

factured this year than in 1889 and the price is from 15 to 20 per cent. less.

Reciprocity in our traffic with nations who produce what we do not produce, he said, opened the market for \$25,000,000 of our surplus products.

Today there is a crying grievance against the party that demonetized silver. Let us look, not nineteen years back, but less than nineteen months ago. You will find a bill for its re-monetization passed by a Republican Senate and buried in a Democratic House. Let them look a little nearer home.

Their platform favors state banks, wild cat money. "The state bank system is the most iniquitous system ever inaugurated."

I wish to speak a little on the "force bill" so called. That is as dead as the home rule bill, but that principle which demands a free ballot and an honest count is not dead nor doth it sleep, and the Republican party has yet a mission to perform while that blessing is not attained.

Look at our two platforms. The plank for amnesty in the Republican platform is derided and sneered at in the Democratic platform. This is one of the issues and it appeals to one and all, whether they be Liberals or People's party men. The Republican party is the party of freedom. It freed the slaves, it gave homesteads to the people, inaugurated a safe currency system and it will give to Utah political freedom.

Every man in the United States is interested in this policy of protection which goes to his home, his workshop and to his field. English statesmen are now crying aloud against the system which has prevailed for half a century. One of them said that England was bringing in \$700,000,000 more than she exported, going gradually into slavery, having made 7,000,000 of paupers in its population. Two influences are combating today for ascendancy. We have here the most magnificent resources and the bravest and most intelligent people and all the nations of the world are working for what we possess. It is the duty of every citizen to protect America, to protect his own home against all invasion, call it selfishness, sordidness or anything you please.

Mr. Cannon's speech was as cordially received as his appearance was warmly applauded.

RAWLINS CLOSES.

Rawlins then took the floor to make his closing argument. A summary of it is as follows: You will be astonished, perhaps, when I tell you that we have more paupers in our own great country than there are in England. Fourteen years after the Republicans came into power they gave away 14,000,000 acres of the public domain to the "rich and well born" representatives of great railroad corporations. My friend says that the Republican party emancipated the slaves. He knows, as we all do, that Democratic soldiers enlisted on the side of the Union and marched into battleside by side with Republicans and that by their assistance the country was saved. (Applause.) My friend also says that the Democratic party sneered at amnesty in its platform. I want to tell you and him that he has not read it. (Applause.) I will remind you further that amnesty for a

certain class of Utah citizens was asked from his party last year. What has been heard of it since? Nothing. He says the force bill is dead. I say that the people of the United States are intelligent enough to conduct their own elections in their own honest way. The bill was killed, but the Democrats did it with the aid of a few patriotic Republicans. There has been a cheapening in this country of some things, but not from causes that Republicans would have you believe. As the railroad would centralize government so would it centralize wealth and limit the circulation of money to a narrow sphere where a few men can practically control the wealth of the nation.

In 1889 the average price of nails was \$10 per hundred weight. Today it is less than \$6 per hundred weight. When you lower the tax you cheapen the goods. What my friend says about wire nails I heard in the Salt Lake Theater word for word a year ago from the lips of Roswell G. Horr of Michigan. Of course he is justified in getting his information in this or any other way he sees fit. That is the way the Republicans here have been doing. They listen to and believe all that is told them by men who come to this Territory and learn to repeat their stories.

Democrats believe that only enough taxes should be collected from the people to carry on the actual expenses of the government, the affairs thereof to be economically administered. Democrats want just revenue enough to give good government; Republicans want protection to create monopolies—to control the government.

At this juncture time was again called and a perfect bedlam of cheers ensued as the big gathering dispersed.

INDIAN TERRITORY CONFERENCE.

During the past summer the Elders and their friends have erected a meeting house, the first that has been built in this Territory by the Latter-day Saints. On Saturday and Sunday October 15th and 16th, the first conference of this mission was held. The traveling Elders present were: Presiding Elder H. M. Rawlins, M. L. Nichols, F. B. Woodbury, H. G. Labrum, Lester Stott, Reese M. Harper, J. H. Holmes, Hyrum S. Lewis, Jos. H. Lowe and John A. Lowe, the latter five having just arrived in the mission. There were also Seaborn G. Mabry, local Elder, and a large number of Saints and friends. The Elders from Salt Lake were expected to reach here on the 14th, but owing to the heavy snow storm in Colorado, which blockaded the trains, they were delayed one day.

At the first meeting of the conference Elder Woodbury addressed the meeting upon the first principles of the Gospel, followed by Elder Rawlins, who gave a report of the late conference held in Salt Lake city, which he had had the privilege of attending. He exhorted the Saints to be faithful.

Conference was resumed at seven p. m., and Elders Labrum, Harper, Mabry, John A. Lowe and M. L. Nichols spoke on the principles of the Gospel, and bore strong testimonies to its truth.

Sunday morning was the time set apart for dedicating the meeting house. After the opening exercises Elder Rawlins offered the dedicatory prayer. A communication from Elder Andrew Kimball, President of the Mission, was then read. It contained much encouragement and instruction to the Elders in regard to their labors in the missionary field, and also to the Saints. The Elders were instructed to use wisdom, take proper care of their bodies, and to be united in all their labors. After the reading of the epistle Elder Nichols addressed the conference on the necessity of complying with the laws of the Gospel.

At 3 p. m. another meeting was held and the Sacrament administered, after which Elder Nichols explained the purpose for which the Sacrament had been instituted. Elder Rawlins occupied the remainder of the time.

At the counsel meeting, held on Monday, the 17th, reports were given by the Elders from the different parts of the field, after which the new Elders were assigned to their various fields of labor.

Elder H. M. Rawlins is presiding Elder over the mission, Elder F. B. Woodbury secretary, Elder M. L. Nichols assistant secretary and treasurer, and Sister Ann E. Hendricks assistant treasurer.

At 7 p. m. an interesting entertainment was given by the Elders, consisting of songs, recitations and instrumental music. Although a great many people attended our conference, the entertainment drew in many more. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to present the Gospel to them. During the evening Elder H. M. Rawlins delivered a discourse on the principles of the Gospel to about two hundred people, including those who remained on the outside, being unable to get into the building.

This report would be incomplete without making mention of the kindness and hospitality of our true friends Uncle and Auntie Hendricks, they having generously opened their house to the Elders and Saints who came to attend conference.

Although this has been a very unhealthy season in this territory on account of the heavy rains and high water during the spring, the health of the Elders is very good at present, with the exception of Elder Stott, who is rapidly recovering from an attack of malarial fever, and as the sickly season is now over the prospects are good for proselyting during the ensuing winter.

The News comes to hand regularly, and is read with pleasure by the Elders and afterwards sent out to their friends. It is proving to be a great help in removing prejudice from the minds of the people.

F. B. WOODBURY, Secretary.
MANARD, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

GENERAL WEAVER announces that he is sure of carrying thirteen states, which evidently shows that he is either not superstitious or indifferent as to the result.

THE GOOD work which Jupiter Pluvius is performing just now is not altogether acceptable to hypochondriacs, but it makes the hardy granger smile broadly.