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INSULTING LABOR.

Referring to the way in which Mr. Bryan has insulted railroad employees by telling them to wear their McKinley buttons, if they must, and then to vote for free silver, the Philadelphia Record says the popocratic candidate little understands the railroad men of the country when he imagines that they would submit to coercion and have the unmanliness to wear the badges of servitude.

He will find, says that paper, "that they need no prompting to resent this insult to their manhood. The railroad men will vote against free silver because, as Mr. Bryan himself has told them, it would reduce the purchasing power of the gold standard of money under which they are now paid their wages. This is the kind of coercion to which they are submitting—the coercion of enlightened self-interest and the sense of duty to themselves, their families, their neighbors and their country."

It is not alone railroad men who have been thus insulted by Mr. Bryan in implying that they were playing the part of cowards and hypocrites. He has talked in this way to employes in mills and factories, telling them by insinuation that they were being intimidated by their employers and then assuring them that they had protection under the secret ballot. Mr. Bryan evidently thinks that the majority of workmen have no manliness, as he certainly must believe, judging from the nature of his harangues, that they have little intelligence and integrity. Doubtless there are some workmen who are amenable to the charge of political cowardice, but the number of such cannot be large.

We believe the great majority of those who make known their political affiliation are honorable and conscientious men, who would not practice deception and play the hypocrite in such an election as now confronts the country.

WHAT THE AMENDMENT MEANS.

The farmers of Douglas county are opposed to the proposed amendment to the state constitution permitting a metropolitan city of the first class to merge the government of the city and county into one by a majority vote of the city and a majority vote of the county lying outside. And they ask the farmers of the state and all other fair-minded voters to vote down the amendment.

The proposed amendment does not contemplate or authorize the extension of the city limits of Omaha. That can be done by the legislature at any time without any constitutional amendment with or without the consent of the farmers of Douglas county.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to decrease the taxes of the farmers and not to increase them. It simply authorizes the doing away with duplicate city and county officers whose services can be better performed by one set of men.

CORN AND WHEAT GOING UP.

Norfolk News: The gold is flowing in and wheat is going up. What's the matter with silver? Sidney Telegraph: Another advance of 2 cents per bushel in the price of wheat. That implies another decline in the Bryanite claims for success.

St. Louis Advertiser: Corn and wheat are steadily advancing while Bryan and free silver are steadily on the decline. These are signs of the times that mean a restoration of confidence and prosperity.

Grand Island Independent: In 1896 there were 1,200 farms in Nebraska, and every one of the owners of these farms has been more or less injured by the adoption of the free trade policy that Bryan voted for.

Steele City Standard: As the price of wheat is now constantly going up, and the price of silver constantly going down, it becomes of the great importance to the farmer that the price of silver controls the price of wheat.

Nebraska City Press: Wheat runs about 10 cents higher than it did a couple of weeks ago. But the silver market is still dull and lifeless, with a downward tendency.

Reports come from the Sixth district that the lubricated fusion candidate and his friends are concocting a great scheme for launching some eleven hundred rookbacks reflecting on the character of the republican candidate, Hon. A. E. Cady.

The amendment relating to the compensation of judges of the supreme and district courts should receive the careful consideration of the voters of Nebraska. The judiciary in this state has been, with exception, an able one in spite of the fact that the salaries paid have not been large enough to attract the best known men in the legal profession to the bench.

It is equally insolent for any one in Colorado to try to swing a club over the heads of the voters of this city by telling them that unless they vote for Bryan and free silver Colorado will refuse to exhibit its minerals and products in the proposed Transmississippi Exposition.

It may as well be understood first as last that there will be no exposition held in the city of Omaha in the year 1898 if Bryan is elected president. That much must be apparent to every rational person, whether he be democrat, populist or republican.

The silver men have made the claim that they will have 100 members of the next house of representatives. There are 357 representatives to be elected, so that if the free silver men should get the number they profess to believe they will their majority in the house of the Fifty-fifth congress will be 23.

Omaha never before had so much at stake in a single election. The way the election goes will determine whether Omaha is to forge rapidly to the front ahead of its rivals or is to be kept down with its other cities

LABOR PAPERS AND LEADERS.

What They Have to Say on the Free Labor Issue. It is frequently asserted by advocates of the free coinage of silver that no labor leader has ever been opposed to the Chicago platform as amended.

The Eight-Hour Herald of Chicago, the most organ of the Bricklayers and Stone Workers of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, opposes free silver. In an article recently on "Free Silver and Labor," it says:

"Surely no sane man will claim that a buyer with a fixed limited income will be benefited in an advance in the price of all commodities, unless the rise in prices is attended by compensating circumstances.

"There are interests which may be benefited by the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but we fail to see why the industrial interests should be included in the list."

The Union Record: "The silver mine owners are grinning and letting the fools do the shouting."

The Scranton Truth: "The gold standard is the financial goal for which every great nation has striven, and is the dream even of those countries that are now on a silver basis and harassed in their money policy by the fluctuations of the white metal."

The Cleveland Citizen: "Not the demonization of silver, but the use of labor-saving machinery, which enables one man and sometimes one boy to do the work of five men or more, has caused the glut of idle labor."

The People: "Why don't the farmers have the price of wheat fixed by law, as they raise wheat and not silver?"

George Gunton in a contributed article to the Eight-Hour Herald said: "There is no aspect of the case in which wage workers have anything to gain by the adoption of a silver standard, but they have everything to lose. They will lose in the value of their savings; they will lose in the purchasing power of their wages; and, most of all, they will lose by the enforced idleness accompanying the business disturbance."

P. M. Arthur, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says: "I am not in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver."

F. P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen: "I want distinctly understood that I am opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver with a silver dollar worth 50 cents, as will be the result if the silver policy adopted by the free silver orators becomes the money of this country."

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Randolph Times: Vote for the constitutional amendments. That they are necessary goes without saying. The constitution of our state needs revision or amendment, especially in the judicial department.

Thurston Republic: The manufacturers of the state of Nebraska are very much interested in the proposed change in the constitution of the state, which would allow the voting of bonds to aid in the location of more factories, and all other people should be particularly interested.

Grand Island Independent: Perhaps more attention is being paid to the proposed constitutional amendments than in any other number of supreme judges than to any of the other twelve. That the court is always overcrowded any one at all acquainted with the conditions of the supreme court knows.

Chicago Post: "Men elected to your legislative body are generally addressed as 'honorable,' and in the school of cooking and in the kitchen they are called 'chefs.'"

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LOOKING AHEAD.

Washington Star: I'm glad to see election day so mighty close at hand; I'm yearning for another style of music in the land; I wonder how, instead of all this brass-band and tin horn music, the buzz of the wings of the angels will sound along the street.

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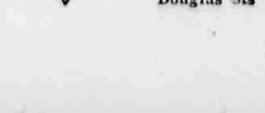
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Deep Thought.

HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN THIS COMING ELECTION AND MUCH MONEY STAKED. WE HAVEN'T HEARD OF MUCH WEARING APPAREL BEING STAKED, THOUGH, AND JUST OFFER THIS LITTLE HINT OF HOW APPROPRIATE A SUIT OF CLOTHES OR AN OVER-COAT WOULD BE FOR A LITTLE ENTHUSIASM. YOU COULD LEAVE YOUR ORDER AND HAVE IT FILLED AFTER—THEY COST FROM \$10 TO \$25—FIT AND QUALITY GUARANTEED. THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR HAT DEPARTMENT TO YOUR NOTICE. THEY ARE \$1.50 TO \$5.00—ALL THE NEW BLOCKS—AND A GOOD WAGER—ALTHOUGH SMALL IN AMOUNT. THINK IT OVER.

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