roll. It disarms suspicion, establishes confidence, and will hold men of the highest possible ideals together to the end, and the result cannot mean anything else than a great influence for the best in human progress.

Too many men of our kind since the St. Louis convention (in 1896) have been frittering away their time on side issues; our resources have been scattered, our own fighting with our own, and the farmer, the blacksmith and shoemaker are no longer going from house to house, and field to field, making votes for the ticket. I look for this enrollment to cure a lot of diseases.

I see a few rocks in the pathway, but trust that this kind of men can remove anything. God bless you.

JAS. H. FERRISS.

Joliet, Ill.

"Under Socialism"

Editor Independent: Prof. Will says that the socialists are not proposing to confiscate the little farms. But they are just the same. Moreover, under socialism production would be so low that we would all have to toil 16 hours a day to live. In the socialist colony at Topolobampo, Mex., the men and women worked hard, had the full product of their toil and yet never had enough to eat or wear. Socialism wherever tried has proved a miserable failure.

F. G. R. GORDON.

Reading, Mass.

Has Ceased Striving

Editor Independent: I have not given politics any attention since 1836. I stood as candidate for member of the board of public works once, and also for congress once, and for representative once, and have done a sea of other work for the principles that I believe to be nearest right of any party in existence.

If I can make comparison right, our country is surely drifting away from first principles, which were far enough from pure republicanism when this government came into effect; and instead of advancing rapidly as we should have done, the people in their stupid lethargy have allowed bread and butter politicians to sway them back and forth, up and down, to suit their slave-holding purposes. Today the railroads run the government and dictate to other strong trusts just how they may operate, and these in turn actually own the people with a far more subtle and far-reaching enslavement than the blacks were subjected to in the south.

I myself have felt the weight of their accursed financial lash and they are yet bounding away at me. It is discouraging to contemplate the downright ignorance of a great major-

ity of so-called populists, who did and who will again desert our ranks for a "mess of pottage," who think that strikes and violence and ease-taking are paramount to industry and its fruits intelligently applied. These present the foundation of my resolution to quit politics.

I am sixty years old, have not long to stay; and have concluded, after spending time and money to the extent of not less than \$16,000, that they can keep on deserting, striking, idling, serving politicians of the bread and butter kind, raising up families skilled in dodging honor, and finally plunge into a great butchery, called war, and after furnishing the blood, enduring the pain and bereavements, pay up the war debt.

I sometimes voice these sentiments and receive the answer from men that pass as being informed: "Ah, well, it always has been and always will be." The facts are, they themselves hope it will be, and that they will profit fifty dollars by its being.

Yours for the right as the Unknown Cause of our existence assists me in seeing the right. J. S. STEWARD.

Gratis, Preble County, O.

THIRTY THOUSAND LOST VETERANS

A good deal of discussion has occurred in the papers since the service pension bill has been brought to the attention of the people concerning the 30,000 veterans of the war who have never applied for a pension or enrolled in an army society. The eastern writers are expressing great surprise concerning what has become of them and where they are. The Independent can say to these curious people that not one of these men will ever apply for or accept a pension. They belong to a society known to but few except themselves. At the close of the war these officers and men formed a fraternity, if such it can be called the obligations of which were that they would never apply for a pension, ask any favor of the people, political or otherwise, or wear any insignia to call attention to their service in the army except upon formal occasions where the absence of it would attract attention to them more than if they did not wear it. They said: "We entered the army and fought for the country, not for the pay, nor for preferment that might come from the service, but to save the Union and preserve a free government for ourselves and our children. The government did the best it could in caring for us. We will make no more demands upon it. We go back to our homes to become citizens of a saved and free country. We did nothing but our duty. If the country ever needs us to defend it again we stand ready to serve it on the same terms." That is what has become of those 30,000 lost veterans.

A. P. Bodwell, Lebanon, Neb.: "Please count me one of the Old Guard. I think you are working on the right plan and the only sensible thing to do. There are a good many populists here that won't vote at all hereafter, unless something of the kind is done; but when we get reorganized our loss will be but few. Go on with the good work."

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