

An Open Letter to Mr. Hoch.

DEAR SIR:—I read with a great deal of interest your letter in regard to accepting the nomination for governor on the republican ticket. I told a friend, here is a nice, good, young republican who has become disgusted with the ways of the republican party.

Among other good things you say: "I am tired of seeing this great office kicked like a football over the prairies of Kansas. I am disgusted with the dispensing of its perquisites in advance and as a means of their attainment. From all these things our party has suffered sorely in the past."

Now, Brother Hoch, these and worse doings are just what has driven thousands of us from the republican party, and if you think seriously on that subject, you will conclude that you will do more good by helping a new party along (for God knows it is hard enough to keep even a new party pure) than by undertaking the impossible task of purifying an old seething, festering mass of corruption like the republican party. Brother Hoch, you see the stream of corruption as it flows dark and turbid with all manner of tricks, falsehoods, deceptions and crimes. You are willing to grasp the flag of purity, and lead an army on to reform, but your vision is short; you seem to see only what is directly before your eyes; you do not look to the source from whence the foul stream started. Allow me to turn your attention in that direction.

When the patriotic citizens of this country were giving wealth, health and life, to save this nation from disruption, this foul stream of corruption reached Washington, and our lawmakers gave us a financial system that continually makes paupers and millionaires; they also gave us a so-called protective system that protects the rich by taking from the poor; they gave hundreds of millions in land and money to railroad corporations besides the privilege to charge all the traffic can bear. Government became a means to rob the many to enrich the few. From these things the corruption spread. When corporations and individuals can make millions through and by special legislation, then public officers, as their agents, want a share of the plunder.

After they have a taste once they want to hang on to the office; others would like to displace them, and get a chance themselves, therefore all means are used to keep, or get office. After corruption of national politics follows the corruption of state, county and municipal politics, and the purification of politics becomes an "iridescent dream." Any party that is instrumental in passing or defending unjust laws, will from that time on, be controlled by corrupt means and methods.

Brother Hoch, take an older man's advice; if you are really in earnest about working for the purification of politics, leave the old party, if you stay they will sit down on you so heavy that you may not be able to recover again.

We give a very cordial invitation to all real reformers. We started out with honest heart and pure desires.

We want and sorely need all the help we can get to accomplish our objects, that is, equal rights and opportunities to all, special privileges to none; public office to be a public trust, not a private snap; the office to seek the man, not the man the office. This is the good, old Alliance teaching. Come and join us. Fraternally yours, M. SENN.

Populist Argument From a Gold-Bug Source. An editorial communication in the Bankers' Magazine and Statistical Register for March, 1894, in discussing the

decline in wheat and silver, makes the following statement:

In this connection there has been much controversy over the cause of the continued depression in wheat the world over; and the simultaneous break in the price of silver to a lower record also, the latter as cause and the former as effect. Early in the month the United States was getting in London 73 cents gold for its No. 2 red winter wheat; Russia, India, Argentina, and all other wheat exporting countries were getting for an inferior wheat \$1.07 to \$1.10 in silver at the then prices of silver and foreign exchange between London and the several countries from which she was importing wheat, all of which are on a silver currency basis, except this country. The above prices in silver for wheat were practically the same as the silver countries were getting ten years ago, or before the great depression in the prices of wheat in this country and Europe had set in. Yet the purchasing power of silver in these silver wheat-raising countries, with few and temporary exceptions, has been but little changed.

Hence, the Russian, India and Argentine farmer is getting about old prices for his wheat, owing to the decline in silver, caused largely by overproduction in this country, while the American farmer is getting only about two-thirds the price of ten years ago. The consequence is that wheat pays as well as formerly, in the silver countries, with their improved and increased means of transportation by rail, with their interior boundless wheat areas; and they are all constantly increasing their production, while the gold countries of Europe and the United States are being driven out of wheat culture because they cannot compete with these silver countries as long as wheat, or silver, or both, are so low as now. It is useless to deny that our agricultural classes are getting poorer and poorer each year, excepting when other countries have short crops; or that our former supremacy in the wheat markets of the world has been lost for some cause or causes, and that the silver wheat exporting countries have taken it away from us, as we are the only wheat-exporting country of the world that is on a gold basis.

The Woman's Progressive Political League.

Various subjects of interest were discussed by the women at the regular meeting of the Topeka Woman's Progressive Political League on Wednesday, March 21, the principal one being the "Omaha ordinance." After it was thoroughly ventilated, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The first great national convention of the People's party did, in its wisdom, institute the so-called Omaha ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Woman's Progressive Political League, of Topeka, believe this provision to have been made by a foresight, almost akin to inspiration, that nothing is more important for the future success of this new party, or more calculated to insure its continued purity; and

WHEREAS, We believe that no man who loves the reform cause and desires to see it prosper will object to the provisions of this ordinance; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Political Progressive League, of Topeka, call upon the various leagues throughout the state, and upon all persons interested in a government of and by the people, to unite in demanding that this ordinance be annexed to every call made for county, state or national People's party conventions.

Arrangements were made to give an entertainment on the evening of Wednesday, March 28. There will be some refreshments in addition to a short program of music and recitations. An enjoyable time is expected, and all are invited to come and participate.

Exchanges are requested to copy resolutions.

United States Finance System.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—For the first time since the "best banking system the world ever saw" went forth as law, I read on page 3672, Congressional Record, the

whole act crammed into a nut shell and stated by Senator Stewart in the senate of the United States. Here it is, let all read it, and then inquire of any ordinary lunatic—if he don't know himself—what caused the present panic: "We have a law upon our statute book which the people do not appear to understand. It, in effect, compels the government to borrow money, pay interest on it, and loan it to corporations. The government has to pay from 8 to 5 per cent., and must loan to corporations at 1 per cent."

Corporations in Kansas loan at from 10 to 40 per cent.

Average of production for the last 400 years, 3 per cent.

Let all the "intelligent people" get their 10 year old daughters and sons to strike a balance sheet from the above, reckoning the volume of currency at \$2,000,000,000 and to run for thirty years, and see "where we are at." ENAK.

Current History for the fourth quarter of 1893 sums up in a nutshell both sides of the Hawaiian question; gives an elaborate review of the situation in the United States as regards the tariff, and the general interests of business and industry, with statistics for the year; traces the causes and significance of the trouble in Brazil; discusses with great clearness the international problem of the balance of power in the Mediterranean; reviews the political situation in the United States, the Gravessend affair, the working of the liquor dispensary law in South Carolina, the prohibition movement and the growth of new political forces in Canada; discusses the facts and tendencies of the growth of socialism and anarchy in Europe; sums up what has been done to the end of 1893 in the way of Australasian federation; chronicles the events of the Matabele war; treats of the anti-foreign sentiment in China and Japan; gives a resume of progress in scientific research, astronomical and archeological discovery, photography in natural colors, etc.; reviews over 100 of the new books; sketches the careers of the eminent dead; outlines the life and work of Francis Parkman; and contains a fund of valuable information on a host of other timely topics. Portraits of many prominent personages, as well as useful maps, etc., adorn the pages. Editorially and typographically the work shows the greatest care. No addition to the family library could be more useful, or possess a more general interest than a bound volume of this unique publication, which, with the current number, completes the fourth year of its historical record. An elaborate itemized index for the volume is given with the present number. It covers twenty-six closely printed pages, and adds greatly to the value of the book as a reference work. Garretson, Cox & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.: \$1.50 a year, single copies 40 cents; sample 25 cents; specimen pages sent on application.

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