



The Berrien County Record.

D. A. WAGNER, Editor. THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 9, 1899.

THE ADVANCE AND RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS.

In the last issue of the Chicago Advance, a lengthy article appears favoring specie resumption. The article discusses the question pretty thoroughly, under the several heads, as follows: "Why Renew? When to Renew? How to Renew? Resumption by the Government? Resumption by the Banks? Decentralized Redemption? Contracting Greenbacks? Shrinkage of Values? A Sliding Scale Tariff? Fanding the Debt at Lower Interest."

That the people must sooner or later get back to specie payments, there is no question. The matter of importance is, how and when can this be accomplished, so that there shall be no great financial crisis? Under the first question, "Why Renew," the Advance maintains that the principal class, whose interests are opposed to resumption, are the gold and produce gamblers, but the great majority will be secured by a return to a specie basis. This would give stability and permanency to business, and would discourage extravagance. Specie payments resumed, render more certain and stable the legitimate business interest of the country.

That these reasons of the Advance, together with many others which might be presented, show the importance of a return to a financial basis, that shall be more permanent than our present one of suspended specie payments. "When to Renew." Under this head, the Advance advocates that the next Congress provide for specie resumption to take place on the first of January, 1872. This would give time for all parties to prepare themselves for the coming event.

"How to Renew." The article, in question under this head, advocates resumption without any contraction of the currency. In this respect, it varies materially from the McCulloch principle. That resumption can be brought about without the least contraction of the currency, we have not the least doubt. Our plan has been before our readers for nearly two years. The Advance advocates the ridding out of the notion and custom that, for specie payments to be maintained, the banks must pay all their liabilities in coin, regardless of the kind of currency they received. If gold is deposited, let the bank require a return of gold, or call for it in currency, and can work no evil to depositors.

Preparatory to resumption, the Advance advocates the withdrawal of \$100,000,000 of Legal Tender circulation, and the supplying of its place with National currency. This is a good idea, only it does not go far enough. The plan advocated by the Record, in 1897, was to retire the Legal Tender circulation, so fast as its place could be supplied with National Currency, requiring at the same time all National banks to secure the payment of their issue, by depositing U. S. Bonds with the Secretary of the Treasury, equal in gold value to the amount of their circulation.

The Advance further advocates the making of Bank notes a legal tender for all ordinary business purposes. These Banks should be required to redeem their notes in gold or greenbacks, only at their own counters. "Resumption by the Government." The Advance thinks the Government would have no difficulty in preparing for resumption, by reducing the Legal Tender circulation from \$950,000,000 to \$250,000,000, supplying the contraction of greenbacks with National currency, and then by retaining the gold received for revenues, in the Treasury, at least a \$100,000,000 would be accumulated by January, 1872. It thinks \$100,000,000 of gold would be sufficient to meet all demands against the government, that would be made by the presentation of Legal Tenders.

DEATH OF SECRETARY RAWLINS.

The announcement of the death of Hon. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, was not unlooked for. He had been ill for some time, and continued to fail till Monday afternoon, when death closed his earthly career. The Secretary was conscious to within a few moments of his dissolution, and expressed only a desire to live for his family and to educate his two boys. The boys he gave into the hands of the officers of the Old Army of the Tennessee.

The dispatches state that the disease of which Gen. Rawlins died was brought on by a cold contracted in the army in the winter of 1863. He had been much better during the last six months, and was rapidly improving, on a diet of raw meat and eggs, but imprudently, last week, changed his diet, and ate a hearty and rich meal, which with over-exertion, brought on hemorrhages from which he gradually sank into death.

Soon after the Secretary's death the body was embalmed, and dressed in the uniform of a Major General. Arrangements were made for his burial in the Congressional burying ground at Washington, and for the funeral to take place to-day (Thursday) on Tuesday, the military took charge of the body, and it was removed to the war department where it lay in State. The public departments were all closed in accordance with an order from the Department of State.

Secretary Rawlins had many warm friends among the army officers, and was greatly esteemed by all. His death is a loss to the country not easily to be replaced. REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT. The reduction of the public debt during the month of August amounted to \$5,004,284. Thus Secretary Bontwell continues to reduce the public debt. A faithful application of the money, under Johnson's administration, would have left many millions less to pay. With the present favorable indications, one year's administration of Grant, will result in the reduction of the public debt of one hundred millions. This, of course, will be distasteful to Pendleton repudiators.

Every conceivable plan is adopted by the enemies of Grant's administration to keep back the fact of the steady decrease of our national indebtedness. It cannot, however, be covered up. The people will understand and approve a faithful administration of the Government finances. All the Democratic bluster cannot hide what Grant's administration is doing in this direction. VERMONT ELECTION. The Vermont election on Tuesday, went for the Union, Republican, for Governor, by about 20,000 majority. The Senate will be unanimously Republican, and to the House some 40 Republicans and four Democrats are elected.

State Items. Last Friday night we were visited by the severest thunder storm of the season. Several damages were done in this vicinity by lightning. The house of Mr. Marvin Hannahs, was struck, and considerably injured. A barn belonging to Dr. L. Farmer, of Concord, was also struck, a horse belonging to a Mr. Warner, of Hanover, was killed. Mr. Norman Allen, of Tama, lost four stacks of wheat from the same cause, the wheat entirely consumed. Union Recorder, 2d.

—DUBLIN.—Last Thursday night, some miscreants broke through the back window of R. Mudge's store and stole about two hundred dollars worth of clothing and boots. —HOLLIS Democrat. —SHERBURN.—On Tuesday last 24th inst., Jacob Aikenman in a state of intoxication, jumped from the bridge near Fort Sheldon into the river. His body was taken out of the water, after some time, lifeless. —Grand Haven Union. —The Travers Bay Eagle says: A little girl about twelve years of age, daughter of Henry Yoker, inland township, was killed on Thursday, 19th inst. She was passing along the road—the wind was blowing very hard at the time—and noticed a dry branch just above falling across the road, she ran directly under the body of the tree and was crushed to death instantly.

News of the Week.

Mr. Burlingame has received a dispatch from Prince Kung, of China, expressing his (Kung's) entire satisfaction with the treaties negotiated. The steamship Hornet, was seized at Halifax on Saturday, on the supposition that she had on board arms for Cuba.

The amendment to the Senate Constitution proposed to the French Senate by Prince Napoleon, and providing for liberal reforms in the constitution, was rejected on Saturday by a vote of 113 to 9. It is reported that James W. Grimes, of Iowa has resigned his seat in the Senate. Five considerable fires were reported by telegraph last Saturday, involving losses to the amount of \$120,000.

The internal revenue receipts for July and August, 1899, exceed those of the same months in 1898, by nearly \$5,000,000. Thirteen soldiers' widows were arrested in New York last Saturday, for illegally drawing pensions, after having remarried. The Detroit Conference voted 128 to 24 in favor of lay delegation. Notwithstanding the official assurances, there is considerable alarm in Paris regarding the condition of Napoleon's health. The London Rowing Club gave a banquet to the Harvard and Oxford crews at the Crystal Palace, at which Charles Dickens, Thomas Hughes and others made speeches.

The provisional government of the allies in Belgium, has proposed a League of Nations in the mountains is very strong. Crops in England are coming on rapidly, and a good yield is expected. Don Carlos has embarked for England, abandoning for the present his attempt to provoke a rising in his behalf in Spain. The American Spiritual Association met at Buffalo last week. A fire at Cape May, N. J., last week, destroyed three hotels and a number of other buildings, causing a loss of \$250,000.

The freight depot of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at Quincy, Ill., was destroyed by fire last week, with much movable property. Loss \$100,000. A great fire is raging in the Dismal Swamp, near Norfolk. Many wild animals have been driven into the open country. A Woman's Suffrage Convention is to be held at Cincinnati, September 15 and 16. Cromley P. Drake, has been appointed assessor of the Fifth Internal Revenue District, of Michigan. The receipts of the Government from internal revenues since June 30th have been \$38,602,456.

The coal miners at Scranton, Pa., have voted to resume work. The Suez Canal has been completed and it is expected that it will be formally opened on the 17th of December. Sereno is becoming a prominent candidate for the throne of Spain. Prosecutions are to be commenced against Spaniards for disobedience of government orders. Prince Napoleon made a speech in the French Senate recently in which he declared his approval of the proposed reforms, and his devotion to the empire of Napoleon III.

A serious revolt is reported at Tyrann, European Turkey, in which several persons were killed. Turkish troops have been sent to quell the disturbances. A telegraph cable is to be laid between South America and Europe. Dexter, driven by Mr. Bonner, trotted a mile, on Tuesday 3-4, on Tuesday last week. It is stated that Jeff. Davis intends to spend the rest of his life in British dominions. The Cincinnati Base Ball Club is going to California. Twenty-two Fenian prisoners confined in jail at Kingston, Canada, are receiving very brutal treatment.

At one point in Iowa rain has fallen nearly every day for the past two weeks, and much damage has been done by lightning.

The Spanish Minister is negotiating for the release of the gunboats building in the vicinity of New York. The propeller Boscobel was burned on St. Clair River on Friday, and three lives were lost. A Frenchman has proposed to the Government to establish a license gambling house in New York City, on a plan similar to that at Baden-Baden.

A Government surveying party was recently made up by Indians near Akah station on the Union Pacific Rail Road, and dispersed. The coal miners in the Scranton (Pa.) district have concluded to go to work. A telegraph cable to connect Russia with the United States is projected. The Erie Railway is to have a third rail, making a narrow gauge, to connect with the Lake Shore. A new telegraph cable from Ireland to America is projected.

A State Labor Reform Convention met at Boston last week. The Fenian Congress was in secret session in New York on Wednesday, last week. Demands for the new issue of fractional currency are very heavy. Correspondents say that most Spaniards are hopeful of retaining Cuba, but are generally dissatisfied with the lack of success in putting down the rebellion in that island. The situation in Spain remains unchanged. Armed bands still traverse the provinces, and there is general confusion. Lawless white men are committing outrages on negroes in Tennessee.

John Quincy Adams, Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, advises the Democrats to accept the principle of universal and unqualified suffrage as established fact. Three bathers were drowned at Atlantic, N. J., last week. Bands of outlaws infest several of the interior counties of Kentucky. Pic-nic of the Western Berrien County Sunday School Association. The citizens of the immediate vicinity, together with two or three adjacent Sabbath Schools, were early on the ground. Nevertheless, owing to the "staving up," in part of the four-horse wagons from New Troy, great delay was caused to the delegations from that region. However, all was made right in time, and the convocation at a little before noon, and the exercises seen entering the grounds of the picnic, ready to participate in the festivities of the day.

After the usual opening services, consisting of singing by the choir, and the offering of a prayer by the chaplain, the President, in his address, congratulated the Rev. Rector, Orator of the day. Up to this time, we have never had an acquaintance with the Dominie, but remark herewith, that though not what his efforts may be ordinarily; on this occasion his speech was truly a masterpiece; for, however greatly we may be surprised, he succeeded in reaching the mind of the little child, as some affirmed, him, no one, certainly, could wish an oration more adapted to the wants of such a mixed multitude than that delivered. Mr. E. is altogether unassuming in manner, and has a benign perhaps rather boyish, than otherwise serious expression, clear. Pleasing pulpit address in general, and is not a whit behind the best in logical acumen. In the course of his remarks, he dwelt for a time, on the early history of Washington, Tull, and Luther; of their trials, and their toils, and also of their vicissitudes, and added, that the lives of the 19th century, by proper culture, may become awakened to the achievements of equal results. The children participated, to considerable extent, in this afternoon exercises.

Rev. J. R. Berry, of Buchanan, also was present, and favored the Convention with some beautiful and appropriate songs. I have not become acquainted with the Bro., but have no objection in saying, on good authority, that he is a fine singer, popular pastor, and can preach. He is reported to have said to our President that he, the said Brother Berry, was not apprised of the nature and design of the picnic, until he was invited to the previous day, on which occasion, he was the orator, till a late hour of the festival. We are heartily glad to learn that 'at a late hour,' the eyes of the Rev. gentleman are, at least, being gradually opened to facts as they truly exist, and that he is also beginning to realize that the W. D. of this country, by proper culture, may become awakened to the achievements of equal results. The children participated, to considerable extent, in this afternoon exercises.

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Bad, for its excellent service rendered, the Convention adjourned, and the assembly dispersed to their business, and their homes.

Presented for publication, by order of the Committee. G. W. PATERSON, Sec. BUCHANAN PRICES CURRENT. Corrected every Wednesday morning by E. D. Kingston, Dealer in Country Produce, Groceries and Provisions, 171 Front Street, Buchanan.

Table of Buchanan Prices Current listing various commodities like Flour, Corn, and other goods with their respective prices.

Church Directory listing various churches and their members in the area.

Special Notices containing various public notices and advertisements.

Michigan Central Railroad listing train schedules and routes.

Words of Wisdom containing inspirational or philosophical sayings.

Errors of Youth listing common mistakes and their consequences.

Patents for the Ladies listing various patent products.

Hal's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer advertisement.

Best Book of the Period: Women of New York advertisement.

Mark Twain's The Innocents Abroad advertisement.

Secrets of the Great City advertisement.

Only \$2.75 Per Copy advertisement.

Dr. C. W. Slick advertisement.

Advertisement for a business or service.

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SALE OF STATE TAX LANDS.

Notice is hereby given, that certain lands, situated in the County of Berrien, Michigan, and described in public notices, will be sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, on the 10th day of October next, at the time and place specified in the said public notices.

Table of State Tax Lands listing various parcels and their owners.

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TOWN SOUTH OF RANGE IN WEST.

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VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.

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Advertisement for Our Machine Shop, listing various mechanical services and products like engines, rollers, and harnesses.

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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY. THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 9, 1899.

Geo. P. Rowell & Co.

Advertising Agents. No. 10 PARK ROW, NEW YORK.

To Advertisers. The Record is the best Advertising Medium in Southwestern Michigan...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Probate Order—Estate of Alexander M. Barnes. Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Too Late.—The account of the Union S. S. Picnic at Eau Claire came too late for insertion in this issue.

CORRECTION.—The Niles Republican says it was Marshal Chambers, of Niles, instead of Sheriff Warner...

CAMP-MEETINGS.—Quite a number of our Advent friends are absent this week...

THE TALK.—The main talk on the street, for a day or two, has been "School House"...

COURT.—Circuit Court is in session the present week, at Berrien, Judge Bacon presiding.

COMMENT.—The Union School commenced the Fall term on Monday under the direction of Prof. S. P. Barrett, as Principal.

FOR SALE.—20,000 Pickets, planed and pointed, ready for use. Price, \$10.00 per M.

THE BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD which has recently changed from a quarto to a folio form...

SLAVE.—The wonderful Spanish. Prestidigitateur, in connection with Mazouzi, the European Illusionist...

EXERCISED.—The Democrat is exercised over the fact that the Record has double the circulation...

BLANKS.—If you want Blank Deeds, Mortgages, Agreements, Executions, Releases, Chattel Mortgages...

NEW JOB TYPE.—The Record office has recently added to its extensive Job Department...

FIRE COMPANY.—What are the reasons that we have no Fire Company? This ought not to be...

RESOLUTION.—At the M. E. Quarterly Conference held in our village a week ago Lord's day...

Resolved, That the thanks of this Quarterly Conference be tendered to our Pastor, Rev. J. R. Berry...

PERSONAL.—Last week we enjoyed a visit of a day with our old friend, J. W. Oliver...

Get your Job Work done at the office of the Berrien County Record.

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County Fair. The time for holding the several County Fairs in the adjoining counties being settled...

At the annual school meeting held at the Union School House, in the village of Buchanan...

With a due interest taken by the people in these Agricultural and Mechanical Fairs...

The location too, of Buchanan, for a County Fair is far more preferable than is to have it directly in one corner of the county...

The Society are arranging for the most liberal Premium List, one that in every particular shall be satisfactory.

The time too, we feel is a great desideratum for the farmers of Berrien county. It comes at a time in the Fall...

The Advance is published at \$2.50 per year by THE ADVANCE COMPANY, 35 Lombard Street, Chicago.

THE AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL.—All kinds of Stock-keeping, Farm and Dairy matters are treated of in a clear and popular style in this Journal.

Having leased the new and commodious Hotel (the Reading House) for a term of years...

There are new and commodious barns and sheds attached with a good Ostler in attendance.

Mr. Enton.—The picnic convention, held near Eaton's Corners, Sept. 2d, passed off very pleasantly.

INDIGNANT.—The Democrat, of the "Commercial Center," is greatly exercised over the truthfulness of our statement...

The printing offices of Niles have or will do all the printing of the Society, with the exception of the Democrat...

It takes a long sentence to mix the matter up and throw dust in the eyes of your readers, Mr. Democrat.

Two County Teachers' Institutes will be held this fall—one at Buchanan, beginning at 10 A. M. on Monday, Oct. 18th...

VOX POPULI.—The voice of the people is unanimous in praise of one thing at least, that is, the Record.

NEW PAPER.—We have before us the Grand Haven Herald. It is a new Republican paper, edited and published by Henry Clubb.

Wife Annoyed and Etc. spin, disease was unknown but steps that day, 47. The patient died at the present time...

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FURNITURE. WELCH'S COLUMN. CLOCKS. C. H. PARKETON, Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of Furniture, Spring Beds, MATTRESSES, MIRRORS, Mirror Plates, Gilt Mouldings...

Having just completed a splendid HARSE we are now prepared to fill all orders for UNDERTAKING. On short notice. A large assortment of Coffins Always on Hand.

Book, Music & Variety STORE. Front St., Buchanan, Opposite the Post Office.

PHOTOGRAPHS! PHOTOGRAPHS! Mr. Chase, Of Chicago, has opened the Photograph Rooms in the BANK BUILDING.

Mr. Heyl, An Artist of experience, who will finish all orders with neatness and dispatch.

TINWARE! STOVES, Tinware, Stoves, AT AS—

LOW PRICES THE NEW GRIST-MILL, NEAR THE STREET, LEADING TO THE RIVER BRIDGE.

OUR PRICES FOR FLOUR AND MEAL, EVERYTHING ELSE IN OURLINE, Are lower than any other establishment in the County.

Blacksmith Material, Robert D. Cross, 401 3 OAKS, Michigan.

Administrator's Sale, By virtue of a license to me, the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS, PROBATE ORDER—State of Michigan, County of Berrien, In the Probate Court...

ECLECTIC MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, WINTER SESSION commences Oct. 18th, 1899.

AGENTS WANTED, The Berrien County Record, for sale in all parts of the county.

ECLECTIC MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, The College holds three sessions each year.

SALE OF FORFEITED PRIMARY School and University Lands, STATE OF MICHIGAN, SEATS LAND OFFICE, Lansing, Aug. 26, 1899.

Having two BUCKINGHAM POWELL BROTHERS, No. 100 North Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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AT OSBORN'S EXCLUSIVE DRUG STORE. Will be Opened for the Spring Trade an Extensive Stock of Drugs, Medicines, Dye-Stuffs, Paints, Oils, Window Glass, Putty, Paint Brushes, &c., &c., &c. W. OSBORN.

