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## Greeting.

This week we greet our readers with our anniversary number, Vol. III, No. I. Two years ago the PILOT was established against the opposition of the dominant power in Jasper county. At first the dislike of the court house ring was manifest, but as the paper grew older their dislike turned to hatred and no stone was left unturned to injure this paper. The county commissioners prostituted their office and refused to recognize the PILOT, but the circuit court rendered a decision showing they were wrong. The PILOT now stands at the head as a newspaper and is not afraid to tell the truth, strike whom it may. It is independent and fearless and will go on showing up the mismanagement of the affairs of Jasper county until a new management is at the head of affairs. In a few weeks it will stand at the head in point of circulation as well as news. But there are still a number of homes which the PILOT does not reach. This should not be. It should be in every house in the county. In order to accomplish this a trial subscription of eight weeks will be sent to anyone who is not taking the paper at present for 10 cents. This offer will be good for a short time only. Those who wish to help the cause along should send it to their neighbors. Send in a dollar and the names of ten friends anywhere in the United States and the PILOT will be sent to each of them eight weeks. This will barely cover the cost of the blank paper, and after a certain number are taken the offer will be withdrawn. Send in the names at once. Sample copies mailed anywhere on request. Tell your neighbors of this great offer.

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The court of appeals has decided that the World's Fair shall be opened on Sunday. All controversy on this subject should now cease.

Send the PILOT to ten of your friends eight weeks for one dollar. Missionary work can be accomplished cheaply in this way.

One way to see the earth and the people that inhabit it is to go around the world. Another way is to go down Midway plaisance at the World's Fair.

Fifty new People's Party papers have been started in the state of Texas alone in the last sixty days and many old ones enlarged and improved. Who said the people's party was dead?

Who man goes to the penitentiary for life because he is a free thinker, this being

his third offense. The great state of Ohio must pride itself upon sticking to the letter of the law.

Gov. Matthews declares that he will put a stop to prize-fights in this state. It is respectfully suggested to the governor that his sheriffs ought to be advised that the time to prevent a prize-fight is before it happens, not after it's all over.

With this issue the PILOT begins the third year of its life. Two years ago it "came to town" a doubtful experiment, to-day it stands up with two wrinkles on its horns, financially sound, and politically "right in the middle of the road."

The old roosters who stood on the street corners last fall and told how "we" will give you the reforms asked for, have gone into the back yard to pull out the old quills again, so they will look like young birds in pin feathers by the next election.—Coming Crisis.

Neighbor explains it, farmers. He says wool is low because our manufacturers are afraid to buy on account of prospective Democratic tariff tinkering. Explain, brother, why it was lower in '92 than it was in '91, why lower in '91 than in '90, and why, oh why, has it been getting lower and lower every year for the past six or eight.

Are the People's Party writers and speakers real prophets or are they just merely wise, truthful men? Things are coming to pass just as they have been saying they would. Eight months ago the two G. O. P's. said it was tariff; tariff, nothing but tariff, the People's men said it was finance. If it is not finance now with all parties, what is it?

Bishop Merrill says that 5,000,000 Methodists will boycott the World's Fair because the gates are open on Sunday. We believe the bishop is sincere but mistaken. In ecclesiastical matters Bishop Merrill speaks for the Methodists but he does not speak for them in other matters. The good Methodist brother will not attend the fair as a Methodist but as an American citizen who is vitally interested in the greatest exposition enterprise ever planned by man.

John W. Coons returned from Portland where he and J. S. Du-ret, of Noblesville, have been investigating the books of the Jay county officials, for the county commissioners. They found that excessive charges had been made by ex-county officials, and in a few instances sums of money which had been received had not been entered on the books. The expert examination resulted in nearly \$7,000 being turned back into the county treasury.—Ex.

This is a much better showing than the Fleener & Perkins investigation in Jasper county. The result in Jasper county would doubtless have been much different if the commissioners had allowed the investigation to proceed. By the way, tax payers are very anxious to know what became of this investigation. The records are silent on the subject. Let us have light.

The postal savings bank is our manifest destiny. It is the only absolutely safe system of deposits and its adoption would not only establish confidence and thus tend to prevent financial panics to a large extent, but would foster and encourage the spirit of saving and thus promote the material welfare of the country. With the government itself behind the doors of a bank failure is impossible until the nation fails. Let us have the U. S. postal saving banks at the earliest possible moment, that the hard earnings of the common people may be protected from the defaulter, the speculator and dishonesty and incompetency in general. The failure of a savings bank is a terribly

cruel thing. It takes the money of the poor, the struggling, deserving, industrious, provident poor, who deprive themselves of present necessities or common luxuries to be prepared for the inevitable "rainy day"—it robs these of their "rainy day" savings and gives them to reckless and dishonest men who perhaps never earned a dollar by hard work and self-denial in their lives. One savings bank failure will destroy the work of years in promoting economy and saving among the people. It fosters the spirit of "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." It is the solemn duty of every government to sacredly protect the savings of the people and nothing will more effectually contribute to their prosperity and consequently to the material prosperity of the nation.—Ohio Farmer.

## McKinley's Mouthings.

For downright demagoguery, for dirty quibbling, mixing, and attempted mystifying McKinley's speech before the Ohio Republican state convention takes the cake. Does he really think the common voters of this country have no sense at all? In this speech McKinley attacks the administration because it has done nothing "to restore confidence." When, how, where, and by whom was confidence lost? The Democrats have been in power three months, no laws have been made, for, as all know, congress has not been in session. Be the administration ever so anxious to do something for our relief, it can do but little without the aid of congress. McKinley knows and the people know that so far as financial matters are concerned, the wheels of government have, for the past three months, been running along in the same old Republican ruts they have been in for the past twenty years. When the Democratic congress gets to work, when the Democratic party has had time to act then will it be held responsible. Things are unnecessarily in very bad shape; the people know it and they know too that Democratic management of the executive branch of the government three months has not brought the trouble. In this great speech (?) the Major says, "to have any relief from the present unfortunate situation he (Cleveland) must look to the Republican party. That party has never failed in any emergency and it will be ready to co-operate in every good work for the restoration of confidence and the return of good times." Who is under more obligations "to labor for the restoration of confidence" than this Republican party that has destroyed confidence? Fellow Republicans, rare and rant, vilify and mystify, accuse and abuse all you possibly can, but you will never make the American people believe that the other fellow did it all. While we do not hold the Democratic party, as a party, responsible for the present depression yet we have no faith in that party's ability or willingness to do anything in a financial way for the people.

## Our Plea.

It is an oft told story (the condition of the country), but for the benefit and information of our Democratic and Republican friends, we will once more state it. Nine millions of mortgages, near fifteen billions of foreign debts, about four billions of dollars of mortgages encumbering our farmers, six hundred and forty millions on the farms of Indiana, wheat selling lower than for thirty years, strikes, lockouts, riots and bloodshed, money invested in banks, railroads, telegraphs, telephones and street railways earning from two to fifty times as much as labor receives, bankruptcies and suicides all around us, and a financial panic sweep-

ing over the land. Such is the condition of the country to-day. What remedies do the old parties offer? The Republicans offer what they have tried for thirty two years, the British system of finance, a high protective tariff, and the surrender of public functions to uncontrolled corporations. Our Democratic friends would change the above remedies by reducing tariff duties only. That is the only difference between the old parties. We have stated all this time and again, and we know our Democratic and Republican friends are not edified by its repetition, but we want them to see the inadequacy of their measures, and how they suffer by comparison with the remedies proposed by the People's Party. What is our plea, what would we do to meet the present demands of society? The people are overworked and underpaid, and what we would do, and will do, when in power, will be to so frame the laws that labor shall receive a liberal share of the wealth increase of the nation. To do this is the problem of the hour, and a great problem it is, but we believe it can be solved. To secure to the laborer his just reward, and make him feel that his government is a just one, and that through a wise administration of affairs, he will be able to pay his debts, it is necessary to raise prices, or remove burdens so that the same end will be reached. Let us explain: There is no law of economic science more universally conceded than that there exists an intimate relation between the volume of currency and prices. Increase the volume of money and prices will rise, Decrease the money supply and prices fall. John Stuart Mills, the great political economist, said, "double the volume of money and you double prices, destroy one half the money and you reduce prices one half." Pick up any of our large dailies and look at the market reports for the past month and you will be likely to see something like this in almost every one of them, "owing to the stringency in the money market, all agricultural products are quoted lower."

Plutocratic journals rejoice over the fall of prices resulting from the panic, because it brought in European buyers and their gold. Then one way to secure better prices for the farmer is to increase the money supply. If the farmer could sell corn at forty-five cents per bushel, on the average, oats at thirty-five, and hogs at five dollars a hundred he could better endure present extortionate railway charges and bank interest rates. Any attempt, however, to increase the money supply is immediately opposed by the fund-holding, loaning, and salary drawing classes. Every addition to the money volume lessens the purchasing power of their dollars, hence their opposition. Another means to reach the same end would be for the government to take possession of the railways, telegraphic and telephone lines, and give the people service at cost. The freight charges to seaboard on corn, oats, rye, wheat and barley is seldom less than twenty-five cents on one hundred pounds, while it never ought to be more than ten cents. Every cent charged above ten for such freight is clean steal. And all charges in excess of two cents a mile for carrying passengers is another steal. Money loaned averages ten per cent., money invested in railways earns twelve per cent on actual investment, (we are not talking about watered stock) while the farmer earns less than two. The law makes this difference in favor of the capitalist and against the producer. Neither one of the old parties propose to touch the above measures to bring relief to the farmer, while

the People's party stands committed to both. The farmer is of equal importance in the social fabric with the capitalist, is also a fellow citizen, and reason, justice, fair play, and right between man and man, demand that his business be given an equal chance with every other business that is alike honorable and necessary.

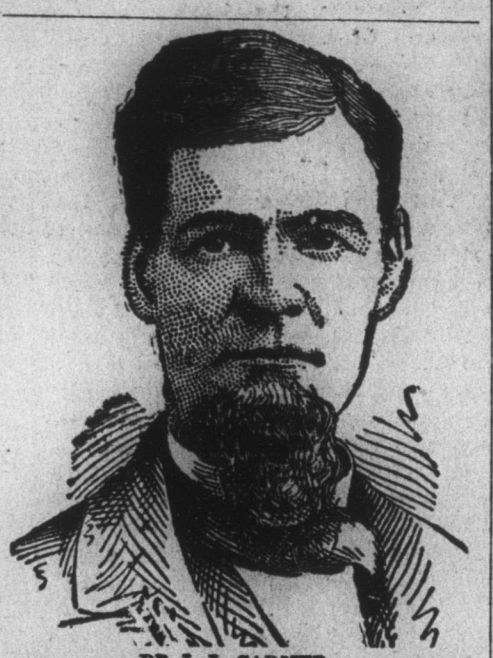
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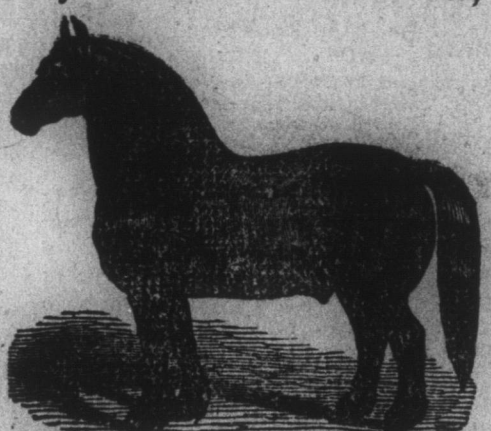
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