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The "protection" now enjoyed by Mexico is of a kind that even the free-trader cannot logically or fairly object to. The free-trader opposes a protective tariff because, as he claims (and justly in some cases) it unduly raises the prices of certain things for the benefit of certain classes or individuals. But the silver standard in Mexico protects and builds up the industries of the country without raising the price. It operates in this way. When a Mexican importer buys goods in England he must pay for the gold he must exchange his silver dollars for it at the rate of about \$10 to the pound sterling, i. e., \$2 of silver for \$1 of gold. Compared with gold his silver has fallen one-half. The prices of the goods have also fallen, but not so much as the silver. The classes of goods which Mexico imports mostly (manufactures) have only fallen from 35 to 40 per cent while the silver has dropped 50. Hence in order to keep even, when the importer sells them in Mexico the price for silver he must raise the price 20 to 30 per cent. Rather than pay these higher prices the Mexicans, or foreigners in Mexico, build factories and go to turning out the same class of goods, which can be sold for less than the price of the imported article. The difference in exchange, that is, the difference in value between gold and silver, produces a veritable paradox: The foreign article is kept out as a tariff wall, and at the same time the price is lowered. This operates to the benefit of all classes except a few importers. When Mexico exports her own products, the process is reversed. She sells them for gold at lower prices than formerly, but the prices have not fallen quite so much as the gold prices of her silver. So when she exchanges products for gold and then exchanges the gold for silver she has more of it than she formerly received, and in Mexico, so far as native products are concerned, this silver is as good, dollar for dollar, as it ever was. Thus the gold premium operates to diminish imports and increase exports with the inevitable result of building up and developing the internal resources of the country. Every year Mexico shows beyond all controversy the unexampled prosperity of that country. We advert to the matter not because we believe that free coinage in this country would make our currency exclusively silver. As frequently stated, we have no doubt that the great area, financial strength and resources of the United States would be fully equal to the task of maintaining the two metals, at a parity. We are simply pointing out the absurdity of the oft repeated but never verified claim that if our currency should become exclusively silver, we would be ruined.

Low Prices for Farms.
Farms at forced sales in the country around Philadelphia appear to be bringing very low prices. In Honeybrook, Chester county, an assignee has sold a farm of 126 acres for \$30 per acre, and another in the same township, site not stated, for \$29 per acre. The Townsend Walter farm, near West Chester, 185 acres, a very fine estate, was offered at public sale by the assignee, October 19, but only \$70.75 an acre offered, and it was withdrawn. The Doylestown Intelligence reports that the recent sale of two farms in Solebury township—one of the richest sections of Bucks county—at \$20 and \$15 per acre, respectively. It suggests that the assessors' valuation for tax purposes will have to be lowered.—Philadelphia Manufacturer.

Here is another splendid opening for some good standard orator. He can take the above item for a text, and a la Atkinson and Aldredge, he can paint a golden picture of the beauties of low prices. They can no doubt entirely remove the sting and discomfort of a "forced sale," by showing how advantageous it was to the purchaser. When a farm is sold for 30, 40 or 50 per cent less than he gave for it, the accruing benefits should be made the subject of a glowing eulogy by somebody. It is, however, beyond the scope of our genius, and the whole matter is therefore referred to the humorous financier of the "Lone Star State," Judge Aldredge.

THE "FIFTY CENT DOLLAR."
The Chicago Tribune and the rest of the Gold Bugs have much to say about 50-cent dollars—just as though there was such a thing—and that they are mighty dangerous. The Tribune man will write a flaming editorial about 50-cent dollars, and go right out and push one of them on the unsuspecting lunch-counter man for 100 cents. Neither he nor his allies ever saw a 50-cent dollar.

Cannot these men be made to understand that the value of the material a dollar is made of is one thing, and its value as money—as a dollar, after the government has monetized it and made it a dollar—is another thing? A gold dollar, a silver dollar and a paper dollar all have the same purchasing power, and each passes as a dollar. The material they are made of varies widely in value, but the value of the material a dollar is made of does not determine its value as money.

It is the fact that it is one of our units of account—is a dollar—that gives it its value as money. Standing by itself, the government's making a dollar, and making it legal tender, confers no value on such dollars, nor does it attempt to. It simply makes it money—a dollar—and legal tender. But the moment it becomes a dollar there is an instant and overwhelming demand for it on the part of our seventy-one millions of people to transact their business—they are all tolling to get those dollars.

It is this terrific and constant demand for money that gives such dollars all their value as money, and not the value of the material they are made of. Give us a rest from this 50-cent dollar nonsense! The amount of value in our dollars is shown in the general range of prices of commodities—wheat, cotton, etc.—and is determined by the quantity of money in circulation among the people, as compared with population and business. As Ricardo, the great gold standard authority, says: "The value of money in any country is determined by the amount existing." That commodities would rise or fall in price, in proportion to the increase or diminution of money, I assume as a fact that is incontrovertible."
GEORGE PRENTISS.

An Inside View. Some time ago one of the great glaucous trusts, which is to the family of "industrialists" to a reported an...
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of corn being ground by any concern except those of our company. We organized, taking in five plants, only one of which was profitable. We are now operating them at a profit. We are operating on the policy that the absolute, bed rock basis for the successful conduct of an industrial company such as ours is to be able to sell its product at a price which, while rendering a profit, is still unprofitable to competitors. We are doing just that thing. We are in business for a long pull. On a ten-year run we might have raised prices, made \$5,000,000 the first year, \$2,500,000 the next, \$1,000,000 the next, and down to nothing at the end of ten years. It is better to moderate and earn \$2,000,000 a year for ten years, which would be \$20,000,000 in profits against a loss of \$10,000,000 the other way. We did for a short time make the mistake in the beginning of putting the price too high, but it did not last long. We have abolished the rebate system and are doing a straight, clean business on the merits of our product and price, and, best of all, we have on this basis cleaned up all competitors.

"Best of all, we have on this basis cleaned up all competitors!" This result, therefore, is better than profits, better than any other kind of success, this cleaning up of competitors. That is to say, it is the end and aim of trusts to destroy the business of individuals with small capital, put them into the hands of receivers, close their doors, and leave their employees out of work.—Atlanta Constitution.

Raising Funds for Next Year.
Among the many ways of raising money to successfully fight against Hannaism in 1900 no offer has been more opportune or generous than that of the cigar manufacturers of Chicago, who give the Ways and Means Committee of the Democratic National Committee 1 cent on each of their "Ways and Means" cigars sold, and one-third of a cent for each "Defense Fund" cigar disposed of. This is a voluntary contribution on the part of a large and responsible firm of cigar manufacturers, who employ union labor, and are patriotic supporters of the cause espoused by William Jennings Bryan, Richard Bland and other leaders of the bimetallic standard. It was not offered in an ebullient moment of enthusiasm, but after mature deliberation and counting the cost up into thousands of dollars that must go out in case orders came in sufficiently numerous and large to run up the out-go in these royalties. The smokers using either of these brands of cigars may rest assured that the royalty money actually goes into the funds of the committee, as the labels are countersigned in the office of the Ways and Means Committee by two of its officers. Orders are coming in liberally for these cigars from all parts of the United States, making it a most gigantic undertaking. The quality of the cigars is the best that can be given at the prices—5 and 10 cents.

Embalsmed Beef Scandal.
The Army beef court of inquiry has made some discoveries which indicate that it is not Gen. Miles, nor sensational newspapers, nor jealous foreigners that some of the packers of this country need fear as injurious to their trade, but their own dishonest and absolutely criminal methods. How one Kansas City house can escape condign punishment, if justice be done, does not yet appear. It was shown by competent testimony that the Armour Packing company had furnished the army a lot of rotten canned beef, several carloads of which were condemned at Jacksonville and Mobile and returned to the company at Kansas City. It was shown that as to much of this condemned beef new labels were pasted on the cans containing it and these were placed in the general stock. The manager testified that a large part of it was shipped to a foreign government, and explained its reappearance in the United States army by saying that some of the cans likely found their way back to the United States and were probably accepted by the government! The Armour Packing company contributed very liberally to Mark Hanna's national honor swindle in 1899.

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The British surer is perhaps the most rapacious of modern Skylocks, and it is good to hear that a bill is about to be introduced in Parliament which will be sufficiently drastic to curb him, if not to "regulate" him out of existence. Up to ten per cent the money lender will be allowed a free hand, but a higher rate outlites the debtor to invoke legal redress. Every money lender will be compelled to transact business in his own name; he must not have even one business alias, nor will it be permissible for him to pose as a benevolent organization under some specious title; hitherto a favorite trick with the rascals that prey upon the needy and helpless. In a country where 400 per cent per annum for short loans is not uncommon, and 2,000 per cent per annum not unknown, such a law is sorely needed.

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