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CAUSE OF FREE SILVER. IT IS NOW STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE. London Bankers Again Preparing to Defeat the Purposes of the Democratic Party—Some History Recalled—Falling Prices on the Farm.

Many Republicans still cling to the delusion that the party of Lincoln has not degenerated into an instrument for the use of the international bankers' syndicate, otherwise known as the money power. They say that there is no evidence to prove it. There is abundance of evidence. The very fact that the entire banking interests of the country are opposed to the success of the Democratic party should be enough.

The Hazard Circular. This one issued by an agent of London capitalists to the New York capitalists in 1862: Slavery is likely to be abolished by the war power, and chattel slavery destroyed. This, I and my European friends are in favor of, for slavery is but the owning of labor and carries with it the care for the laborer, while the European plan, led on by England, is for capital to control labor by controlling the wages.

Wall Street Circular. This one afterwards issued by New York bankers to the national banks: Dear Sir: It is advisable to do all in your power to sustain such prominent daily and weekly newspapers, especially the agricultural and religious press, as will oppose the issuing of greenback paper money, and that you also withhold patronage or favors from all applicants who are not willing to oppose the government issue of money.

The Panic Circular of 1893. Dear Sir—The interests of national bankers require immediate financial legislation by congress. Silver, silver certificates and treasury notes must be retired, and national bank notes upon a gold basis made the only money. This will require the authorization of from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 of new bonds as a basis of circulation.

Falling Prices on the Farm. In the absolute sense it makes no difference whether prices are high or low. If wheat had never been more than a cent a bushel, and everything else in proportion, it would be no hardship to the farmer. But suppose when wheat is a dollar he buys a farm for \$2,000, pays half cash, giving a mortgage for the remaining \$1,000.

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should know that a very large proportion of modern business is done on borrowed money. A fall of prices frequently makes it impossible for the debtor to pay, breaks up his business and injures all who are in any manner dependent upon him. Strict equity requires perfect stability of prices. But this is impossible under any system. There are bound to be fluctuations, and a rise of prices, unless caused by scarcity, is infinitely better than a fall. True, the creditor may be paid in cheaper money, but he gets the benefit of the rise in all other forms of property except money, and shares the general prosperity. If we have no property other than money the answer is that the welfare of the whole country should not be subordinated to the interests of a few who are engaged in no business but that of lending money.

Reports in the Hanna Bribery Case. Although the case of Senator Hanna under the charge that he procured his election to the senate by bribery and other corrupt means was ended after a fashion before the close of the recent session, it is not too late to recall the facts and the committee reports for our improvement and edification. The case was last before the senate February 28, and was then dropped, not by the exculpation of Hanna, but because nobody felt enough interest in the matter to urge a continuance of the investigation. It would be just as proper for the senate in the fifty-sixth congress to make an investigation as it was for the senate in the last congress. Hanna occupied his seat in that body to fill out the unexpired term of John Sherman, whom he succeeded in the senate. That term expired March 4, 1899. At the time when he was elected for the short term he was also elected for the full term, which begins with the fifty-sixth congress. The same charges of bribery and other offenses are involved in both elections.

The minority report covers about the same ground as the majority, but holds that there is enough proof that Hanna was aware of the acts of his agents to warrant further investigation. The fact that Hanna and other persons subpoenaed as witnesses refused to appear is forcibly presented and the reasonable inference is drawn that they stayed away because they were in possession of damaging testimony. The majority report refers to the absence of these witnesses, but does not regard it as of enough importance to make further proceedings necessary. The minority says that the senate should not wait for the action of the state of Ohio, but should pursue the investigation in justice to itself and from a proper regard for its own reputation.

The Grab Game in China. Boston Globe: Already we have the best export trade record with China of any country in the world. In spite of all outside inducements the Chinese prefer to buy of us. The treaty ports furnish ample outlets for our exports. We do not need any of the rejected remnants not taken by the other powers. We have better trade prospects with China than all the European looters put together. Why, then, should we join in her robbery? Have we not already bitten off in the east about all we can chew?

Read Persons Not Grate. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Mr. Reed has gone too far already with his sardonic coldness for republican policies, and his biting comment on situations that while difficult, are unavoidable. He has also asserted the speakership in legislation to the utmost limit. The administration has cared enough without contending against a more than unsympathetic speaker assuming to be next the president in power. In selecting a speaker the next house will move with prudence and perfect party loyalty.

Get the Army Out of Cuba. Philadelphia Record: There is no war going on in the West Indies now, but the time is rapidly approaching when the American occupation will be quite as dangerous as it was when our soldiers had to look into the muzzles of Spanish guns. The deadly climate is the one unanswerable argument for haste in establishing Cuban rule in Cuba.

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BRIGANDAGE IN TURKEY.

A daring case of brigandage recently occurred at Smyrna, in which the victim was the son of Mr. Whittall, one of the richest and leading British merchants of that town, says the London Standard. Young Mr. Whittall was driving with three ladies from Smyrna to Burnabat, one of the suburbs, when the carriage was stopped by six men, four of whom seemed to be Bulgarians or Greeks from Bulgaria, and two native Armenians. Leaving the ladies to report the occurrence, the brigands carried off their victim in evening dress, sending word by his companions that they demanded \$1,500. Mr. Whittall, immediately on receiving the news, started in pursuit, taking with him the sum required in gold, being in great anxiety on account of the inclemency of the weather and the scanty clothing in which his son was clad. His fears were the more justified, as it is not very long since another of his sons was similarly abducted, and, I believe, ultimately died from the effects of the exposure. After three days' hard traveling the brigands were found and the ransom paid, the men escorting the two Whittalls, on part of their homeward journey, and finally parting with them with many kisses and protestations of gratitude. Mr. Whittall is now applying to the British embassy to know if the British or Turkish government will refund him the money paid. It is not long since another case occurred close to Constantinople, at a small town named Kourli Yalova, where there is a sanitary establishment kept by a Mme. Bronzo, midwife to the palace. One afternoon she was out driving with two of her guests, an old lady and her young daughter, when they were seized. The coachman foolishly remarked: "Be careful; she is the midwife for the sultan's harem." Seeing at once that they had a rich prize, the band, numbering twelve or thirteen, took Mme. Bronzo and the young lady, and told her mother that they wanted \$10,000. They also reassured the old lady, saying that she need have no fears for her daughter, an exceedingly pretty girl, who should be returned safe and well. The money was quickly paid, and the ladies, who had really been very well treated, were released, the captain of the band making each of them a present of £100 on parting. The government then commenced a ruthless search after the men, scouring the whole countryside with zaphties, who were quartered on all the villages, so that the villagers themselves joined heartily in the chase in order to get rid of these unwelcome guests. Finally nine of the band were caught and either killed or put away. Being mostly Greeks, they hid principally with Greek shepherds far and high up in the mountains near Esmidt, and scarcely a single shepherd escaped being put to the question. I recently had occasion to meet one of the principal witnesses, who had been the leader in the hunt, and who had been present at all the "examinations" of the prisoners. Six thousand pounds was found buried near the village of Denizli, the place being revealed under torture. The last two men were caught at Ovdajik, a neighboring village, where I heard the story told. The captain and two of his companions are still at large and have probably left the country.

How to Enamel Chairs. Shabby Windsor or bent wood chairs can be made to look quite smart enough for bedroom or "den" by being painted over with black enamel paint. If, when the enamel is dry, a little bronze paint be smeared or smudged over them, a "Japanese" effect will be obtained, which will be very pleasing, and a great relief to their somber appearance. The expressions "smeared" and "smudged" are used advisedly, for the bronze should be put on with an almost dry brush and should merely cling to the hair, so that they may leave a certain amount of color when they are dragged over the black enamel. To regularly paint on the bronze would be to lose the pretty effect sought.

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