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FREE SILVER AND THE DARK AGES.

Money was scarce during the Dark Ages because there was no new supply from the mines; but when the mines of Mexico and South America were discovered...

We find the above clipping in the "Vestibule," a Populist sheet published at Concord. We give it to show what abominable rot some editors get off in holding up the cause of Free Silver.

Let us look into it a little. Here we are told that the want of money caused the Dark Ages violence, superstition, ignorance, and disregard of law and order...

This from the Raleigh News and Observer: "The Reform Club 'broadside' advocates a financial policy that is ruinous to the development of the South and West."

Our history tells us that, at best, the inhabitants of Peru and Mexico, at the coming of the Europeans, were only barbarians, not even knowing the value of their silver and gold.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have received from our esteemed friend, Hon. J. F. Reinhardt, a number of public documents. We hereby return our thanks...

We wish to thank our friends of the press who have noted the change in the management of this paper. We are not personally known to many of you...

Nobody with enough sense to read writing believes that Cleveland's administration has made the cotton this fall. But last fall, Democrats were dragged on all occasions with the cry of "5c. cotton and Cleveland has done it."

Last week that Censor of morals and divinely righteous son of Saturn, "The Progressive Farmer," noted the fact that another Democratic paper had been born in Lincoln county.

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Being now alone I meditated. The President soon returned, and after taking a drink, and replacing a chew of tobacco, he announced that the hour for speaking had arrived.

"Fellow Citizens: We meet on this occasion with but one purpose. We are for free silver. The gold bugs are against us but what do we care? Silver, my friend, was the money of the ancients we're told."

O, how I yearned for "Silver Democrat" to be present, where he could have heard his own pointed words more than verified! For was not Silver Democrat, too, with all concealed reluctance, "stated the position of the party" in words that will glow and burn long after words lightly spoken and only faintly meant, shall have been forgotten?

GENUINE FREE SILVER CLUB.

Jim Settle Attends One and Gives the Proceedings with Extracts from the Speech He Heard There.

In my round gathering interesting items for the use of the press I came to Pottsville, Kan. Pottsville is a small, unpretentious town whose citizens descended from their forefathers in regular order...

I had hardly been in town long enough to learn how the natives evade the prohibition laws, till I caught sight of the following on a lamp post: Notice! The Pottsville free silver club will meet at the Hall to-night.

As this invitation included me, I went. The Hall is situated some distance from the town, and its most striking feature is the unfinished air that pervades it. It seems that when the building was about three parts done there was a disagreement between the builder and the owner.

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and know the one hundredth part of the blessings of free silver." Then followed some severe reflections on the President, which, fearing it might reach Mr. Cleveland, I have thought it best to suppress.

If I never get to another free silver meeting, I shall always remember this one. Several times during the delivery of the speech I was tempted to leave the Hall, but the courtesy due a speaker from an auditor restrained me.

Any one desiring to form a free silver club can secure through me the most successful plan of holding one, ritual and all, by sending me 12 two-cent stamps to help pay postage. Five packages for the price of four.

Yours truly, JIM SETTLE. Pottsville, Kan. Oct. 2, 1895.

Pritchard, Linney and Henry Speak.

The Rep-Populist gathering materialized, as it was advertised. Tuesday of this week, when court adjourned, it was announced that the issues of the day would be discussed by distinguished visitors of anti-Democratic faith.

The speaker then went on to discourse on the necessity of the Populist party. He said that the shortcomings of the Republicans and Democrats were responsible for Populism.

Then came a long and tiresome harangue about the present discontent. He claimed that the people had been reading and thinking. This discontent signifies advancement. The Populist believes that contentment means stagnation.

The speaker then appealed to Congressman Shuford to institute impeachment proceedings in the next Congress against Cleveland for discriminating against silver in that he interpreted certain statutes in such a way that silver was put to the depth of a subsidiary currency.

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He began by referring to the fact that formerly the Democrats claimed that the brains and social excellence were in their party, but that now he thought that every man whose social standing was equal to that of a "good possum dog" would soon be over in the Fusion ranks.

Mr. Henry said that he came here to speak to the people about their happiness and prosperity. He claimed that he did not come here to deal in abuse, but that he would pay his respects to some of the leaders of Democracy.

Then came the Star attraction of the show. Congressman Shuford arose, and with his great heart beating with gratitude for the "dear people," introduced ex-Democrat Walter R. Henry, of Vance.

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