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Neighborhood Notes
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BOWEN'S MILLS.
Too late for last issue.
A. C. Hunt is having trouble with his well again. Well, now, it's too bad, but it is remarkable how well he stands it.

Mr. and Mrs. Comins spent last Friday in Grand Rapids.
Melvin Poff now rides in a new carriage.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henning of Detroit, Nov. 5, a daughter.

People have commenced feeding their stock very early this year and if we are any judge there will be a great scarcity of feed by and by.
Dilman Benjamin was in Grand Rapids on business last Thursday.

A Mr. Wood of Irving was at the mills with a load of buckwheat. When he had it nearly all loaded up, with 18 sacks of flour and most of his brae on, he went back in the mill; his horses, it seems, were dry, and not being hitched, started for the water.

Those from here that heard that illustrated sermon at Irving Sunday morning speak very highly of it.
Messrs. L. Smith, John Texter, Frank and Chas. Olney and their wives, Lewis Tuttle and Willie Fifield were among the number that were in Grand Rapids from this place last week.

Terrific heavy "fog" in Parmelee this week. You can guess the rest if you are a "guesser." No names mentioned.
George Howe and James Sanford of Battle Creek were buying horses in Parmelee last week.

Nov. 8—Rev. Mr. Westbrook had the misfortune to sprain his ankle and knee week ago last Monday. He was mowing away hay which he had purchased and one leg went through the scalding. He cannot touch his foot to the floor as yet and was unable to fill his appointment last Sunday.

Robt Johnson and wife Sundayed with O. L. Johnson of Irving.
The township S. S. social was postponed until Tuesday night, Nov. 9, on account of rain. All tura out this time, rain or shine.

The Epworth League was led by Scott Lowe last Sunday eve. The League was very interesting and the church was nearly full.
Bowne Center S. S. elected two delegates, last Sunday, to attend the state S. S. convention at Port Huron.

Ray Johnson was in Lowell last Saturday visiting the dentist.
EAST CALEDONIA.
Nov. 8—Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and children of Coldwater are visiting W. H. LyBarker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McNeil of Dutton visited at Stephen Proctor's, last Wednesday.
Miss Hattie Schrader visited her friend, Edna McNeil, in Dutton last Sunday.

We were favored with the pleasure of reading a very instructive letter of recent date from the hand of Mr. John Beyers, a brother of Mrs. Watson, and at present connected with the U. S. regulars stationed at Fort Meyers, Va. His description of the grand review before the president and his cabinet at the capital surpassed any of the newspaper accounts which we have read.

IRVING SMITHINGS.
Endeavor next Sunday evening will be led by Rev. H. Appleton. Subject, "The Blessings of Serving God." Deut. xxviii:1-20, 45-47. It is earnestly hoped that all the members will be present. Bring your bibles.
Miss Chase of Woodland is the guest of Miss Mable Wilcox.

George Cline is engaged painting Frank Rosenberg's residence on north county line.
Emory Culver is making preparations to go to Oceana Co. to spend the winter.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY YET.
"W. M. Repine, editor Tiskliwa, Ill., 'Chief,' says: 'We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, whooping cough, etc.' It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 3

THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 1897.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

WHAT THE FARMERS LOST BY FREE TRADE.

Enormous Decrease in the Value of Agricultural Products in Consequence of a Free Trade Administration and Free Coinage Agitation.

Official Records Show It. It is shown by official reports, prepared by the officials of President Cleveland's last administration, that the decreased consumption of wheat was 311,886,196 bushels...

Table with columns: Year, Total bu., Total value, Decrease from 1892. Rows for Wheat crops from 1892 to 1896.

Total decrease in value of United States' wheat crop during the past four years. \$300,832,581. Farm loss on corn crops. \$501,000,000...

Losses on Oats and Hay. The following official statistics give the losses of the farmers of the United States on their oats and hay crops...

Table with columns: Year, Total bu., Total value, Decrease. Rows for Oats and Hay crops from 1892 to 1896.

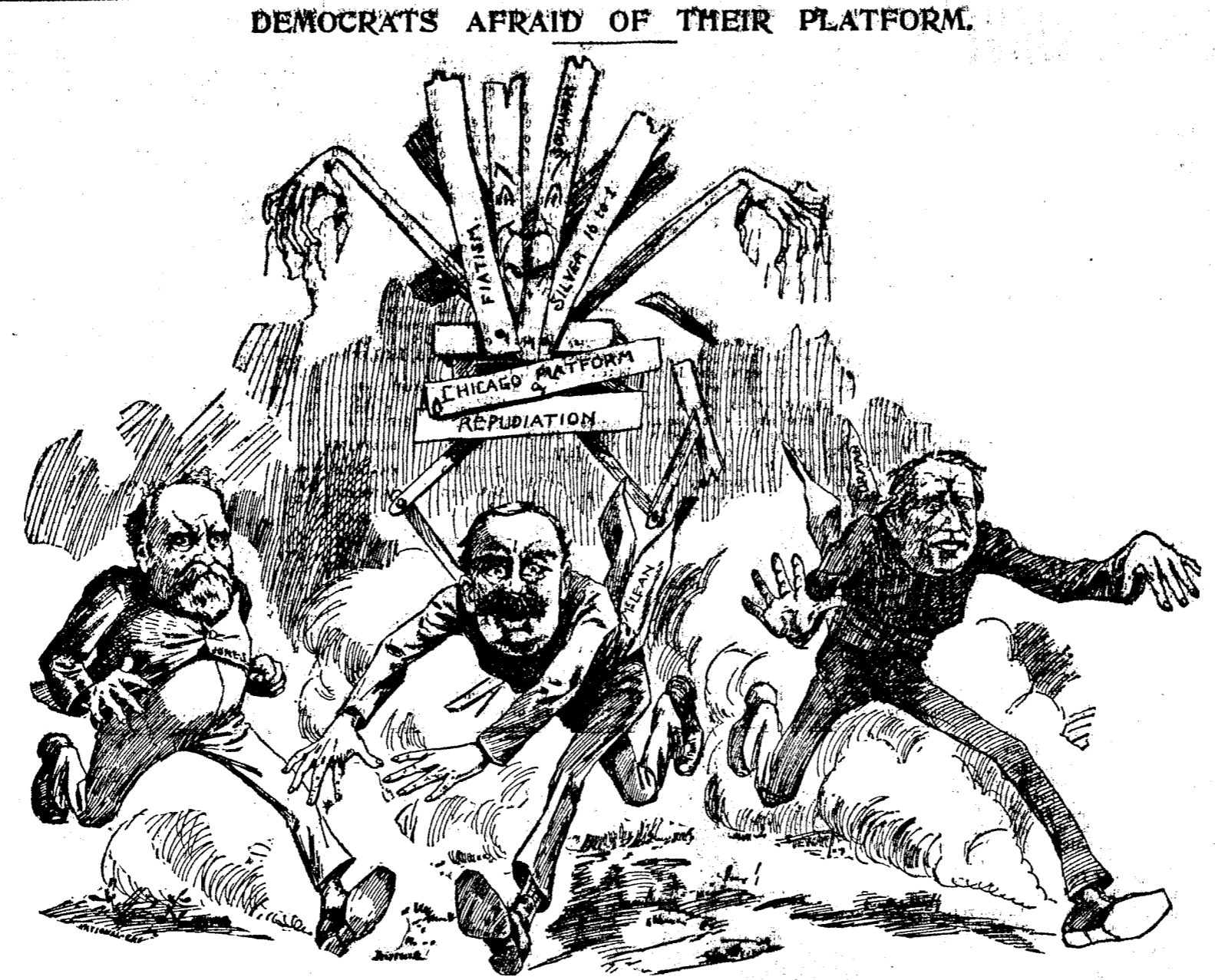
Total net loss of oats crops of the four years. \$138,481,331. Loss on hay crops. \$138,841,331.

Total four years' loss on oats and hay. \$901,220,397. The official reports on the oats crops for the years 1892 to 1896...

Losses on Farm Animals. The farmers' enormous losses on the value of their farm animals during the four years of free trade government...

Table with columns: Year, Total value, Decrease from 1892. Rows for Farm animals from 1892 to 1896.

Total loss on farm animals during the four free trade years. \$2,500,422,908. The largest tin plate mill in the world is to be erected at Newcastle, Pa. See, didn't somebody predict just a few years ago that no amount of protective encouragement would make it possible to manu-



facture tin plate successfully in America? Treasury officials now have no doubt that the Dingley law will produce ample revenues after it gets fairly at work. The earnings of its second month exceeded those of the second month of the Wilson law, and are steadily growing.

Secretary Wilson says the beet sugar manufacturers in the United States will be quadrupled in number in the next year. Is this due to "famine abroad"? Of course the Dingley law must not be credited with it.

Prof. Wilson is so busy with his new duties that he hasn't had time to explain why farm products and prices of labor increased as soon as the Dingley law went into operation. The Democratic New York Journal says that "gold is on its way to New York and the tide of domestic manufacturing interests rises higher each day. The railroads are blocked up with the crush of business all along the line."

McKinley and 25-Cent Wheat. The free silverites last year made sundry bold statements about a contracted currency; that there was not enough money in the country with which to do business, and that the only way out of it was by the adoption of the free and unlimited coinage scheme.

Our Farmers Will Profit. Estimates made by the Government statisticians of the United States and Austria-Hungary place the deficiency in the world's wheat supply for this year at 202,000,000 bushels. The total crop of last year fell 130,000,000 bushels short of the average, so the net deficiency of the two years aggregates 332,000,000, or more than one-sixth of a normal year's supply. This is sufficient to account for the advance in prices, when taken in connection with the fact that the consuming population is constantly increasing.

Another Evidence. An evidence of the improvement in business since the people of the country decided in favor of protection and sound money is found in figures in the recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission. They show that the freight tonnage for the year just ended is the largest in the history of the railroads of the country, and is no less than seventy million tons in excess of the preceding year. The gross earnings of the railroads of the country for the year were nearly \$75,000,000 greater than those of the preceding year.

CAN'T MAKE TIN, CAN'T WE?

Old Free Trade Argument Knocked Into a Cocked Hat.

Everybody remembers how the free traders scoffed at the idea of making tin plate in this country, and how long they denied that it was being made at all. Now we are making tin plate enough to supply our own markets and ship some abroad, and we are making it better and cheaper than the Welshmen did.

Compares the Two Laws.

The American Economist contains an instructive comparison between the first two months of the Wilson tariff and the Dingley tariff. The figures show that during the first month of its operation, September, 1894, the Wilson bill yielded a revenue of \$22,621,229...

An Eminent Man's Views. People who are railing against the United States courts and their methods would do well to read what retiring Justice Field said of that highest of all United States tribunals, the Supreme Court...

Trade Revival Not Threatened. The same sort of reaction which has occurred in the stock market in the past two weeks took place in the latter part of 1879, the year of gold resumption, and many persons predicted that, as they do now, that the "boom has burst."

Probably an Oversight. About the only wild vagary that the Chicago platform did not endorse and adopt was that might go in the next national Democratic platform. The truth is, there is not much else left for the party.

Their Case Hopeless. Senator Gorman's offer to surrender the Democratic leadership in Maryland provided the Baltimore Sun supports its party in the State and legislative campaign, is the Democracy's flag of distress.

in that State. Gorman is a candidate for re-election to the Senate, and the Legislature chosen this year will elect his successor. A few weeks ago Gorman announced that he was not seeking another term. That was the first confession of weakness on the part of the Maryland Democratic managers...

Dingley Law Doing Splendidly.

A good deal has been said in the Democratic newspapers, and more particularly in the mungwump free trade papers, about the failure of the Dingley bill to produce sufficient revenue. They were not willing to wait until the bill had been fairly tried and until the stock of imported goods had been exhausted...

"Money Power" Again.

Is it that terrible "money power" that is destroying the crops all over the world for the purpose of giving American farmers higher prices and thus showing them the falsity of the wheat-and-silver theory? There is just as much sense in assuming that the money power could control the wind and weather and grasshoppers...

Another Slump.

Another fall in silver is recorded from the financial centers in this country and Europe. During the closing week in September the price of silver bars dropped from 57 3/8 cents per ounce to 54 cents, in New York. A money metal which would fluctuate 3 1/4 per cent in value in a single week can scarcely commend itself to the average voter as a safe one for adoption...

Table comparing Expenditures and Receipts for Wilson and Dingley bills.

Unduly Exercised.

Henry Waterson, the Louisville philosopher, has been viewing with alarm again. He sees evidences that the French revolution is to be revived very soon on the American stage with Altgeld, Tillman and Henry George cast as Robespierre, Danton and Marat respectively.

Political Bird Shot.

Reports from the farming regions show that the corn is shocked. So are the free silver advocates who note its advance in value. Those dark clouds that hang over every manufacturing town nowadays are not of a dangerous character, except to the calamity howlers.

The Bank of England is becoming alarmed at the outflow of gold from its coffers to this country, and various measures are being attempted to stop it. But it still continues to come. The Democratic newspapers are bewailing the fact that the deficit of the second month of the Dingley law was over three million dollars (\$3,000,000).

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Henry George because he is the only exponent among the candidates for Mayor of the principles decided at the Chicago convention, absolute loyalty to which is the test of true Democracy." Henry George cares more for the single land tax than he does for the entire Chicago platform. Mr. Shanklin knows this, and when the time comes he and Henry George will both be found working to get a single-land-tax plank in the Democratic platform.—Indianapolis Journal.

Populists Dropping It.

The Populist party is rapidly abandoning the free silver proposition. The Topeka, Kan., Advocate, a recognized official organ of the Populist party, in a recent editorial, says: "The principal difference between the orthodox Populist and the Republicans and Democrats on the money question consists in the fact that he believes paper money of the right sort is as good as gold or silver, and does not need to be redeemed in either metal." He knows that the fiat or the law written on the coin (one dollar) is its commission and gives it its legal value, and he cares nothing about the value of bullion.

Secretary Wilson has arranged with the Postoffice Department to allow farmers to use Government blanks for sending their samples of sugar beets to the department and to the experiment stations for analysis. This relieves the farmer of any expense in the matter and will enable him to determine whether his soil is adapted to the growth of the sugar beet.

There is no department of the administration more popular or doing better work than that of Secretary Wilson. He has been making interesting experiments with reference to good roads; he has been working to get an increased and profitable market abroad for our butter; he is working upon the introduction of foreign seed likely to be beneficial to our farmers; he is doing good work looking to the preservation of our American forests and a hundred other things which the Agricultural Department can do for the benefit of the farmer of the present day and the benefit of which his children will reap in years to come.

Bryanism—Free Trade—Free Ruin.

If Louise Michel should come to this country to preach the gospel of anarchy she would probably begin by avowing her allegiance to Bryanism, free trade and free ruin and wind up by denouncing Mark Hanna and the Dingley tariff.—Grand Rapids Herald.

What About Corn, Pork and Wool?

How do the free silver and free trade theorists who are charging up the advance in wheat to the shortage abroad account for the advance in all other farm products, corn, rye, beef, pork, wool, cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, tobacco and potatoes? The fact is that it is due to the increased consumption at home. People who can little economize in eating; those whose earnings are increased spend far more for food and get that of a better quality. When the working people of the United States are employed at good wages they buy more food and clothing than when unemployed or working for half pay. It is a protective tariff that does the business.

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INCREASE IN EXPORTS

LARGER UNDER THE DINGLEY THAN THE WILSON LAW.

Argentine Retaliation Seems to Be a Bluff—Popularity of the Department of Agriculture—Interesting Experiments for the Benefit of Farmers.

Gratifying Outlook.

There appears to be no check to our exports of American manufactures under the new tariff law. The treasury figures for August, the first full month under the new law, show the largest exports of domestic merchandise of any August in the history of the country. They were \$79,490,264, as against \$68,689,831 for August of last year, and this in the face of the contention of the free traders that the exportation of American manufactures was greatly facilitated by low tariffs. For the first eight months of the year 1897 the exports were over \$81,000,000 in excess of those of the first eight months of 1896, so that the treasury officials are predicting that the exports of this year will far exceed those of last year, which itself was a record breaker in the matter of exports. Our first month's trade under the present tariff with Europe gave a balance of upwards of \$40,000,000 in our favor. The following table shows the balance of trade with the several continents:

Table showing Exports to and Imports from various continents: Europe, North America, South America, Asiatic, Oceanica, Africa.

The present indications are that exports of this character will amount to nearly \$300,000,000 for 1897, as against a little over \$250,000,000 for 1896 and \$200,000,000 for 1895. Although to this time the exports of manufactured articles have held up wonderfully, it is thought here by close observers more than likely that this exportation will fall off to some extent in view of the fact that American manufacturers are running overtime to supply goods for the American market.

Considerable more comment has been caused over the report of the Argentine retaliation against our tariff than the case warrants or than the reports received here would indicate.

It is stated that Argentina intends to impose extraordinarily high duties on all goods exported from the United States to that country. This action would emanate from a desire to retaliate for the duties placed on hides and wools by the Dingley law. But it is easily shown that the people and merchants of Argentina would lose more by the operation than they would gain or even cause this country to lose. Despite the complaints from Argentina, our first month's business with South America under the Dingley law resulted in a balance of trade in their favor of over \$4,000,000, or about \$50,000,000 a year, and our trade during the past year has been about three to one in favor of Argentina. Our trade with South America has been aptly said to be very much like a jug handle—all on one side. The official figures of our dealings with the principal South American countries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, shows that we imported from them about \$101,000,000 worth of their products, admitting over 98 per cent of that entirely free of duty, and that they bought from us only about \$30,000,000 worth of our products and imposed duties on nearly all of it, and in some cases extremely high duties. The President of the Argentine Republic has recommended retaliation against this country for curtailing privileges heretofore accorded that country, in common with other countries, far greater than any privileges we have enjoyed from them, but it is not probable that the Argentine Congress will take decisive steps when the true relations of the two countries are shown by the discussion which will ensue in that body.

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