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## "Honest Money," "Sound Money."

No Man That is Honest  
Wants Any Money That  
is Not "Sound"

The American People are Making Laws  
for Themselves; Not for England or Europe—England Shall not Dictate.

These are the catch phrases of the gold standard cranks, employed to deceive the people. No man who is honest wants any money that is not both "sound" and "honest." But we may honestly differ as to what constitutes money and do differ from the ultra and radical gold cranks on that subject.

Money is an agent used to effect our exchanges, and its power as an agent to this is purely legal, and is the creature of law. Whatever the law says shall represent, measure and exchange, the values of the people, and shall be a legal tender in the payment of debts—is money within the realm, where the law is operative.

The American people are making laws for themselves, not for England or Europe, and they do not propose to let either England or Europe dictate to them a financial policy which is the outgrowth of centuries of centralization, the effects of which has driven to the hospitable shores of America, hundreds of thousands of earnest, laborious and intelligent men who came for no other reason than to escape the conditions which the gold standard countries of England and Europe, are now trying to force upon us and them through their American plutocratic allies. They escaped the bondage once, but the relentless enemy of the sovereignty of the people—the good old Scotch doctrine that "a man's a man for a' that and a' that"—has now secured a powerful ally and the scorpion's whip, and the taste of blood, and the love of plunder, are driving them with the frenzy of a newly acquired zeal, to new triumphs over a laborious, intelligent and liberty loving people.

If England and Europe do not like our money they can let it alone. If we owe them anything we propose to pay it and pay it honestly in the money of the realm, precisely as it was when the debt was contracted. Any other payment would be unjust to ourselves.

If Providence has so smiled upon us to endow us with inexhaustible mines of silver with which to discharge our debts in accordance with the letter and spirit of the contract, it is our privilege and our duty to use the means at our command and not suffer them away. There is not a government in all Europe which, if they had our resources, would not utilize them, and for all they are worth, and it is neither business, common sense nor common honesty to burden ourselves and our children, to demonetize a money metal simply because we happen to have it in abundance. If our government had enacted a law debasing the money standards after its debts had been contracted, then the holders of these liabilities would have good cause for grievance, but this the government has not done, or attempted to do, but the effort of the gold standard banks now is, and the republican party are their allies, to change an honest contract to a contract to pay in gold—thus changing the obligation of the people without any consideration whatever for the change.

The situation is wholly anomalous. If you had a boy who would make such a fool of himself as to agree to pay two dollars for one without the shadow of a consideration for assuming the additional burden you would feel humiliated at his lack of

common sense. What ever the law says was money and a legal tender in the payment of debts at the time the debt was contracted, whether gold, silver or paper, was "sound" money, "honest" money, then, and is to-day, and to multiply words will not destroy the logic of the contention.

**Watch Out for Developments.** The call issued for a gold standard convention in South Carolina to be composed of self-appointed delegates is sufficiently ridiculous to cause amusement, but it is also interesting as a symptom of the animus that pervades the ranks of those who have undertaken the job of opposing the interests of the money power against those of the producers and common people of the country.

Feeling that their purposes are undemocratic the gold standard men have resorted and are still resorting to the most undemocratic methods of compelling the people to advocate republican doctrine. In Kentucky we see them bolting a party caucus and defeating the will of the people with respect to the election of a United States senator. We see them in Georgia disfranchising the people in the counties where they can control the executive committee. In South Carolina we see them proposing to hold a convention of self appointed delegates, each representing nobody on earth but himself, to pass resolutions indorsing Mr. Cleveland and the gold standard, and to elect a contesting delegation to the democratic convention in Chicago.

Amusing as this scheme is in South Carolina, the fact that it is characteristic of the attitude and purpose of the gold standard men everywhere gives it a serious interest that it would not otherwise possess. Backed by the money power and the influence of an administration that is entirely reckless of the interest of the people, the gold men are prepared to stop at nothing. The democratic party is nothing to them and they do not care a snap of their fingers for the will of the people. If they cannot rule the party they are prepared to wreck it. They have the republican party secure as they imagine, and if they cannot force the republican gold doctrine upon the democratic party they are prepared to wreck it.

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We ask this special favor of the readers and friends of THE NEW ERA that they will patronize those who are kind enough to advertise in THE NEW ERA, as their patronage helps us to put the truth before the people. We will take no man's ad. that we do not believe will treat their patrons right.

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We ask this special favor of the readers and friends of THE NEW ERA that they will patronize those who have marked their campaigns in other states. If they cannot carry matters to suit themselves we shall find them making some kind of demonstration as strong as their struggle is, against the harmony and unity of the democratic organization in the state of Georgia.

There is but one event that will prevent such a demonstration and that is for the democratic masses to rise in their might at the June primaries and bury the whole gold standard scheme out of sight so far as this state is concerned.—Atlanta Constitution.

[The only hope for the restoration of silver is for those who want it restored to leave those parties that are divided on it and vote for the candidates that are to be nominated at the St. Louis convention on July 22nd, on a platform that will be for the interest of the American people; not for English and American capitalists exclusively.]—Ed.

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Send in your clubs and make some money while you are extending the good work.

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### Isto Push.

**Wilmington Must Go Forward—It has Advantages.**

Its Harbor Facilities Ample for Any Required Volume of Business—We invite Investigation to Our Great Natural Advantages.

The mission of THE NEW ERA is, first, to tell the truth fearlessly; second to present the advantages of this locality, not only to investors, *per se*, but to men with brains and money who want a location, which offers advantages for business enterprise second to none, on the South Atlantic coast. It has one the best harbors for doing a direct importing business, that can be found on the South Atlantic coast. The reliable stage of water to the port of Wilmington is now 221 feet, ample steamers and sailing vessels of the heaviest burthen, and steps are being taken to increase the depth to 27 feet, the original and normal depth for more than a century.

The railroads out of Wilmington for the purpose of prompt and active distribution are the Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington & Weldon, Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta, Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley, and Wilmington, New Bern & Norfolk.

It would be difficult to find on the Atlantic coast a more desirable location for large importing houses doing business with the South American and West India ports, or even the European trans-Atlantic ports. Business could be conducted the year round, suffering none from the severities of winter weather encountered in the Northern ports.

The harbor facilities only need the proper stimulus to make them ample for any required volume of business, and locations for warehouse purposes, skirting the harbor can be bought very cheaply. There is a disposition among property owners not to "kill the goose for the golden egg" but to treat inquiries for investment with an open frankness and liberal spirit which invites investigation of the great natural advantages.

The climate, the harbor and rail facilities for distribution make Wilmington not only the paradise for importers, but presents attractive features for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises. There is plenty of good labor and cheap labor; plenty of good coal and cheap coal; plenty of raw material ready to be utilized; not only cotton, lumber, turpentine and tobacco, but undeveloped resources which have never been utilized. There are beds of clay, rich beyond compare, near the surface and of easy access, to make the drain tiles needed on the Southern plantations, and the sewer pipe needed for its growing cities, and supply the cities of the old world with what he knows is best for the sake of getting a friend, or a fellow partisan into office, that citizen commits a wrong against himself, his religion and his country.—*Biblical Recorder*.

There are beds of kaolin, pure as nature can produce it for the manufacture of the finest chinaware and porcelain wares, heaped up and waiting for development. In portions of this country and largely in France there is such rich deposits of kaolin, that she is about to enter a complaint for assault and battery.

We will appreciate your effort in extending the circulation of THE NEW ERA. Its mission is to put forth those views that will be for the best interest of the people of North Carolina, regardless of party lines or office seekers. If you are interested in the best element ruling us you can help on the good work by extending the circulation of THE NEW ERA.

Street improvements are claiming the attention of its common council, and these improvements will be pushed onward and upward to the highest perfection of streets and sidewalks. As a place for business or residence it is destined to be the peer of any on the South Atlantic coast. Why the people of the North should be content to work all summer to shovel out is past comprehension. Life is what you make it and what you get out of it, and the greater results are secured when the barriers are least.

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For Against  
Vote on 16 to 1.....149 110  
Free coinage 16 to 1.....124 226  
No. of Democrats voting.....119 113  
No. of Republicans voting.....10 112  
No. Populists voting.....11 000

In 1892 we had another vote taken on a free coinage bill, on March 24th, with the following vote, respectively: Democrats, 83; Republicans, 36; total against silver, 154. Democrats, 130; Republicans, 11; Populists, 8; total for silver, 143.

Thus it can be seen that the old parties have put themselves on record as being opposed to the free coinage of silver.

**Vote as You Think.**

Rev. A. C. Dixon gave us a clear idea of the comparative responsibilities of a citizen of the United States and a citizen of a foreign government; when he said, "I shall be sorry for the Czar of Russia, and the Emperor of Germany and King Italy and King of Spain when they stand before God. They are responsible for so much. But I shall be just as sorry for the citizens of the United States; for he is just as responsible. Through the ballot every citizen of this country is a sovereign and whether he wins or not he is responsible for his vote. A Christian who votes as he thinks Christ would vote is unworthy the name." That is every word true. The citizen who surrenders his sovereignty to a party or a party boss, will be responsible for the result; the citizen who votes against what he knows is best for the sake of getting a friend, or a fellow partisan into office, that citizen commits a wrong against himself, his religion and his country.

**Our Gold Standard Friends.**

We notice that our friends in business who are ardent gold standard friends are anxious to sell goods and receive silver in payment, and they squeeze the goddess of liberty so fervently that she is about to enter a complaint for assault and battery.

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