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Editor Sheridan Road News Letter: **Why Vote for McKinley.**

Perhaps the issues before the people were never more clean than now. Certainly not since Lincoln's first election. The real issue is the business stability and prosperity of the country. Congress and the people at large have clearly and emphatically declared for the gold standard; that is, for an honest dollar, worth 100 cents anywhere and everywhere and all the time. That is the way an honest German business man expressed it a few days ago. That is the issue as clearly stated by the republicans.

Now in face of this decision of congress and the people, Bryan and his parties come out for free silver, 16 to 1, as it is called, which simply means a dollar worth 100 cents today, 75 cents next week, later on only 50 cents and so on. There are honest money democrats, but they don't control the party. Bryan is himself a strong silver man, and the moment he is elected the business interests of this country will be thrown into confusion. Panics and hard times will follow; must follow indeed. Every business man knows that, no matter what his party affiliations are.

Hence, the question, the one and only question, in fact for any voter to ask himself, is this: Do I want the business interest of this country from one end to the other paralyzed? Do I want our country's wonderful prosperity killed? That is, do I want the hard times of 1893, of 1873, etc., to come again, when men will walk the streets begging for work and can get none; when money must be idle in the banks because it cannot be safely invested. And especially do working men want to ask themselves these questions, for hard times mean low wages or no wages at all.

If you want hard times, business disaster, prosperity destroyed, low wages or no wages at all, vote for Bryan. If you want good times, prosperity to continue, work plenty, wages good and steady; peace and happiness for yourself and family, you will vote the McKinley ticket. More to follow.

**Another Disgrace.**

Judge Hibbard met a couple of litigants last Saturday at the city building and spent an hour trying to effect a friendly settlement. While, thus engaged on the old library steps the shower came up and they all went up into the council chamber where Mr. Morton was at work enlarging the room. Soon City Marshal "Tom" Dooley came in and after looking about for a while ordered Mr. Hibbard and the other Chicago and Waukegan attorneys to leave the room, as he was the custodian of that building. Mr. Hibbard told him the council some two or three years ago, on the suggestion of then Aldermen Cushman, authorized the judge to use that room for holding courts, and even went so far as to direct the city marshal to keep the room warmed and lighted for that purpose.

The Chicago and Waukegan attorneys looked amazed, wondering what kind of a city government this pretty town of Highland Park had. The judge told them the marshal was the mayor's appointee and fairly represented the administration for the mayor could remove him any time he saw fit.

**They Meant Well.**

At a certain convention in the South a colored minister occupied a seat on the platform with the white clergyman. When it came his turn to speak, he rose, surveyed the large audience, and in the most impressive manner said:

"And now, gentlemen, I'll give you a chunk of thought, without dress or garbage."

The good negroes of the days before the war thought they were complimenting a white man when praying for him in public and in his presence, if they emphatically referred to him as "the chief of sinners," and made special mention of

the special sins which justified the epithet.

There is an ex-president of a Pennsylvania college who, in his Princeton days, used occasionally to preach for colored people. He was very popular with the negroes, and one Sunday evening, after he had preached a rousing sermon, a prayer meeting was held, over which he presided. An old colored brother led in prayer, saying:

"Oh, Lord, we thank thee for Brother C.'s sermon. Bless him, for thou knowest his heart is like a cage of unclean birds, full of all manner of wickedness and things."

A more recent story proves that the custom still survives among the negroes of Virginia: A gentleman gave a five-dollar bill some time ago to a struggling poverty stricken colored church in southern Virginia. So large a sum had never before come from a single individual, and the people were overwhelmed. It happened that the gentleman, Mr. C., went to the church the following Sunday, and took a back seat in the gallery. What was his amazement to hear from the pulpit the following descriptive prayer:

"O, Lawd, bless Marse C. He plays cards, he drinks, he races, he gambles; but he's given five dollars to this church, and O, Lawd, bless him!" Mr. C. dodged behind a post and hurriedly retired.—Youth's Companion.

**Nuisance.**

The statute of Illinois in enumerating nuisances says: "Provided, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to prevent the municipal authorities of any incorporated city, town or village from declaring what shall be nuisances, and abating the same within their limits."

In the chapter of the statutes under head of cities, villages, and towns, among the powers of the city council enumerated the 75th is, "To declare what shall be a nuisance, and to abate the same; and to impose fines upon parties who may create, continue or suffer nuisances to exist."

Now it does not matter what Mr. Hawkins, Dr. Bergen, or Mr. Thorne may do to keep their lawns beautiful, clean and clear of noxious weeds, so long as a large lot in the midst of the city, and adjoining the respective properties named above, is allowed to grow rank with all sorts of objectionable weeds, and those weeds going to seed and scattering broadcast the crop over the rest of the city.

We mention Mr. Thompson's lot as a sample. It is not worse than many others in different parts of the city, nor do we believe Mr. Thompson is a man who would object (if his attention were officially called to it) to pay for having his lot kept clear of offensive weed.

It would be furthermore for his own interests to do so; but granting that he and other owners of unimproved property do object, then we insist it is not only within the power of the city to compel the owners of such properties to keep them free from weeds, but also the city may do it at the expense of the owners. The private owner adjoining such a nuisance has no legal right to do so. The city has.

Furthermore, the owners of improved property are compelled by the city to keep even their sidewalks (city property) in good repair and free from anything that might become a nuisance to the public.

Surely we ought not to burden the property owner who improves his lot and thereby makes it doubly valuable to the city, and at the same time, let the man go free who lives elsewhere and holds his unimproved lots for a risk in price.

**Communication.**

To the Editor. It is said the best way to handle the liquor business is to put it on high license, because its sale can not be prohibited by law. It is, therefore, better to legalize its sale than have an illegal business. With the same argument let us take some other wrong or evil. Say we take murder—murder cannot, or is not, wholly avoided by law, for thousands of murders occur every year. Why not put a high license on it and thus make it lawful? Would this be a proper means of preventing this crime? "High license is the abomination." It is a truce between drunkenness and sobriety, but between these there is no chance for a compromise. You that love home

and country, pull down the truce, or fire upon it and you shall be crowned with success, for it is coming and let no man close his ears to the distant rumbling of the on-coming chariots of victory.

W. O. THOMAS.

**Highland Park.**

Miss Holden, of Kansas City, is spending a few days at Ravinook.

Mrs. Bohl has a choice line of ladies' ready-made skirts and petticoats.

Station Agent Arps has moved into the Alford house vacated by T. J. Forrest.

There will be another Woman's tournament on the Exmoor links next week.

Miss Fanny Henry, of Chicago, returned to her home after a visit of two weeks at Mrs. Frimm's.

Mrs. Milier, who has been an occupant of the Blackler place on Second street, moved Wednesday to Evanston.

Schneider & Cooke will make your broken spectacles look like new for a reasonable charge.

A boy recently came into the home of Dr. Thoren, a former pastor of the United Evangelical church.

E. S. McNichols has taken a position with Dale Sweetland, the west side pharmacist. He will occupy the flat overhead.

Eufnet Blair, who has the shoe polishing stand at Herman Denzel's is doing well. He gives twenty shins for a dollar.

The Northwestern are grading about the freight house. They filled up the low spots on Central avenue near the tracks yesterday.

Noerenberg & Hintz have something of interest in their ad in another column. Don't forget their shoe sale next week. Every pair at a sacrifice.

The services at Ebenezer church next Sunday, will be suspended, as pastor and many of the people will be in attendance at the Naperville camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen, of Chicago, have been at A. W. Fletcher's Central avenue home the past two weeks. They are enthusiastic over the Park. They expect to return to Chicago on Sunday.

Miss E. L. Erskine still has a few summer hats which she will close out very cheap to make place for new stock. Remember at the same time that this is headquarters for Rosenfeld, Ladysmith and all other outing hats.

The United Evangelical Sunday school held their picnic in the lake front park yesterday; although the abundant rain of the day before made the grounds somewhat damp, it did not affect the spirits of the children and people, and a pleasant time was passed.

On account of rain on Wednesday, St. Mary's church picnic was held at Sheridan Park, instead of at Ohlwein's grove. Despite the change on so short notice, a large crowd gathered during the afternoon and evening, when the usual exercises and dancing were carried out.

S. Bergdoff, who was formerly an engineer for A. W. Fletcher, and later employed by the Highland Park Electric Light Co., has not been seen since August 10th. On that date he drew all his wages from the company. He left no word with his wife, nor did he give her any money, leaving her and child penniless.

Dr. McGiffert, the famous professor of New York, may be a heretic, but if he is, we wish every Presbyterian, as well as every other pulpiter, had such a heretic in it. Here is what he said last Sunday in a Chicago pulpit: "The world's great need is God, and the world needs the revelation which God has imparted and will yet impart to all of us. That we bring from converse with the divine God, the shining eye, the glistening face, the eloquent tongue, the transfigured life—this it is that the world asks of us as Christians. This above all else is our debt to our fellowmen. Was ever duty more solemn? Was ever privilege more glorious? May God be with us! May we with God!"

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