

MORTON ON HONEST MONEY

Secretary for Agriculture Delivers a Speech at Nebraska City.

EXPOSES MANY FREE SILVER FALLACIES

Shows Up the Absurdity of Attempting to Make Fifty-Three Cents Into a Dollar—How the Farmer Would Suffer.

NEBRASKA CITY, Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Morton may be proud of the magnificent reception accorded him tonight by a crowd limited in numbers only by the capacity of the opera house, in which he delivered an address on sound money. Special trains were run from Lincoln and surrounding towns. The speech was made in response to a petition signed by several hundred of the best citizens of Otoe county. Hon. John Mattes, Jr., presided and introduced Mr. Morton, who, after a brief reference to the early days of Otoe county and his own identification with that part of the state, spoke as follows on the currency question:

In a barbaric state man neither issued coin or credit money. Barter prevailed. But trading from savagery in all climates and all countries, humanity has begun a civilized career by the means of National. Generally the money of account has been gold. The civilization has been made out of some staple product common to their latitude. Thus salt, tea, tobacco, pelts of fur, furs, skins, robes, and furs have been used as mediums of exchange and measures of value. But in no instance is there any record of a nation attempting to create money even by semi-civilized people out of something which had no value at a commodity. Nor is there any attempt recorded upon the people at a mint value not greater than the commodity value which it had before it became a money.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The executive national committee of the gold standard democratic conference, which meets in Indianapolis next Friday, having in charge the arrangements for the preliminaries for the conference, made an announcement today to effect that this and several other states will participate in that meeting. The announcement was made after going over the responses to the address issued at the recent meeting, when General Bragg and Senator Vilas differed in a sensational way as to the policy of an immediate call for a national convention. Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis and Minneapolis are candidates for the convention.

The national executive committee, which held its conference today in the Palmer house, consisted of: General Bragg, Wisconsin; J. Q. Broadhead, Missouri; W. B. Bremmer, Kentucky; W. H. Robins, Indiana; J. N. Davis, Indianapolis; and the members of the committee were present. The committee met at 9 o'clock in the morning, and remained in continuous session until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The address of Senator Vilas, who said sixteen ounces of silver in lieu of one ounce of gold. Vehemently these people are declaiming against the gold standard, and especially ruined if they be paid in more than sixteen ounces of silver instead of one ounce of gold. The commercial ratio of silver to gold is about one and one-half to one that is, thirty-two ounces of silver will buy one ounce of gold. The reason for declaring in favor of a silver standard which is lower than the sixteen ounces of silver in lieu of one ounce of gold. Vehemently these people are declaiming against the gold standard, and especially ruined if they be paid in more than sixteen ounces of silver instead of one ounce of gold.

But it is told that there was a great crime committed in 1873 in the secret demonetization of silver. There was no secret demonetization of silver, but the coinage, provided for in the act of 1873, was before the American people for more than two years. The bill was introduced in the house and in the senate occupies several columns of the congressional proceedings. Up to the time of this alleged demonetization of silver, which was held during its entire existence coined less than 9,000,000 of silver dollars. All of our bills in circulation, which came from the moneys of the past legislation.

Let us consider the alleged crime of 1873. Was there a conspiracy? If so, who were the conspirators? It was the wealth of trade, the enterprise of the American people, and the intelligence of an advanced civilization. The nation in which crossed the Missouri river, the autumn of 1873, was by a conspiracy between capital and human ingenuity defrayed and the stemboats took up. This change in current, because immigration and the development of the territory became too big for flatboats. Later on a conspiracy again transpired, when another civilization had come to determine the fate of the country and the result is the magnificent steel bridge upon which your trains cross every day.

Will not the free coinage of silver at 1 to 1 bring us directly to silver monometallism? The better money is always dearer, and the better the coinage the more it will be hoarded away by the foreigner, and all the mints of the United States will be compelled to coin less than 650,000,000 of silver dollars in less than fourteen years. Thus, instead of increasing the circulating medium, which by the way does not need any increase, the vast amount of \$650,000,000 has been taken from the circulation. An error of those who advocate the free coinage of silver is to all seems to be in the misuse of terms. All desire more money and the advocates of this system of coinage confound desire with the desire to have a definite demand for money except you offer something valuable in exchange for it.

HOW MONEY OWNERS ARE INTERESTED. We are told that the plutocrats, or money lords, of the country are endeavoring to crush the plain people, and that we are doing more to help the heel of the earth. But the truth is that the mortgage indebtedness of Nebraska is not one-half as great per capita as the mortgage indebtedness of the states of New York. And it is probable that owing to the wealth of the country, the vast majority of the money which is held by the government is held by the rich. The advocates of the free coinage of silver are endeavoring to bring about a state of affairs which shall ruin those who already have money, and prevent their ever recovering the loss?

Mr. Bryan was questioned today in reference to the reported discrepancy in the democratic platform and the controversy over the alleged erroneous interpolation of the Hill amendment of the plank providing for a change in the monetary standard. He declined to be interviewed on the point in controversy he said that he presumed that the democratic national committee would at the proper time circulate the platform of the party in its proper form, as it was adopted.

VERY LIKE A SMALL FUNERAL Gathering of Politicians at Kearney Provores No Enthusiasm.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—This has been a big day here for the anti-republicans, but if they are as mistaken on their estimate of the result in November as they were in estimating the crowd that would be here today. McKinley will carry nearly every state in the union. There was a mass meeting this morning, and over 248 persons could be induced to fall into line. Of this number there were but sixty-five voters, and there was no more enthusiasm manifest than at a funeral. Judge Scott of Omaha, Judge Greene, W. H. Moore, and others addressed the crowd in the park during the day, and Judge Scott at the opera house again this evening. His address had a tendency to create discontent and a disregard for law. He classified McKinley and General Sherman with Herk Most, and said he had seen men of the mentality who were not near so bad as Herk Most. His address was but slightly applauded and had a tendency to weaken rather than help the cause he advocated.

GASS COUNTY'S PROMISE.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Four years ago Cass county gave the republican presidential electors a majority of 584, and ever since the principles of the party have been upheld. In 1888, as they are in 1896, were the great debtors class, and that they owe an aggregate to the people of \$1,948,437.21. Do you see that the new crop of debts added in dollars, which, being tested by fire, melted into bullion, will be less than 50 cents? Do you see whose like my own have been buried in more than thirty years, death to come to you

with the country on a silver basis and then have the saturated policies aggregate a sum purchasing more than the premiums which you have paid?

And if the most brilliant company of silver men in the country, who are worth millions of dollars in value to the government, but a gratuity for those who burn silver bullion. Why, after that period is over, when the government attempts to maintain the parity between silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, or at another ratio? What interest does the government have in maintaining the purchasing power of silver at an equality with that of gold? In this connection the advocates of the gold standard, who are some times claim for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, is due to the fact that they are thus attempting to maintain the parity of the Morgan and McKinley tariff are as naught. Today the English pound is valued at \$1.05, and we have a gold basis, and that you import 160,000,000 of gold, you will pay a duty on a value of \$400. By going to silver monometallism the English pound will be worth \$1.05, and the dollar \$0.72. Therefore, importing \$100 when you are on a silver basis will double the amount of customs duty, and you must pay a duty of 30 percent.

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ALL SHOUTING FOR MCKINLEY

Thousands of Nebraska Citizens Joining Republican Clubs.

CAMPAIGN BEGINNING TO WARM UP

ALL PARTS OF THE STATE CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIST OF CLUBS RECORDED ON THE SIDE OF SOUND MONEY.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most successful political meetings ever held in Fairmont was held this evening at the opera house. A McKinley and Hobart club of 300 members was formed. The meeting was addressed by Hon. J. L. Caldwell of Lincoln, who for over two hours held the close attention of his audience. The address is pronounced practical, eloquent and logical. A large number attended from Geneva and Exeter.

BEEMER, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The first meeting of the McKinley Sound Money club was held at this place this evening and a rousing meeting was the result. The large hall was filled and the audience was treated to a first class argument by Hon. E. G. Valentine of West Point.

PENDER, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—An enthusiastic McKinley republican club was formed here tonight with a membership from Pender precinct of 126.

It is pledged to the support of W. E. Peebles for congress.

The list constitutes over four-fifths of the republicans in Pender precinct.

McKinley clubs will be organized in every precinct in the county at once.

Only two republicans have declared their intention of voting for Bryan, while at least twenty democrats are known who will vote for McKinley.

The Pender club elected George C. Marcy, president; Dr. S. Goodmanson, vice president; Mrs. McFarland, secretary; J. W. McDonald, assistant secretary, and F. Gow, treasurer.

An executive committee of ten was chosen and delegates were elected to attend the Lincoln state convention Aug. 5.

The Bryan men attempted to organize a club, but could not get enough together to do so, although the proposed meeting had been regularly advertised for several days. Bryan stock is on the decline in Thurston county.

SPRINGFIELD, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Thirty of the faithful followers of McKinley and Hobart club of 120,000 protection met at McKinley's hall this evening.

The club roster showed 101 names of voters from three precincts.

Richland, Platte and Springfield, and were all old-time republicans.

Hon. C. E. Kreis was elected president.

McKinley club of 120,000 protection.

The club now has a membership of almost 200, and is growing constantly.

Never has there been so early in the campaign the enthusiasm manifested as now.

VIRGINIA, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in this section was held in the city last night. A McKinley club was organized with eighty members, and it promises to swell to 150 before election.

Hon. Samuel Rinker of Beatrice delivered an eloquent address.

The sentiment for McKinley and sound money is steadily increasing here.

WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A Young Men's Republican club was organized here tonight, with twenty-five members.

Hon. Charles D. Robins of Lincoln delivered a fine address on the issues of the day which was enthusiastically received.

The officers are: R. M. Pruditt, president; S. D. Conrad, secretary; S. Bayley, treasurer; D. D. Dwyer, vice president.

Friend will roll up her old time ticket for McKinley and the whole republican cause.

COUNTY POPULIST CONVENTIONS.

Delegates to the Various Meetings Selected with Little Ado.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention for Webster county was held here today. There were 160 delegates in attendance, one townships not being represented.

Joseph L. Grandstaff was nominated for representative and A. D. Hanney for county attorney.

Delegates were chosen to attend the state, senatorial and float representative conventions.

STAMFORD, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A great McKinley meeting was in progress at this place this evening. Crowds of people lined the streets until a late hour and enthusiasm ran high. There is no doubt that the meeting will be a success.

There was an absence of enthusiasm in the forepart of the convention, caused by the fact that there was no contest for any nomination but at adjournment things were in gear, and the reception given Sutherland's denunciation of "goldbugs" was enthusiastic.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention was held this afternoon with thirteen precincts in attendance.

Charles C. Johnson, of Johnson, was elected president.

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COLONEL MARTIN CALLS FOR A CONFERENCE.

The conference will simply discuss national conditions and name a delegate from each county to attend the state convention.

Colonel Martin, chairman of the Democratic provisional sound money organization of Iowa, has been received, in response to his call for the sound money conference here next Tuesday, about fifty letters from democrats, all over the state, who send the assurance that they will attend and are in sympathy with the movement.

He expects there will be 200 to 300 present, and perhaps more.

Each one who writes, represents a number of others who will attend, and the list whose attendance is already promised includes a large proportion of those who have been leaders in the party.

Among them are: Sam G. Steane of Clinton, C. B. F. Thompson and Nathaniel French of Des Moines, W. W. Baldwin of Burlington, Judge H. H. Trimble of Keokuk, J. E. Markley, J. H. McCollough, and Judge Cleggitt of Mason City, P. M. Mitchell and George W. Hyatt of Fort Dodge, Thomas Bowman of Council Bluffs, Alexander Charles of Cedar Rapids (who sends a long letter), James C. Johnson of Webster City, N. H. Bollock and J. T. Bean of Sioux City, J. C. Kelly and H. A. Bandt of Sioux City, L. E. Brownell of Spirit Lake, S. H. Mallory of Chariton, J. M. Alexander of Ossian, R. T. Kauffman and H. L. Getz of Marshalltown.

In all the number to whom invitations were sent, only one, T. C. Higgs of Storm Lake, replies opposing the conference. He declares he does not like the platform, but will support the ticket.

REPUBLICAN DELIBERATELY BOLTS.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Aug. 1.—The Gazette, the leading democratic daily of southeastern Iowa, after announcing ten days ago its intention to try to support Bryan and the Chicago platform, although somewhat reluctantly, tonight comes out in a double headed editorial fairly refusing to go further on such a platform.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1.—At a meeting of gold standard democrats in this city C. E. Wood of Portland was chosen as a delegate to the Indianapolis meeting.

REPUDIATE THE CHICAGO TICKET.

Sound Money Democrats of Ohio Will Have a State Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 1.—A meeting of the gold standard democrats was held here today.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and was presided over by ex-State Senator Joseph J. McMacken.

Resolutions were adopted repudiating the Chicago platform and ticket and demanding that a state convention be called to be held at Columbus, at a time to be hereafter designated, which shall be selected for delegates-at-large and four alternates-at-large to the national democratic convention, to be held at such time and place as shall be named by the national democratic committee at its meeting in Indianapolis.

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REPUBLICAN BATTY AT DENISON.

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UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

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National Committee Cummins returned yesterday from Chicago, after three days' conference with the committee there.

The Iowa campaign will officially open August 15 at Ottumwa, when Senator John M. Thurston will speak.

The national committee has already assigned the following speakers for: Roswell G. Horr of Michigan, W. E. Wilson of Indiana, W. H. Crane of Michigan, Senator Knut Nelson of Minnesota, Nelson Dingley of Maine, John Dallot of Pennsylvania.

Later on more speakers will be sent by the national committee, and all the congressmen in Iowa will be kept in the state from August 15 until election.

The state committee will be largely entrusted to them.

Malvern Republican Club.

MALVERN, Ia., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The list calling for a McKinley and Hobart club to be formed August 10 goes merrily on, and besides being signed by all the republicans, is gaining steadily by democratic

IOWA DEMOCRATS IN EARNEST

Opposition to the Chicago Ticket and Platform is Increasing.

MANY WILL CONFER AT DES MOINES

Representative Business Men from All Parts of the State Promise to Attend and Help in the Meeting.