

# THE PEOPLE'S PILOT.

FOR THE FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE OF SILVER AND GOLD AT THE PARITY RATIO OF SIXTEEN TO ONE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER NATION ON EARTH.

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**MONON ROUTE**

(LOUISVILLE, NEWALBANY & CHICAGO R.R.)

W. H. MCDOEL, RECEIVER.

The Direct Line to  
Chicago,  
Indianapolis,  
Cincinnati,  
LaFayette,  
Louisville,  
West Baden,  
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and  
All Points South.  
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Monon Time Table No. 23, in Effect Sept. 13.

NORTH BOUND. SOUTHERN BOUND.  
No. 4. 4:30 a. m. 5. 10:55 a. m.  
No. 40. 7:31 a. m. No. 33. 1:53 p. m.  
No. 32. 9:55 a. m. No. 39. 6:03 p. m.  
No. 6. 3:30 p. m. No. 2. 11:20 p. m.  
No. 30. 4:15 p. m. No. 45. 2:40 p. m.  
No. 14. 4:49 a. m.  
No. 22. 9:30 a. m.

Monon carries passengers between Monon and Lowell.

No. 30 makes no stops between Rensselaer and Indianapolis.

No. 32 makes no stops between Rensselaer and Hammond.

Train No. 5 has a through coach for Indianapolis and Cincinnati, via Roachdale, arr. Indianapolis 2:45 p. m., dep. Cincinnati 3:30 a. m., leaves Indianapolis 11:50 a. m., arrives Rensselaer 3:30 p. m. daily. Tickets can be purchased at regular rates via this new route.

W. H. BEAM, Agent.

## CHURCHES

**FIRST BAPTIST**. Preaching every two weeks at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30; B. Y. P. S. C. E., 2:30; S. Y. P. S. C. E., 4:30; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30; C. E. 7:30. Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment.

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**CHRISTIAN.** Corner Van Rensselaer and Susan. Preaching, 10:45 and 8:00; Sunday School, 9:30; J. Y. P. S. C. E., 2:30; S. Y. P. S. C. E., 4:30; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30; Rev. F. M. pastor.

Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment.

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**PRESBYTERIAN.** Corner Cullen and Angelica. Preaching, 10:45 and 7:30; Sunday School, 9:30; Junior Endeavorers, 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 4:30. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30. Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment.

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**METHODIST.** Preaching at 10:5 a. m.; Sunday school 9:45; Epworth League, 11:30; Sunday 6: Tuesday 7: Junior League 2:30; alternate Sundays. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7. Dr. R. D. Utter, pastor.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment.

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**CHURCH OF GOD.** Corner Harrison and Eliza. Preaching, 10:45 and 7:30; Sunday School, 9:30; Prayer meeting, 7:30; Ladies' Aid Society, 11:30; pastor.

Ladies Society meets every Wednesday afternoon, by appointment.

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**CHRISTIAN-BARKLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST.** Preaching every alternate Lord's Day. Morning Sunday school 11:00; Preaching 11:00; Evening S. P. C. E., 7:30; Preaching, 8:00; Rev. E. S. Morgan, Pastor.

LODGES

**MASONIC.** IROQUOIS LODGE, No. 12. A. F. & A. M. meets first and third Mondays of each month. C. G. Spitzer, W. M.; W. J. Ima, Secy.

**EVENING STAH CAMPMENT.** No. 201. I. O. O. F. meets second and fourth Fridays of each month. Nellie Hopkins, W. M. Maud E. Spitzer, Secy.

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**CATHOLIC ORDER FORESTERS.** Willard Court, No. 418, meets every first and third Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. E. P. Honan, Secy., Frank Maloy, Chief Ranger.

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**ODD FELLOWS.** IROQUOIS LODGE, No. 149. I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday. W. E. Overton, N. G. S. C. Irwin, Secy.

**RENSSELAER ENCAMPMENT.** No. 201. I. O. O. F. meets second and fourth Fridays of each month. T. J. Saylor, C. P.; John Van Dusen, Secy.

**RENSSELAER REBECCA DEGREE LODGE.** No. 340, meets first and third Fridays of each month. Mrs. Mattie Bowman, N. G.; Miss Alice Irwin, Secy.

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**I. O. O. F. FORRESTERS.** COURT JASPER, No. 1703. Independent Order of Foresters, meets second and fourth Mondays. Geo. Goff, C. D. H. C. R.; J. W. Horton, C. R.

Cheap Farm Loans.

Call on Valentine Seib, Rensselaer, for the cheapest farm loans offered in Jasper county. Large or small accounts.

## Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in countering and freeing the system from the malaria poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle at F. B. Meyer's drug store.

## The Garden South.

The South is destined to be, and is rapidly becoming, the garden of the United States. Here life is easiest to live; the rigorous winters do not eat up the fruits of the toil of summer, nor are the summers so trying as many northern people have supposed. "I used to live only half the year" said a northern farmer recently settled in the south, "and I used to work all the time then. Now I work half the time and live all the year through."

Home seeker's excursion tickets will be sold over the Monon Route to nearly all points in the south at the rate of one first class fare (one way); tickets good returning on any Tuesday or Friday within 31 days from date of sale. Liberal stop-overs are allowed. These excursions start (and tickets are sold) August 17, 18 and 31; September 1, 14, 15, October 5, 6, 19 and 20. Call on W. H. Beam, agent of the Monon Route, for further information.

## CONFRONTED BY A CRISIS.

**It Is Not a Partisan Question, but One of Genuine Patriotism.**

We are confronted by a money power that is seeking to fasten upon the people of this country an English yoke. We are now in the midst of the gravest crisis that ever confronted this republic. In 1861 the Union was confronted with dissolution which meant anarchy in respect to government and a perpetuation of the African slavery. In 1896 we are confronted with the question whether we shall install the English Shylock as a taskmaster over all the generations of Americans that are yet to come. We are not proposing to wrong anybody. We are proposing to give every man his due. We are not suggesting experiments. We are demanding a return to the experience of the world for thousands of years, and we say that this experiment of trying to force the nations of the earth on to a gold basis for the benefit of European creditors is ruining the American people.

We propose to pay back the English creditors in the same money they gave us—gold and silver. We propose to give them dollars that shall have the same purchasing power, that will buy as much property and as much labor of every kind as had the dollars which they gave us—money having exactly the same purchasing power. We propose to pay them principal and interest in the same money exactly which they gave us, and we say that their acts in getting silver demonetized and gold made dear, after they had succeeded in getting our bonds and our notes, so as to compel us to pay in a different kind of money from what they gave us, to pay in dollars which cost twice as much sweat, twice as much blood, as did the dollars which they gave us—we say that that act was a fraud and was a crime against civilization.

This is not a partisan question. It is not a question of Republicanism or of Democracy. John Sherman and Grover Cleveland are sleeping together. It is a question of patriotism. It is a question of maintaining the institutions of the fathers, for if the present standard is to be maintained, if our people must go on paying interest and principal in dollars that require twice as much labor, twice as much sweat, twice as much blood to obtain, as did the dollars that were in circulation when the debts were created, then the doom of the American producers is sealed. Low prices will be made perpetual, and there will be no hope for the American farmer, the American mechanic, or the American laborer.—John P. Altgeld.

## A BUSINESS MAN.

**Here Is a Merchant Who Investigated For Himself and Knows What Is the Matter.**

One of the most encouraging interviews on the money question was that recently made in Chicago with Frank H. Cooper of the great dry goods firm of Siegel, Cooper & Co. of Chicago and New York, and known the world over. Mr. Cooper has just returned from a trip to Europe, and to a newspaper man he expressed his opinions on the financial scene as follows:

"I am yet somewhat on the fence, but I can't see anything but good to result from the free coinage of silver. True, it will benefit the mine owners; it will also benefit the miners; give them work, and benefit the west. It will give the farmer money; it will make better prices for farm products; it will make the farmer a buyer in our markets. Times can be no worse than they are at present. Our currency is not expansive enough for the demands of the people. France has \$40 per capita of money in circulation, and its people are prosperous and happy. We have but \$20 per capita. We need more money, and free silver coinage will put an end to business stagnation."

"Our factories are closed and our artisans and mechanics are out of work. More money will make higher prices, better demand for goods and a revival of prosperity."

"Goods and produce are too cheap because people have no money to buy them. The depreciation in prices on some lines of goods has been more than 50 per cent in the past six months. Can merchants and manufacturers stand this?"

"The Wilson bill that reduced the tariff on goods about 10 per cent, except on wool, which is made free, is not the cause of all the hard times."

"Do you think that putting back the old tariff would cause a return of prosperity?"

"There are many ways to view this matter. The poor and the middle classes pay all the taxes. I believe the multimillionaires should pay their proportion. I believe in a graded income tax as a partial panacea for the ills we have fallen into."

"With free silver the price of wheat and corn would enhance in value at once. Dollar wheat for the farmer makes him look at his clothes. When they are frayed he buys new. He refurnishes his house, if it is needed, and helps to start the furniture factories going again. It is so in all lines. More money, the greater demand for goods."

"A single gold standard would bring prices still lower and more failures and more disaster for the people. It is hard to say what is exactly right. We are partially upon a bimetallic basis now, and that is in a measure our salvation. Take that away, and where are we?"

"Contract our currency to \$15 or \$12 per capita, and the result would be such

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JOHN CLARK RIDPATH.

**Our Great Historian Gives Out His Plat-form as a Candidate for Congress.**

We want our currency system put back precisely where it was under the statute and constitution for the first 81 years of our existence as a nation. Our statutory bimetallic system of currency was taken from us in 1873 by a process which I do not care to characterize in fitting terms. Now we propose to have it back again. The restoration of our silver money to the place it held before is the people's cause, and the people in this contest are going to triumph. They are going to triumph in the open light of day under the clear gleam of light and truth.

The silver dollar was from of old the unit of money and account in the United States. That dollar to this hour has never been altered by the fraction of a grain in the quantity of pure metal composing it. Every other coin, whether of gold or silver, has been altered time and again, but the silver unit never. The silver dollar was the dollar of the law and the contract. It is to this day the dollar of the law and the contract. To the silver unit all the rest, both gold and silver, have been conformed from our first statute of 1792 to that ill starred date when the conspiracy against our old constitutional order first declared itself. The gold eagle was of the silver dollar the premium.

Now we propose to have it back again. The silver dollar was the dollar of the law and the contract. To the silver unit all the rest, both gold and silver, have been conformed from our first statute of 1792 to that ill starred date when the conspiracy against our old constitutional order first declared itself. The gold eagle was of the silver dollar the premium.

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