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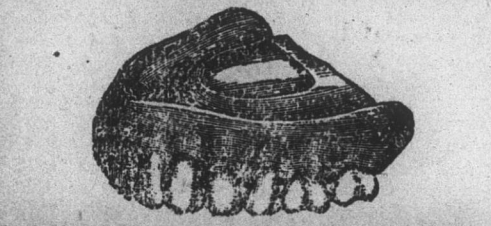
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Headquarters to be in Chicago. Canton, O., Aug. 6.—Chicago will be the republican headquarters and New York will have only a branch. This conclusion is announced here with authority and reasons are given for the statement. It is recognized by Mr. Hanna that the main battle for votes is to be made in the west, and consequently Chicago will be more convenient as a base of supplies for campaign literature and other information incident to the work of the presidential struggle.

Pennsylvania Fusionists Win. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 6.—The state convention of the people's party was held here Wednesday. The question of fusion on presidential electors was the most difficult problem up for discussion. In the platform co-operation was urged. A letter was read from Joseph Sibley urging one ticket. State Chairman Leslie said the populists will insist on the gold democrat electors in Pennsylvania retiring from the ticket. There are seventeen of them. If they do not retire the populists will put up electors of their own.

Leedy for Governor of Kansas. Abilene, Kas., Aug. 6.—The populist state convention had three lively sessions Wednesday. The conference committee received notice from the democratic convention delegates at Hutchinson that no compromise would be considered, and that the democratic electoral ticket must be endorsed in full. Four ballots were taken for Leedy, and the fourth was a stampede to Leedy, who was nominated.

Senator Peffer Wants Renomination. Topeka, Kas., Aug. 6.—Senator W. A. Peffer has authorized the announcement that he is a candidate for re-election to the United States senate. In his card he says he has no claims beyond many other faithful populists, and urges only one superior qualification—that of six years' experience.

New Hampshire Prohibitionists. Concord, N. H., Aug. 6.—The prohibition party met in state convention here Wednesday. The following nominations were made: Governor, J. C. Berry, Plymouth. Electors: Dr. E. L. Carr, Pittsfield; Eben Ferris, Manchester; Samuel C. Sawyer, Littleton; Franklin L. Sprague, Keene.

Talmage Favors Silver. New York, Aug. 6.—The Rev. T. D. Talmage predicts that silver will win, and says we will have renewed prosperity if the white metal is victorious. He freely admits his economic views, but will not admit that he is a partisan.

Nebraska Campaign Opened. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 6.—Ex-Congressman Cory of New York opened the campaign for the republicans in this state Wednesday night. He spoke at large crowds in the M street park, during the election of McKinley.

Tennessee Town Scourged. Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The entire business portion of Concord, eighteen miles from here, consisting of nine stores, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire originated in the telephone office in the center of the block and spread to adjoining buildings. One of these contained powder and dynamite, which exploded, accelerating the spread of the flames. Loss, about \$20,000; partially insured. No lives were lost. The origin of the fire is said to be incendiary.

Annie Boch, a dissolute woman, was found dead in bed in New York, with her throat cut from ear to ear. The police believe it a murder.

Free silver or bust.

This is a Populist year.
Organized labor demands consideration.

Now, let us have less talk and more work.

Grover is now free to fish and fish and fish.

Lots of Republicans coming over to the people.

True patriotism lives in the present, not in the past.

Don't be deceived, nor scared by gold-bug threats.

The American people mean to have a scientific money system.

The two old parties are only "organized appetites" for office.

The growth of the silver movement is the advance of intelligence.

Restore the government to the people by giving them a direct vote.

A man cannot be a monopolist and a true silver man at the same time.

Direct legislation will retain free coinage of silver after it is adopted.

There is no other single issue of as much importance as direct legislation.

A gold standard is the baronial castle of modern feudalism and serfdom.

Whitney might as well have taken his tour to Europe several weeks sooner.

Absolute government issue and control of money is the demand of the people.

The man who lives on interest lives on the labor of somebody who is in debt.

Redemption free coinage is a fraud—merely a shield to hide the bank oligarchy.

The democrats are going to do this time, oh yes. That is they say they are.

The business of the West and South is just as important as the business of the East.

Continue the work of education, regardless of what may be the result of the election.

Several splinters knocked off the G. O. P. already—and the storm getting worse all the time.

It is not converts the gold-bugs expect to their theories—but convicts under the lash of blackmail.

"International agreement" means surrendering our own national constitutional power to coin our own money.

The silver men are no worse split than the gold men—and, besides, they have the advantage of a large majority for silver.

Cleveland may drop out of sight, but he will be remembered for some time by the hole he leaves in the United States treasury.

If you are satisfied with present conditions, of course you will vote for McKinley and the "maintenance of the existing gold standard."

The nomination of McKinley is creating about as much enthusiasm in Kansas and Nebraska as the arrival of the grasshoppers used to arouse.

The only bolts from now on will be bolts of white (silver) lightning—with gold-bug thunder. It is the lightning that will count, and not the thunder.

Let the people so cast their votes in November that Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln may send greeting from the other shore, "we are satisfied."

We are glad to notice that the Democrats have become so reconciled to the despised Populist platform as to steal the greater part of it. Hope they are in earnest.

Thousands of men who haven't made a living the past four years will vote to continue for four years more the same policy which brought about the present state of affairs.

It is not the people who are making the noise now that will control the elections this year. It is the quiet citizens, who have made up their minds and are now busy with their farm crops.

If gold is the only money, then let wage-earners of all grades and degrees, refuse checks, national bank bills, etc., and demand the gleaming yellow coin on pay-day. Let working-men demand "sound money" as well as the bankers. Take no other. It would smash the gold combine.

Lincoln said, in speaking of the Wall street speculators: "For my part, I wish every one of them had his devilish head shot off." Yet the Republican party of to-day which claims descent from Lincoln adopts Wall street as its guiding star. Truly it has descended from Lincoln—a long ways.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY CONTINUES DULL.

Wheat Being Exported Very Freely for the Season—Little Doing in the Fabric Market, and Prices Low—Iron and Steel Slow.

Dun Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

"Business conditions have clearly improved, though business has not. It is now the torpid season, and better prospects have little effect as yet. The signing of a compact to control foreign exchange by a syndicate, pledging the use of \$750,000,000 for that purpose, may render it unnecessary to use the gold, and has given some stocks a slight advance. Gold exports have been stopped, and foreign trade is more promising of an early demand for our product. The prospects for large crops of cotton and corn are still excellent.

"Two important labor contests have been settled between iron mills and puddlers, one the Brown hoisting works, at Cleveland, which recently caused the troops to be called out. But the strike of garment workers has extended, although appearing near an end.

"None supposes that the exchange syndicate is interested to do more than bridge over a period in which merchandise exports has been light. But exchange in foreign trade is already in the helpful direction, domestic exports from New York having for four weeks been 17 per cent larger, while imports have been 20 per cent smaller than last year, and last week 26 per cent smaller.

"Wheat is already going out with more freedom than is usual for the season, and Atlantic exports have been 1,001,119 bushels, flour included, for the week, against 900,248 last year, and for four weeks 6,564,266 bushels, against 3,422,421 last year. Western receipts are also remarkably heavy, in four weeks 13,646,736 bushels, against 2,856,445 last year, and if part is old wheat so much the greater must have been the surplus from previous crops. In any event, the free movements show that the scarcity is due to the Western farmer and holders. The market, in spite of reports indicating smaller foreign supply, reacted after a rise of a little over 1 cent, closing ½ cent higher for the week.

"Lower rail rates helped corn to make a new record at 30.12 cents, and prospects are generally favorable. Cotton advanced by quarters on reports of injury, but there are really few who expect less than a large yield.

"Several weeks of extremely slack demand for cotton orders have brought further reduction in print cloths to 2.44 cents, instead of the advance expected in consequence of the stoppage of 4,000,000 spindles, but prints are selling more freely, while brown and bleached goods are dull, except for export kinds.

"The woolen mills do not get many orders for lightweights, opening 5 to 7½ per cent lower in price than last year, and sales of wool now reported are less than a quarter of a full week's consumption; for the week only 1,619,700 pounds, against 6,072,450 last year, and for five weeks past only 11,547,131 pounds, against 50,831,314 last year, and 38,557,150 in 1892.

"Leather is stubbornly held without change in prices, and in some grades is really scarce, although manufacturers are buying only for actual needs, but hides have turned downward sharply at Chicago, declining 5 per cent for the week with heavy accumulations.

"The iron industry is helped but little by the settlement which gives puddlers of the Ohio region 50 cents advance in wages, because the demand is so light that few mills can run, and the association price is 1.2 cents, while steel bars are now being sold at less than 1.05.

Grover's picture is turned to the wall in the house of his Democratic fathers.

An international agreement free silver man is a goldbug who is ashamed to own it.

What little good there was in the republican party has left it and joined the people.

If the poor were as dishonest as the rich the reign of anarchy would be perpetual.

Maintaining the present gold standard means maintaining the present hard times.

The reform movement is an uprising of the people who have got tired of being fooled.

Our principles are right and will live on whether we elect our candidates this year or not.

The West proposes to stop the disturbance of productive business by abolishing the gold standard.

San Francisco, Portland and Sacramento, the largest three cities on the Pacific coast, have Populist mayors.

Government loan tender paper money won't go to Europe. It will stay at home and attend to its own business.

"Oom" Paul Scores Again. The Digger News prints an interview with President Kruger in which he says that he has declined to interfere in behalf of Dr. Jameson. The president points out that the British government has still to decide who were the ringleaders in the Jameson

WHO OWNS IT?

Does This Country Belong to Americans or to Foreigners?

Southern Mercury: It is high time for the American people to wake up to the fact that this country is going into the hands of foreign money lenders, and they will soon control it, if they do not already own a majority of the railroads, factories, breweries, furnaces, etc. Only contemplate for a moment the vast interests now held by foreigners:

Sixty per cent of the stocks and bonds of the vast Pennsylvania railroad system is said to be owned in Europe.

Nearly all the Illinois Central railroad, extending from Chicago to New Orleans, with great city properties and branches and laterals, is owned in Holland.

Great ownership in the immense properties of the New York Central railroad company, and all its vast railroad connections, is held in Europe. A controlling interest in the Great Northern railroad, running from Lake Superior to the Pacific ocean, is owned in England.

A controlling interest in the Northern Pacific railroad, lying south of and as extensive as the last named railroad, is owned in Germany.

Large, if not controlling interests in every other important railroad in the United States, are owned by European investors.

The immense Carnegie iron works at Homestead, in Pennsylvania, are owned principally in Scotland.

The controlling interest in the famed Pillsbury flouring mills at Minneapolis, the largest in the world, is owned in England.

The great iron mines of the Lake Superior region, said to produce 10,000,000 tons of iron ore a year, are largely held by English investors.

A controlling interest in the Grant Smelters in Denver and Omaha, the largest in the world, is owned by Englishmen.

Foreigners own immense interests in the breweries of the country, largely, if not controlling.

The largest bankers of New York are foreigners, or representatives of foreign banking houses. These are the great gold shippers.

A large percentage of our fire and marine insurance is in foreign insurance companies.

Five-sixths of all the freightage of our foreign commerce is carried in foreign vessels.

Foreigners own millions of acres of our farming lands.

They own many millions of dollars in value of our city properties.

Their mortgage loans overspread the face of the country.

Foreigners own millions of acres of millions of United States bonds, and state bonds; and they own untold millions of city bonds, and other municipal obligations in the United States, and vast amounts of other properties not here specially stated.

So great has become the aggregate of all these ownerships in the United States properties by foreigners living in foreign countries that the aggregate cannot be less than \$7,000,000,000 or \$3,000,000,000, with an average of earnings of not less than 5 per cent per annum.

It is well to be alive to the dangers ahead, and not to suppose that because a majority of the people are in favor of the free coinage of silver that we will have a walk-over. The power of money will be exerted as it never was before, and a campaign of bribery and corruption is before us such as this country has never seen. We must be in the fight from the start. Nothing is so dangerous as feeling too sure of victory. We can be sure of nothing until it is accomplished, therefore, until the polls close on election day we should not cease to labor for the triumph of our principles.

If you intend to do anything this year for reform, now is the time to begin work.

Keep the Reform flag floating.

There is some difference between the tin soldier McKinley and the other Napoleon famed in history. It will be more noticeable after election.

A SHORT POLITICAL REVIEW.

Political Matters Considered with Reference to Republican Prospects.

It was in 1884 that the republican party, after an unbroken succession of triumphs for 24 years, met with its first national rebuke. The republican leaders assigned different causes for their defeat, among them being a Beishazzar feast of millionaires at Delmonico's, in which Mr. Blaine took an active part just a few days before the election, and Burchard's penchant for alliteration when he declared that Rum, Romanism and Rebellion were all allied against republicanism. The true cause of the overthrow of the party, however, was found in the fact that the country was overrun with tramps and that, while farmers were selling their wheat for 65 cents per bushel, destitution and starvation had made their appearance with the apparent intention of remaining.

In 1888 the republicans were again restored to power because the democrats were no more inclined to give the people relief than those who controlled the republican party were. Full control of the government passed into republican hands March 4, 1889. The congress which convened the following December elected Reed speaker of the House and he made McKinley chairman of the Ways and Means committee. Mr. McKinley introduced his famous bill and it became the law during the following summer. The people evidently thought more of the "free sugar" than they did of the tin plate and other protective features of the McKinley law, since they repudiated the republican policy in the ensuing congressional elections and gave the democrats control of the House by nearly 140 majority. Times waxed harder and harder, babies starved to death at Braidwood, Ill., because their coal-mining parents could not provide them with food; Dakota farmers were humbly begging for help and a statement of their deplorable condition was given to the public over the signature of the republican governor of their state. Strikes, riots, lockouts and trouble generally prevailed and all this time the policy inaugurated by the republican party was unchanged. The troubles culminated in 1892 when the McKinley law had been in undisputed control for two years, in mining riots in Arizona and East Tennessee, where laborers were shot to death by troops, in railway riots in New York where the New York National Guard disgraced humanity by shooting a boy to death and brutally stabbing him with a bayonet after he was dead and in the awful Homestead murder, where the Pinkertons massacred workmen and were paid \$5 per day for their bloody work.

The people were in a desperate hurry for relief and as the democrats had not had full control of the government since the war they turned to them for help and gave them complete power in all departments. And now the republican party, chuckling with delight over the distracted and disheartened condition of the people, which it brazenly charges to democratic legislation, when it really is the result of democratic treachery or incompetency, believes that its way to restored power is open. Banking upon the ignorance or forgetfulness of the people it has nominated as its standard bearer the very man whose tariff policy had been in full force two years when the Homestead murder occurred and which the people repudiated, if they repudiated anything, in the most emphatic manner in 1892.

The signs are rapidly accumulating that the republicans have counted without their host, and that while the disturbed and divided condition of the opposition may result in a republican victory, a large majority will vote against the return of their party to power and it will never again be able to crystallize its distinct views into law.

Paper money bottomed on taxes is the safest and most convenient money for the people.

The trouble with the democrats is that they are better reformers out of office than in office.

The democratic party has attracted attention to itself chiefly by the blunders it has committed.

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