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WILD-CAT FINANCE.

Deloitte Brothers. Unfortunately this method of creating wealth by government fiat and inducing "unexplained activity" has been tried before with disastrous results. Argentina has just gone through such a period of inflation, and her experience is commended to the Grange as affording a valuable study in wild-cat finance.

There is no proposition from any source in the United States for a system of "wild-cat finance."

So far as the countries of South America are concerned they cannot present an example in any respect worthy of the study of an intelligent citizen of the United States.

These countries are far from failures in everything that constitute a great nation. Their experience with republican institutions are just as disastrous and farcical as their financial system; they are "wild cats" clear through, politically, socially, religiously and financially.

If the people of the United States propose to study the example of Chili, the Argentine Confederation, Brazil or any other one of the South American states to avoid doing what they have done with "disastrous results," not only should inflation money be avoided, but also a republican form of government.

"Inflation" is a very indefinite term. The volume of money in the United States is being inflated at this time at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year under the operations of a law enacted by Republican and approved heartily by the Republican party.

The measure is proposed by the president in his message and its infating consequence boasted of as a blessing to the country.

A per capita of \$50 is what is demanded by the farmer and perhaps this is what is called "inflation" by the Tribune. France has nearly this per capita of money, the largest volume of money circulated by any nation in the world, and yet France is acknowledged the most prosperous nation in Europe.

The Grange proposes that this increase of money shall be expended for the improvement of our water ways, the building up of a powerful navy and fortifying our coasts, are these the things the Tribune characterizes as "wild cat finance?"

These great operations could be conducted by the government and the whole pension list paid by the new issues of greenbacks as are needed for increasing the volume of money and the people would not be taxed one cent additional.

"It is a consummation most devoutly to be wished."

THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM. In passing the Miner electoral law the people of Michigan are entering to the nation a great and valuable reform, and this we say whether that law is finally sustained by the courts or not, because it has drawn from the president his attention to the subject.

The president's suggestion of a non-partisan commission to study the subject and make recommendation is futile. Some leading statesmen in congress should formulate an amendment to the constitution on the subject.

The anxiety of Sawtelle to make it appear that he killed his brother in Maine, where there is no capital punishment, shows that murderers would rather live in a penitentiary than hang on the gallows.

FIFTH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Delegates to Lansing to be Chosen on Tuesday, December 22. A Fifth Congressional District convention will be held in the Circuit court room corner of Lyon and Ottawa streets, city of Grand Rapids at 7:30 Tuesday evening, December 22.

The object of the convention is to elect delegates to the Industrial state convention to be held at Lansing on Tuesday, December 29, for the purpose of effecting a political union with the Patrons of Industry, Farmers' Alliance, Knights of Labor and other industrial organizations which are to convene at Lansing on the date above mentioned; to organize the People's Party for the state of Michigan.

The basis of representation for the district convention will be one delegate for every 1000 of population, and one additional delegate for each 1000 votes cast for the People's party candidates at the congressional election in 1891.

All parties who are interested in independent political action are invited to act in accordance with this call and it is hoped that the various ward committees will send an officer, ward and one delegate and delegates elected to the district convention in due season, and also that the farmers and others outside the city who are interested in this matter will take steps to assist in bringing about independent political action by sending delegates to the district convention.

The People's party of the Fifth district is entitled to thirty-two delegates in the state convention. By order of the Congressional Committee. JOHN BURKOWS, Chairman.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 14, 1891.

Latest Michigan Penitents.

Original—Andrew Feeney, Zell B. Wilson, James B. Halls, Lemuel Shipman, Elias Doty, Francis Farr, William Slaver, James Carson, Winfield S. Carpenter, Richard A. Green.

Original widows, etc.—Elizabeth Monroe, Isaac Lyon, Susan K. Chambers, Ursula Kurtz, Anna Merritt, James Clark Thomas, P. White, William H. Lohrer.

Additional—John W. Osterhout, Alexis D. Finch, Charles Woolpert, Orville Cowles.

Deaths of Marie Tagliani.

There died recently in Negenau, near Tulln, Lower Austria, at the age of fifty-eight, Princess Marie von Windschgratz, better known in the world of music as Marie Tagliani, daughter of the well known ballet composer and ballet director at the Royal theatre in Berlin, and niece of the famous Marie Tagliani, who withdrew from the stage in 1847, after her farewell performance in London.

In April, 1866, she retired from the stage, having married an Austrian prince, at present a general of cavalry, to whom she bore a son, Prince Seraphin, now in his twenty-fourth year, and a student at Vienna university. She had previously been offered, and refused, the hand of the brother of the reigning grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. After her leaving and initial performance in Berlin she received offers from King William and Queen Augusta, Crown Prince Frederick and other members of the royal Prussian house, as well as others who admired her graceful dancing.—London Standard.

Kansas Women Near Their Goal.

Kansas men admire the woman who forgets her own needs, which are many and urgent, to give to and do for others. Without the good women in Kansas the men would be lazy, rough, poor and unsteady. The women have made the nation and not the men.

The good women reformers are not the dangerous or dreadful sort. They know their own minds and their task is great. They are not bitter or narrow minded. Because they do not reform man all at once they do not want to rob or destroy him. They want to save him.

The Kansas woman reformer works in saloons, prisons, among the poor and friends. She may take the platform and lecture on suffrage. She is loved and property holder and wants to vote as one.

"Any Kansas man or boy" she says, "who is not willing to accord his mother, wife, or sisters the rights he enjoys is apt to leave in the night some time for another state. He is not to be trusted."

It will not be long till the Kansas woman triumphs. Her warfare is almost ended. The dear old lady will soon sit by her fireside in peace, and on election days go out and vote with her daughters.—Kansas City Star.

A Doctor's Argument. A famous physician has taken up the artistic dress argument, and informs us that the outline of a woman's figure should be that of a classical vase, slim at the neck and ankles and curving at the waist. The chief sinner against this theory is the pericarpic petticoat, which, widening about the feet, obliterates this trimly and encourages the wearer to undue compression at the waist, thus reversing the vase and standing it upside down.

"The principle herein unscientifically adopted is that of balancing the expansion of one part of the outline by such constriction of another part as is felt to be in due proportion," learnedly argues the doctor, and he suggests as a remedy that the waist be draped until it harmonize with the expanded outline of the skirt.

HAND WOOD for sale. Leave order at 521 Scribner street.

EXCUSE ME WHILE I LAUGH.

One of the queer things that we see, The really no delusion, Is to witness the old party boys Come together in a fusion.

Republicans will take their part, The Demos the other half, It makes me smile right out loud—Excuse me while I laugh.

The Reps, they praise the Democrats And say, "Things all are righted, For now the time has come to pass That we must be united."

The good party issues are mixed, Then divide up, half and half; I've tried it such a funny while—Excuse me while I laugh.

They used to act when they would meet, But now our old dogs bark at each other, But now a change comes to their mind—Excuse me while I laugh.

I have met love-lovers daring, They must look good remainings, They must look good remainings, But this coat all I ever saw—Excuse me while I laugh.

Their faces all so long have grown, The barbers charge them double; And you can see their faces grow, They're in a peck of trouble.

It kills me the death grip on them, In spite of all their howling and their whining, It kills me to see them squirm—Excuse me while I laugh.

They join together with intent To rob all who will, They're out to get the driving poor, So they but reap the spoil.

And bring them back their old shirt, With pocketful, pick out them! The way we make them "hunt their holes"—Excuse me while I laugh.

The Reps say to the Democrats, "If you want an office hold, They would vote for the devil, sure, If he were on their tickets."

But we have learned their tricky ways, And will not put up with a half, We'll elect our own full ticket boys—Excuse me while I laugh.

The offer said who he laughs last Is the one who laughs the best, As they have laughed at us for years, Now let them laugh back their old shirt—Excuse me while I laugh.

At the recent session of the Alliance state convention in Georgia important action was taken in opposition to monopolies.

A resolution was offered on the text book question requesting the convention to indorse state contract and state uniformity.

The leading speakers in the convention opposed it as a tendency toward state monopoly, and Mr. Moody made a very strong speech, saying that the selection of textbooks should remain in the hands of the educators of the different districts, and that it should under all circumstances remain out of politics.

That it had no more right to become a political question than had the religion of the people. Mr. Livingston took the opposite views, and the convention rejected the resolution unanimously.

The late trust advance of 10 per cent. in prices is already beginning to be felt by the Alliance men, and there is sure to be an investigation before long of the peculiar relations which this trust has established with the National Grain company and the Alliance co-operative stores.

Who is the Fool? Laboring Man—Mr. Banker, I want to spend \$100 for a year; what interest do you pay?

Banker—If you leave it a full year I will give you 4 per cent.

L. M.—All right, give me the check. K.—Certainly, my noble fellow, here it is.

L. M.—Now, I guess that I can loan some money out here to a farmer, and at a good percentage, and as you are paying me four dollars for the use of my \$100 I will leave this check with you as security, and I want you to lend me ninety dollars on it at 1 per cent. per annum.

B.—We don't do that kind of business. You must get some other fellow who has money and then pay you the privilege of doing so.

L. M.—Is that the name you call fellows who do that kind of business? Why, old fellow, that is what Uncle Sam has been doing for you these many years past. Do you mean to say that he is a fool?—Farmers' Gazette.

One of Many Wrong. Over 300 old men responded to a recent advertisement of a New York firm asking for three old men to do easy work. The reply that was touched by the stories and appearance of the 307 disappointed applicants.

"I have searched for employment," said one, "for two years, and with the exception of a few old jobs I have utterly failed. I now have poorer health, poorer spirits and less money than when I began to work for my living, and I wish nothing before but increased suffering and smaller prospects every day. There is no place in our civilization for old men. I blame no one. I simply recognize the fact that I am not needed in the world and I let that leave it."

The old man may not have been responsible for his poverty, but somebody is. This is a brutal civilization of ours. The worthy are often the weak, but the weak are not wanted. Society reserves its crown for those who can make money and brackets of it.—New Nation.

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SANTA CLAUS BULLETIN, NUMBER 1 FOR 1891.

This is going to be a very, very busy Christmas with me. Notwithstanding the fact that I have commenced operations earlier than ever before, I find I shall be compelled to work early and late to supply the demands made upon my immense stock of Holiday Goods, which I have placed in the large and spacious stores of HEYMAN & COMPANY, 63 and 65 Canal Street, Grand Rapids, Mich. I hereby extend an invitation to ALL CHILDREN (who shall be accompanied by their parents) to call and examine my unusually large stock of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION! OF THE LADIES!

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