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THE PAST FIFTY YEARS.

Fifty years about marks the span of manhood's busy labor. The past fifty years represents an epoch of invention and scientific discovery in the history of the world. A gigantic wave of human ingenuity and resource, stupendous in magnitude, complex in diversity, profound in thought, fruitful in wealth and beneficial in results to that extent that the mind is strained and embarrassed in its efforts to fully appreciate it. It has been a grand climax of discovery.

The great works of the ancients are mere monuments of patient manual labor. Not so with modern achievement. Ideas, brain and energy have so combined that their developments partake of the sacred qualities of creation. Seeing with the eye of science man has touched the possibilities of matter with the divine breath of thought and made a new world. The creations of science and genius have burst upon an incredulous and superstitious world like the flashing of a meteor. Intellectual and spiritual forces have become infinitely more potent over all material things. By science through the agency of machinery on the one hand, and of social organization and communication on the other, the empire of mind over man as well as matter is extended. Human life is improved, the soul relieved and society lifted to a loftier consciousness. Christianity and philosophy is exalted and illumined.

Fifty years ago the telegraph, the telephone, the phonograph, the electric light, the sewing machine, the typewriter, the reaper and binder, the fire engine, the ocean steamer, the ice machine, the air brake, the screw propeller and hundreds of other inventions and mechanical appliances so useful to man, and so perfect in operation that they seem endowed with life and thought, were practically unknown.

Knowledge of microbes and disease germs, of remedies and preventatives of disease, the X rays, antiseptics and anesthetics have added to longevity and almost destroyed the horror and pain of the surgeon's knife.

We shrink from the thought of what it would mean to modern civilization to eliminate from its life these potent factors of its existence. The last half century has not only produced greater advancement than any previous period of equal length, but more than all the centuries that have gone before.

Remarkable indeed is the fact that the field of all this development, is confined to a relatively small number of the Caucasian race, and under the benign influence of a Christian civilization.

Every new discovery only proclaims the wisdom and power and grace of God, whose creatures we are. He moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Is it His purpose "to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God." Truly does it seem that but a few more steps remain ere we reach the top balcony of the tower of scientific discovery, when we will see all the glories of the day of Gods unfolding. When peace on earth, good will to man will be realized and Christ's kingdom on earth be established.

So mote it be.

SLIM JIM.

It is said that Grover Cleveland sent a substitute to the Cockran meeting in New York. He did the same thing when the country had greater need for his services as a soldier in the late war. Cleveland is great on vetoes, ducks, fish, bond issues and substitutes.

NATIONAL PARTY PLATFORM.

The National party which met in Greensboro Friday adopted the following platform:

1. In consist devotion to the political principles, which for many years have been promulgated by the National Prohibition party, which its recent convention at Pittsburg abandoned, and which we now find expressed, in their entirety, in the platform of the new National party, we the citizens of the State of North Carolina, in convention assembled, hereby declare our continued allegiance to those principles and endorse the platform of the National party and its candidates for President and Vice President, C. E. Bentley, of Nebraska and J. H. Soutgate, of North Carolina.

2. We invite to the support of this party and its candidates all citizens of North Carolina, whatever may have been their past party affiliations, who desire the suppression of the drink traffic and the abolition of the monopolies, which now control our money system, our politics, our lands, our railroads and telegraphs, to the oppression of our people.

3. North Carolina should be redeemed from standing so near the foot of the sisterhood of States, in the educational rank of her public schools. Having already provided funds for higher education, we demand that legislation now be directed to the improvement of the basal part of our educational system, the public schools, now in a crippled condition for means to improve. We favor the gradual, but speedy increase of the public school term to eight months in each year.

4. The betterment of the public highways is the most important economic issue in internal improvement. We demand, therefore, that such changes in our laws be made as will provide for remanding the able bodied male criminals of each county to the care, and custody of county authorities, for work upon the highways within the respective counties; the distribution, by the boards of agriculture of literature, setting forth the most improved methods of road building and a more equitable basis of taxation for the road fund.

Before adjourning the convention adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the National party, in State Convention assembled at Greensboro, August 21st, 1896, sorrows with all who honored and loved in life the Hon. W. T. Walker, of Brown Summit, Guilford County, N. C., and desired to record this testimonial of its regard for one whose heroic, consecrated championship of humanity's cause will forever link his name as an inspiration to the history of our State.

FOR ONE CLASS ONLY.

Has the cheapening of prices under the gold standard been uniform as is claimed by the hard advocates? We say no. It hardly touches the class and corporate interests. Taxes, rents, passenger and hotel rates, interest, insurance, etc., remain about the same. While there has been no reduction whatever in salaries and fees of Federal, State, County and municipal officers, railroad and bank presidents, officers in the army and navy and many other favored occupations and professions. It is the broad shoulders of labor that carries the burden of an appreciated dollar.

The merry people pay the merry privileged classes, with merry "sound money" which buys twice as much of their merry products as in the merry days of free silver as we go merrily along,

WE CAN STAND ALONE.

Appropos to the discussion which just now so fiercely rages as to the influence of Great Britain upon the currency legislation of this and other countries, the following figures of Prof. Mulhall, the eminent English statistician, showing the comparative wealth of nations, are of interest. They explode the theory so commonly held, that England alone is the richest nation, says the Farmers' Voice.

Great Britain, including her colonies, doubtless is, but in the world of finance that countries colonies do not count for much. These figures represent the tangible property of nations, including land, houses, and all kinds of personal property:

United States	\$62,120,000,000
Great Britain	47,000,000,000
France	42,990,000,000
Germany	31,185,000,000
Russia	25,445,000,000
Austria	19,285,000,000
Italy	14,815,000,000
Spain	12,580,000,000
Australia	6,865,000,000
Belgium	5,035,000,000
Holland	4,900,000,000
Canada	4,180,000,000
Sweden	3,641,000,000
Roumania	3,180,000,000
Argentina	2,545,000,000

The Progressive Farmer in commenting on this says that the first step in the formation of this nation of ours, which in 120 years has become the richest nation on the globe, was a declaration of independence. Nothing in all the world of finance and commerce is of sufficient value to tempt this people to recede from the high ground taken in that splendid declaration of the early fathers. Whatever we do with the currency should be done with an eye single to the good of the American people and regardless of any conditions which may have grown up in the monarchies of Europe, where the people are forgotten that royalty and sham nobility may dwell in idleness and luxury.

FALSE PROPHETS.

In '93 the people were told that the repeal of the Sherman act would restore confidence and prosperity. The Sherman act was repealed, a panic ensued which has grown worse day by day until the present.

The same false prophets are now saying that the silver agitation is unsettling business and that a terrible panic will result if the free coinage of silver is restored.

The people are not all fools. They have had experience under free coinage and the single gold standard and know under which system they prospered most.

They know that until '73 success crowned their every effort and that prosperity was universal. Labor and labors products commanded good prices. There were no tramps, no willing hands seeking work and finding it not. Commercial failures were rare and destitution almost unknown.

Under the single gold standard disaster has desolated the land and paralyzed effort. The bonded debt of the nation has increased nearly \$300,000,000 in three years. The monthly deficit in government receipts is enormous. Extravagance reigns supreme in high places, while pinching economy becomes necessary on the part of the masses. Bank defalcations, forgeries, robberies and suicides have become so common as not to excite comment. A great many factories are closed down while others are running on half time. Thousands are out of employment. Lack of money is the universal complaint.

The land is full of produce, of the necessities of life, which under the old system was deemed sufficient collateral. Under consumption reduces the mer-

chants sales and all except the favored few share in the general disaster to business.

With such experience can there be any doubt as to a return to a financial system under which all prospered. Reason and common sense says no. Greed, indolent indifference and beastly selfishness alone approves of present conditions. Lack of money cannot be remedied by making it scarcer and easier to corner and control.

"JUST ONE WAY."

That the times are hard and growing worse no one denies. That our financial system is largely responsible no one disputes. That we have the single gold standard is admitted. That gold monopolists are in control of the government is conceded. That every effort of the goldites to satisfactorily explain away matters, is a failure is a patent fact. Yet they claim to know it all. Reminds us of a man named Hezel who built a fence so crooked that when he attempted to climb over it he came down on the same side from which he went up. After several vain attempts he got on the other side when he squared himself to the situation and remarked: "There is just one way to do a thing—a right way and a wrong way, and I have missed them both."

Cleveland, Carlisle & Co. must be pupils of Hezel's.

MASSSES NOT BENEFITED.

Gold is coming back from "Yurru" and stocks are advancing. How about labor and produce. Is the country really benefited by this change in the golden tide.

"The best financial system in the world" works like a charm for the stock gambler, but the masses do not appear to be in it. This gold that is being imported will never circulate among the people. It is bought and sold as a commodity, and practically had as well be dumped into the middle of the Atlantic so far as any relief of the people is concerned.

Treated as a commodity, it is bought and sold for profit by speculators and will never leave the corrupt precinct of Wall Street until it rotates back to London again.

Band of Moonshiners Caught.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Aug. 20. A party of revenue officers representing all sections of Virginia, went to Franklin county yesterday to break up the most noted band of outlaws and illicit distillers in that state. By artifice they succeeded in capturing twelve outlaws without blood shed, and destroyed several stills. Among the captured were Calvin Moore, the Martin brothers, and the Atkins brothers, leading spirits of the gang. While coming out of the mountains the officers were fired on at different points, and in one instance waged a fierce fight on the would be ambushers, driving them back.

This raid was the result of an effort made a month ago to capture these men at which time the officers were repulsed. Over 200 shots were fired, three of the horses were shot down, and some of the outlaws were wounded, while one of the officers' pilots was killed and another wounded.

Nebraska Bank in Trouble.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 21.—The Bank of Wymore closed its doors this morning. No statement of assets or liabilities are obtainable. It is one of the depositories for Gage county. Six thousand dollars are on deposit, amply protected by \$85,000 in bonds. No run was made on the bank, the directors deeming it advisable to close on account of slow collections and inability to renew loans.

IT IS ENGLISH YOU KNOW.

The tendency in this country among the Anglo maniacs and of certain magazines and journals to laud every thing English and to hold up the British government as an example for our imitation, is disgusting to every loyal American.

Lets look into the matter a little and see what kind of an Eden this is that we are asked to imitate. The support of the Royal loafers known as the Royal family costs the English people about \$10,000,000 annually. The president of the United States receives a salary of \$50,000 annually. England's army and navy costs \$155,000,000 annually, ours costs \$51,000,000. Her interest on the public debt is \$143,000,000, ours is about \$25,000,000. England's per capita debt is \$88.14, ours is \$14.17 per capita.

These items are sufficient for our purpose without enumerating others proportionately great. In England everything is taxed, either directly or indirectly. Owners of land and houses, occupiers of land and houses, as well as professions, all trades, incomes from whatever source, deeds, probates, legacies, and successions, bill of exchange and receipts, patents, carriages, horses, man-servants, guns, dogs, and personal property generally must pay. The revenues of the United States are derived from customs and tax on tobacco and whiskey and a few other articles not of prime necessity. With the exception of the income tax, England's fiscal system does not commend itself to the Americans and this latter strangely enough is the only thing English that is condemned by the aforesaid maniacs.

Such people should move to England and partake of such rare blessings of Royalty and act funky and toady to their heart's content.

IN UNION—STRENGTH.

A union of the reform forces makes success at the polls probable.

Separation of those forces makes success impossible.

The man who wants success favors the methods that lead to it.

The man who desires disaster to come to the forces favors disunion and antagonism.

Look out for the disorganizer, and divider.

Weyler Will Sweep the Island.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Cal. Tort, learning the insurgents were encamped in the vicinity of Gomez, in the province of Matanzas, ordered a cavalry charge on the Spanish forces. The results, according to the official advices, was a decisive victory over the insurgents. The Cubans were compelled to fly for their lives. They left nineteen dead on the field, including Dr. Bacallao and Lawyer Rodolfo Gavilan. Two prisoners and a large quantity of ammunition and a considerable amount of mail were captured.

Capt. Gen. Weyler is about to issue a decree placing certain limitations and prohibitions upon the raising of next sugar and coffee crops. By this plan he hopes to deprive the insurgents of their resources, and bring all of the planters to the support of Spain. Capt. Gen. Weyler also announces that it is his intention, as soon as reinforcements arrive from Spain, to concentrate his forces and sweep the island from one end to the other. By this means he hopes to speedily put an end to the present insurrection.

The exigencies of the ages call up men for every occasion. A Moses will yet arise to lead mankind out of mental, moral, physical, industrial and political bondage into the broad light of humanity, justice and freedom.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Outrageous Tactics.

The Progressive Farmer says: We learn that certain patent medicine houses are sending out advertising propositions which ought to be rejected by all self-respecting papers, and buyers should leave the medicines for goldbugs. The Lumberton Robesonian says it has received a proposition from one concern with the following stipulation at the bottom of the contract:

"It is also agreed that should the free silver candidate Bryan be elected, the Dr. Miles Medicine Co. have the privilege of cancelling the contract."

We are glad that Bro. McDiarmid had the courage and honesty to refuse the offer and expose the scheme.

How and Why it Rains.

Rain is an accumulation of the tiny particles of the vapor of the atmosphere into drops. These drops, first small of size, attract others of their kind and become drops of such magnitude that they fall to the earth because of their weight. There is a limit to the quantity of water which the air is capable of absorbing and retaining as invisible vapor. Warm air is able to hold more than cold air. Hence, when the air which is saturated with moisture becomes cold for any reason whatever, it can no longer retain its moisture. A portion must, under such condition, accumulate into drops. These fall to the earth in the shape of rain.—St. Louis Re.

\$150,000 for North Carolina.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal says that the mixed-up condition of politics in North Carolina has caused Mark Hanna to lay aside a quarter of a million dollars to buy the State for McKinley. The correspondent truly says:

"But North Carolinians, though poor, are proud of their independence, and are apt to resent signs of corruption at the polls in an effective and extremely disagreeable way."

Boy Killed His Sister.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Peter Fisher, twelve years old, living at 410 East Eighteenth street, shortly before 6 o'clock tonight, shot and killed his sister, Elizabeth, aged thirteen. He was using a Flobert rifle in the kitchen and said the shooting was accidental. The ball entered the left side of the girl's neck and took an upward course to the brain. The boy was arrested.

The Coal Trust.

The greatest "hold up" of the ages is the recent decision of the coal barons to reduce by 6,500,000 tons the output of anthracite coal during the current year. That act filches from the pockets of the people at least \$40,000,000 in comparison with these bandits the effect of the acts of the Jack Shepherds, the Jameses and the Youngers pale into insignificance.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were a most marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rivers Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysm of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at R. Blacknall & Son's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.

The News and Observer of last Sunday morning got out a special "Fish, Fruit and Truck Edition" of Eastern North Carolina. It was sixteen pages in size and was an honor to the industries mentioned and to the State of North Carolina. It should be preserved as it contains many facts that will be of interest in the future.

Once the money question is settled in the interest of the masses, other reforms will be taken up in the order of their importance. The reform movements of the day are born with a destiny and a mission. The problems of a generation will find a solution, and humanity will go forward, under the stimulus of just conditions for another century. The hand of God is in it.

The old theatre at the corner of Broad and Seventh streets, Richmond, Va., on the boards of which many of the greatest actors of the day have played their parts and in which many important conventions, political and otherwise, have been held, has been torn down, and on the site a large and modern storehouse, which will be occupied by a Chicago firm will be erected.

The News and Observer says that three electoral tickets in Georgia would not lose the State to Bryan. Article four of the constitution of Georgia provides that candidates for elector must receive a majority of all the votes cast, and if they have not received a majority the Legislature shall choose the electors. This makes Georgia certain as the McKinley electors cannot in any event secure a majority.

The Tillman family is looming up. Hon. George N. Tillman, the Republican nominee for Governor of Tennessee, is a relative of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, though distant. One of the Tillmans is register of the federal treasury, another is United States minister to Ecuador another is a United States Senator, another is a professor at West Point and another is a lieutenant in the army.

ANOTHER of the world's great souls has changed habitation. The great English artist, Millairs, has passed over the river. He left evidences of his divinity in the great paintings which he produced. He was so absorbed in the love of the beautiful, that evil was forgotten in all he did and said. He helped to make the world better. He never added aught to the burdens of man. More such men are needed.

HON. FERDINAND WINTER, of Indianapolis, law partner of ex-President Harrison announces that he can not indorse the single gold standard, and has made for Bryan. The world "do move" and it is now in order for Mr. Cleveland's law partner, be that manipulated the recent bond sale in which \$9,000,000 profit was realized by the "syndicate" to do likewise. Confession and repentance is in order.

SENATOR THURSTON apologizes for slandering Bryan. "An honest confession is good for the soul" If the railroad wreckers, bond conspirators and stock gamblers will apologize for the vile epithets such as "repudiationists," "cranks," "anarchists," etc, which they have applied to their moral superiors who differ with them on the money question, all will be forgiven.