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Allover Tabor commissioners' court this week.

Marshall, let another praise thee and not thine own mouth.

Bro. Marshall, how is your supply of "valid reasons?" Are they nearly exhausted?

We have many things yet to say of the Michigan debris that dominates commissioners' court.

It is labor, not the medium of exchange with which we do business, that makes a nation rich.

Justice to the men who produce the wealth. That is the imperative demand of the hour.

We are living in a new age and ought to recognize the fact and change our laws to meet our changed conditions.

Nothing short of the assumption and operation of all public necessities will remove the universal discontent among our people.

The only member from Alabama that voted against free coinage was made a member of Cleveland's cabinet. Straws show which way the wind blows.

Senator Voorhees voted for Sherman's bond scheme and Turpie was paired or dodged. The truth is, those men are incapable of representing the great state of Indiana.

Who, in this country, will be the first "Johnny to come marching home" from Washington? They must "all go," for the people last November voted for a change. This is the only change we will ever see.

Oliver Perry Tabor, alias Little boss, alias Michigan Sandlapper, alias Michigan driftwood, don't flatter yourself that we are done with you; we have several rods in pickle, and will apply them as you are able to bear it. We will not be unreasonable.

Our health authorities should see to it immediately that the Republican office be fumigated and its rabid editor muzzled. Should another attack of the mad fits come upon barking George, before the present spell works off, there is danger of him biting some one else besides himself.

If the pictures of Cleveland's cabinet do them justice, they are not at all hurt with beauty. If this is the best Democracy can do in the way of good looks we think the party should go into the cheese business. Only one good looking man in the whole outfit, and for him they had to go to the Republicans.

It appears as though we were a little hasty in our complaints against the increase of door-keepers in our "reform legislature." This large force is constantly employed herding and hunting up members to hold a quorum. Last week the lieutenant governor had these officers search the city for tardy, delinquent members, but all to no purpose, a session of the senate could not be held that day. If it requires such efforts to hold a quorum in a sixty days session, what will it be when the time is extended to one hundred days? Sixty days of carousing and lounging about the state capital is not enough, let's give them one hundred days of frolic and fun.

As one sample of how little regard the average senator has for truth, we take the following from a recent speech of Senator Allison, of Iowa:

He would never by any vote of his undertake to give one kind of money to the people in Wall street and in the great marts of trade and another kind of money to the people in Iowa, which money was now almost wholly in the form of silver certificates.

It is a matter of history that Senator Allison, by his amendment to the Bland free coinage bill, did strike silver one of its hardest blows by giving it a limited coinage, and the secretary, the power to discriminate against it. With numerous evidences of his hostility to silver cropping out on the pages of history for the past nineteen years, hostility that is largely chargeable for the present demoralized condition of silver; this old falsifier stands up and tries to wash his hands of all blame. The old scoundrel.

The lions and the lambs have lain down together. At the parting dinner given to Carlisle by his fellow senators Democrats and Republicans fell upon each other's necks, kissed, slobbered, complimented, praised and toasted each other *ad infinitum*. Let a company of our professional, business, or laboring men meet and indulge in such sickening gush, such self congratulations as was witnessed at this Carlisle dinner and they would be made the laughing stock of the town. The Republicans styled their Democratic brethren the noblest sons of the earth; the Democrats defied the world to produce men that for wisdom, honesty and brotherly love could half compare with their Republican comrades. Our own Voorhees confined not his praise to the Republican senators, but eulogized the whole party by saying he "admired the industry and integrity of its president, by saying he believed Harrison's foreign policy would pass into history and challenge the admiration of the whole world." This is the same Voorhees that characterized this same president as chief of the trio in the election frauds of Indiana in 1888. D. W., you either lied then or now. "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Three Stars is much distressed because we recently made the statement that certain articles published in the PILOT were written by parties having no pretensions to piety. We are just ordinary mortals and do not even pretend to be better than our neighbors whose reputations for doing good is certainly as good as that of the three twinklers. We do not ape the hypocrisy of a John Wanamaker, have never taught a Sabbath school class but we do occasionally go to church. The strict code of morals and duties advocated and adopted (in public) by Three Stars places us outside the pale of redemption. How very, very wicked we must appear to this model of propriety. How his heart must bleed as he views us in his imagination gliding past him in ever changing phantasy. How insignificant the imagery in Shakespeare's "Mid-Summer Nights Dream" when compared with the twinklers visions of billy goats, crocodiles, snakes in the grass and whang-a-doodles. What boundless fields of knowledge he must have explored and what chunks of wisdom he must have had stored away into mysterious labyrinths of his cranium to dispose of a presidential cabinet, the Rensselaer post office, the Wisconsin senatorial election and a treatise on finance in a one-half column article. This wonderful effort must have cost such destruction of brain cells that it brought on mental lethargy for the twinklers ceased to twinkle in the last issue of the Republic. Brevity is said to be the

soul of wit, but an article may be too brief to express the ideas intended to be conveyed. If Three Stars will not try to jam a conglomeration of disjointed ideas into a given space he will be much more appreciated and will, with practice, even yet rise above the mediocre as a newspaper correspondent.

Fly Into Your Traces.

The national Democratic central committee are now making an anti-silver round-up to learn just how many Democrats in the next congress will stand up for Wall street and the Jew money power. They have issued a confidential secret circular, something like the Hazzard and Buel circulars of other days. We shall watch with much interest the developments along that line. The lines are being drawn sharply now and we will soon know whether plutocratic influences will as completely dominate the Democratic party as they do the Republican party.

A Jefferson Democrat.

The Chicago Tribune is authority for the statement that Grover will stand square against bimetalism, will demand that the 346 millions of greenbacks be called in and burned, and that ample provision be made for the extension and perpetuation of the national banking system, placing all paper currency in their hands and under their control. All of which goes to prove that the money power, like the old slave power, never makes a mistake when selecting its man. Jefferson Democrats, how do you like this modern apostate.

What is This?

The journals in the employ of the goldites constantly point to the decline in the bullion price of silver as evidence of its unfitness as money. When the question is pressed what effect would a like discrimination against gold have on that metal, we are answered, there is no discrimination against silver and in proof we are told that more than half of the earth's population use silver. To this we reply, that England, Germany, Austria, the United States and France; in fact all the great commercial nations of the earth discriminate against its full use as money. Yes, it is true that not even one of the great commercial nations of the globe recognizes its full money use. Our own country well illustrates the general unfriendly feeling that has long existed among the nations toward the white metal. In 1873 it was demonetized and remained so till its partial remonetization in 1878. By that act the secretary was authorized to coin not less than two millions per month and not more than four. As an evidence of the unfriendliness of all the secretaries, and they without doubt reflected the feeling of the government, they nearly always coined the minimum and seldom if ever the maximum, during the twelve years that law remained on the statutes. Again, when the Sherman law was enacted, a date was fixed when the secretary might in his discretion cause the coinage of the silver dollar to cease and promptly at that time it did cease. Again, it is an undisputed fact that in the fourteen years that have elapsed since the partial rehabilitation of silver, that not one of our secretaries has paid out one silver dollar on the bonded debt of the nation although over one billion and a half has been paid in principal and interest, while all could have legally been paid in silver. And yet in the face of all these facts men, in the employ of plutocracy, stand up and declare there has been no discrimination against silver as money. One more thought: Silver is no longer treated by the government as money, but as a commodity. Suppose when the Bland-Allison silver act was passed that the

government had (and it had a perfect moral and legal right to do so) coined the full four millions per month, or better if we had had free coinage and paid for it on our national debt; thus placing near a billion and a half of silver dollars in the hands of those old hooked-nosed Jews, does any living man believe that they would have warred on silver as they have? No indeed, they would have moved heaven and earth to have prevented the depreciation of the silver dollar. To-day, with an unlimited supply of silver which our government will not coin and use it proposes to sell bonds for gold to do business with. Such a crime ought to cause a revolution.

We Told You So.

For sixteen years, the Greenbackers, Grangers and Knights of Labor have not ceased to decry against the wicked, absurd, and ruinous financial policy of this government. It is wicked, in that it has, at the instigation of domestic and foreign creditors, established a standard of payment more valuable than that in which the debts were created. It is absurd, in that it creates money, declared to be legal tender for all debts, public and private, and then refuses to use that money in the payment of its war debts and allows the people to contract debts that cannot be paid in full legal tender money. It is ruinous, in that the standard of payment is so limited that prices paid for all agricultural products barely covers the cost of production, which will ultimately end in national bankruptcy. The experience and observation of every farmer is that the prices of all agricultural productions have been forced down so that holders of our securities abroad could and would take farm products instead of gold; for upon them they could make a profit on the other side of the water, a thing they could not do with gold. The experience and observation of our agriculturist is not the only proof of the last proposition. We have the declaration of the Chicago Tribune some five years ago, that gold payments had been maintained at the expense of the agriculturists. It argued that the tariff should be so reduced that our manufactured articles could be sold abroad, thereby placing a portion of the burden of maintaining the gold standard upon the manufacturers. It has been clearly seen by those who have watched the trend of financial affairs in this nation, that the continual increase of our indebtedness abroad in gold contracts, and continued investment of foreign capital in this country, the dividends of which are payable in gold, and the continued fall in the prices of the agricultural products; that the time was not far distant when our surplus products would not meet the drain, and we would be compelled to send gold. We have now reached that point. When the gold is gone, and it soon will be, we will be in the position of the Argentine Republic, have out a promise to pay and nothing to pay with. We have due foreigners, fourteen billions with an annual interest of eight hundred millions. They command us through our boards of trade to sell our products at such and such prices. We refuse, then they demand gold, whereupon yell panic, panic, and down goes all prices. Such is our condition to-day, and thinking men have known for twenty years that it was surely coming. What remedy do our so called statesmen propose, the Harrisons, Cleveland, Shermans and others? Why, sell bonds, nothing else. Now can't a fool see that is no remedy? Don't they know that is piling the debt higher and making the drain greater, that it only aggravates the evil it is intended to cure.

Had we maintained the double standard, coined all our silver, and paid it out wherever we had a legal right, silver would have retained its commercial value and our condition would have been prosperous in the highest degree. Our present condition would have been prosperous in the highest degree. Our present condition is the inevitable outcome of the suicidal financial policy inaugurated by the Republican party. Our only way out is to reverse that policy, stimulate production and rigid economy.

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