

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

MR. EDITOR:—When the people complain of the present financial distress in the country and cry out against the hard times, the Democrats hold up their hands in holy horror and exclaim it is the Republicans who are responsible and not them.

This report was one of the most remarkable that has ever been sent out from the Treasury Department and in it the Secretary made a plea for less money.

At the time this report was written there was in circulation among the people, in round numbers, two billions of dollars of paper money to say nothing of gold and silver, making over fifty dollars per capita.

I did not begin this article to discuss the evils that had resulted from a contraction of the currency, but to show who was responsible for the passage of the act that was in circulation among the people at the time it was passed.

The Democrats claim to be opposed to national banks. Let us examine the records on this point. The act of Feb 13th, 1863, established the national banks in this country.

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had since 1874. They had the power to prevent this legislation. But how did the vote stand? There were 356 members and only 189 voted.

The Democrats have claimed to be in favor of the free coinage of silver. They have told the people what a great blessing it would be and that it would increase the circulation of the currency.

LETTER FROM INDIANA.

MR. EDITOR:—Three sample copies received last Saturday, for which accept thanks. Have not had time to read the paper, but from the glimpses I have had of it I feel that I would like to take it regularly, but at present have not the means to spare.

A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY WRITES FROM PAMLICO.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your columns for a few words from Triumph Alliance, No. 1,076. We have a large membership at this lodge. We have some few like warm members but not many.

A PITT CO. ALLIANCE PASSES RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING COL. SKINNER'S WORK.

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THE GREAT REFORM MOVEMENT

The Autocrats are Quaking in Their Boots.

MR. EDITOR:—The political cauldron is in a boil. This year of grace, 1892, will mark a new era in the annals of the ages.

In the outset we are confronted with three factions or parties, conflicting in nature and divergent in principle, each essaying to prove the success of the other.

Whilst I have stated that there will be three or four parties in the field, there will be in fact or virtually but two—the labor element and the corrupt money power, and in my opinion upon the success of the former depends the prosperity, harmony and perpetuity of our great commonwealth.

This great Third party (for it is inevitable that there shall be one) the careful forethought and embodiment of the determined free will and desire of the masses, so resistless in its impulses that even its leaders could not arrest its progress, is the only hope of the nation for in its platform of principles are so nearly and clearly embodied the inherent rights of the masses as are set forth in the declaration of independence of our fathers that it has not been inaptly called the Second Declaration of Independence.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. A. Inman is a member in good standing in New Britain Alliance, is one of the charter members, has fully attested his devotion to the principles of the Order by standing firm at his post for over four years.

Resolved, That the name of each Lodge responding to this appeal be published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

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oped this idea (and has firmly embedded it too) in the minds of the labor unions, that their boat would never reach the haven save through their own propulsion.

The Democratic party, whose cardinal points are so analogous with our own, are impotent to aid the wage-earners in their struggle from their present unhappy environments from the fact as aforesaid of the unholy wedlock of Northern conspirators, hence there are but two horns of the dilemma for the labor unions—to lose their autonomy by absorption through fusion with either of the old parties, or boldly fling to the breeze the banner of human rights—it is now clearly apparent which horn they will lay hold on.

DR. CULBRETH IN ANSON.

MR. EDITOR:—We deem it right and just to Dr. Culbreth that we should inform the brotherhood through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, the official organ of the Alliance, of Bro. Culbreth's position and work in Anson. It is no new thing for the officers of this great reform movement to be misrepresented.

Resolved, By the members of this Lodge, that we call upon each Lodge in the State for a contribution of 25 cents for the relief of said brother. This is the first appeal that we have ever made, while we have responded to many appeals from sister Alliances.

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HOW THEY DO IT.

The System by Which the Gold Speculators Enriched Themselves.

Senator Beck, in a speech delivered in the United States Senate, January 12th, 1874, stated that the bondholders had made, since the first bonds were issued up to 1869, at which time the bonds were made payable in coin, one thousand million dollars profit.

Remember your total debt was 1865, only \$2,680,000,000, on which the government's own showing, have paid about \$10,000,000,000 besides 2,481,000,000 interest, 678,000,000 profits, 85,000,000 premiums.

Net Profits.

Now permit me to show you from the United States Treasurer's report of 1891, what you have paid in interest on the bonded debt since 1862 up to 1891, inclusive:

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along from \$77,397,712 in 1865 to \$781,591 in 1867, and it did not go down below the last figure till 1870. What caused the debts and interest taken from you and destroyed your debt put in its place? Are you or won't you see and learn anything? Now permit me to call your attention to another great swindle.

In 1866 it had run up to \$2,720,173.69, and it did not come down low the amount of 1865 until 1870 when it was still \$2,480,672,327.04. We owe \$1,552,140,234.73.

Total, \$13,243,000,000

MR. EDITOR:—We the undersigned have been appointed a committee Buffalo Alliance, No. 511, in behalf Bro. Bryant Williams. He lost his only milk cow, which was worth \$150. He is a poor man and a member of the Alliance in good standing, and stood by the Order for five years. This is the first time we have asked for in our Alliance, but have responded many similar appeals. We hope that all the Sub-Alliances in the State will contribute something for this worthy brother. Send all contributions to B. Williams, Carter's Mills, Moore county, N. C.

DR. DURHAM AT HENRIETTA.

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