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READ THIS CAREFULLY.

The London Financial News in its issue of April 30, 1894, contained the following article on the monetary question in this country and it should be studied carefully by every American citizen before casting his ballot for McKinley and goldbugism. The article is as follows:

"There is a plain moral in the remark that if the United States would venture to cut herself adrift from Europe and take outright to silver she would have America and Asia at her back, and would command the markets of both continents. The barrier of gold would be more fatal than any barrier of a custom house. The bond of silver would be stronger than any bond of free trade.

"There can be no doubt about it that if the United States were to adopt a silver basis tomorrow, British trade would be ruined before the year was out. Every American industry would be protected, not only at home, but at every other market. Of course the States would suffer to a certain extent through having to pay their obligations abroad in gold; but the loss on exchange under this head would be a mere drop in the bucket compared with the profits to be reaped from the markets of South America and Asia, to say nothing of Europe.

"The marvel is that the United States has not long ago seized the opportunity, and but for the belief that the way of England is necessarily the way to commercial success and prosperity, undoubtedly it would have been done long ago. Now, Americans are awakening to the fact that so long as the narrow ambition to becoming a larger England they cannot beat us. It has been a piece of luck that it has never occurred to the Americans to scoop us out of the world's markets by going on a silver basis, and it might serve us right if, irritated by the contemptuous apathy of our government to the gravity of the silver problem, the Americans retaliate by freezing out gold. It could easily be done."

"DISHONOR AND DISGRACE."

In last Thursday's Washington Post J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, used the following language that is an insult to every true Southerner:

"The finance which they teach is entirely Confederate fiat. In the Southern Confederacy the same leaders who now are in command of the picket guards, for free silver at 16 to 1, were leading financiers. And Harris, Pugh, Morgan, and the other Confederate Generals now in command of the Bryan campaign seem to desire to accomplish, by false finance, that which they failed to bring about by arms—national dishonor and disgrace."

There is not a more loyal section of the Southern States and when Mr. Morton says or intimates, with all due respect to the high office he holds, that the South is trying to bring about "national dishonor and disgrace" he simply lies. Every breath he breathes is foul and in his blackened heart there is "anarchy" of the deepest dye.

It is now thirty-one years since the southerners laid down their arms and began again to support the government. During that time—nearly one-third of a century—the nation has not had a more faithful leader than our fair sunny south land, and now, at this late day, Sterling Morton, whose head is white with the frosts of many winters, is waving the "bloody shirt" for campaign purposes. He thinks this contemptible stoop to win votes for the gold standard but he is mistaken. There is not a true man, let him reside in the east, west,

nor a or south who will not be disgusted at Secretary Morton's language.

It is an insult to every true American.

SARCASM'S SCENIC SANCTUM.
See the actualities of piteous termoil!
Life's sarcasm takes a changeable hue;
Whatever be your status piebald or royal,

Future existence is dark for you—
If to goldbugism you dare to stoop,
Free silver souses you in the soup!

Xenophon, the pupil, friend and historian of Socrates, relates that when that old philosopher was nearing the end of his eminently ideal life, and when just in the act of stepping into Charon's boat which, as he supposed, would ferry his soul across the river Acheron to Hades beyond, indulged in this pathetic reflection: "I am old, and nothing remains for me but to decay in faculties and genius. This is the proper moment to die."

"It will be remembered that the era of Socrates dates back 23 centuries—B. C. 470 years—just that many centuries removed from the political and other influences of today; and in view of this fact we cannot but admire the old martyr's honesty in acknowledging that he had lived out his days of usefulness, and was no longer needed as a factor on the scene of action—a scene behind whose curtains life's drama was then and there to close forever, leaving him in the embrace of eternity and in the presence of the Olympian gods! Now, if such a fruitless as a possibility of our monometallic cranks, who are clamoring for the gold standard, what a joyous occasion it would be to the laboring classes of the world if those worse than fanatics were to pack up their earthly assets—gold standard included—and precipitately hie themselves away to their deistic bowers, wherever they may be in the realm of chaos or discord!

That much-abused 53 cent silver dollar, which we hear so much talk about now-a-days, buys just the same quantity of the groceries of life as does the highly-lauded gold dollar of those mono-carping idiots of Wall Street; and yet those same fakirs call it a dishonest dollar, and are bending all their energies in the endeavor to make the slaves of toil believe that the silver is cheating them out of their labor logic wholly without reason or application in practice. Theoretically, this doctrine might, possibly, coincide with the reasoning capabilities of a maniac chimpanzee; but when brought in contact with the average Anglo Saxon intelligence, the sophistry of the argument is too thin to catch a smile of contempt from an honest corpse.

For prudent reasons—mind you, we are not superstitious—we would prefer to find a last resting place on the bottom of the vast deep, rather than in a neighborhood of gold, standard advocates—one of our teeth is gold plugged, and that unfortunate molar might be the innocent cause of a premature resurrection on our part were we deposited in their vicinity!

Bryan—contemptuously styled the "Boy orator of the Platt"—is deserving of success; not only on account of that vast stream of silver eloquence which he has turned loose on the unbelieving natives, but also for the principle involved, which claims that the United States are capable, and must govern themselves whether the rest of the world are willing to it or not. We claim that if our country takes the initiative in the silver question, all other nations will follow suit in short order. America is not begging for foreign aid, though the quasi-government at Washington seems to lean that way; it is the "quasi" and not the people that is calling for extraneous help.

L. D. VANN.

FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.

The hirings of the money power, the agents of human oppression, whether in the press or on the hustings, whose guilty consciences makes them such cowards neither dares face a fair discussion, should be exposed. And especially should all self-respecting people steer clear of those double faced McKinley adjuncts who are now posing as grim humorist by claim that they are "for sound money and for principle" My God! Who ever heard before of a silver dollar's being "unsound," or "principle" in a "machine" politician? Both propositions are so preposterous they can only be regarded as huge jokes and but for the fact that the masses may be deceived by them, are unworthy of serious thought.

When they tell you that a silver dollar with the government's stamp on it as such, is worth only fifty-three cents, they are either idiots or wilful disseminators of a falsehood. When they tell you the free coinage of silver would make the mine owner rich to the detriment of the country, mark it falsehood number two. When they say that a high tariff protects the masses of this country, well—it is mistake third.

Now, as to first proposition; the government buys its bullion at the market price of the world, and the miner is paid for it in silver certificates, redeemable only in silver; therefore, if the government can get it for 53 cents, and by putting its stamp upon it, make a dollar, the government makes the 47 cents, and not the mine owner. "A wayfaring man though a fool" can see that's logically the case. Again, though vilified, scorned, ridiculed and legislated against, the fact remains that the government pays its employees in those same dollars, that it receives them back for face value, that it is worth its face value in any commodity, not only all over these United States, but in Europe as well. As to the charge that it would cheapen labor, it is only necessary to say that if this were so, the employees of labor would be the first to advocate it, and it is a pitiable dupe who would be so credulous as to believe otherwise.

Mr. Palmer and Mr. Buckner, the republican adjunct Wall Street McKinleyites, so ably (?) represented in North Carolina by De La Croix, Patterson & Co., say they know they are in a hopeless minority, but they are "acting upon principle." In the name of God what sort of principle—individual financial principle? Surely a party of "principles" could have found men in North Carolina to represent the who would not send out circulars bearing the names of gentlemen who never signed public appointment to meet an opponent would have the manhood to stand up and talk whatever they might have brought on themselves.

Now if these gentlemen have such a Holy honor of making the silver miner rich, who now has fair competition in the gold miner, how is it that their judgment or conscience permits them to take away from gold all competition and make its owner twice as rich? Is it right to shut down the silver mines because the miner will make a little money while the government is getting nearly half his product simply for stamping it, in order that the gold miner, Wall Street and European Shylocks may farther gloat over the misery of this people? Answer if you can.

But misrepresentation stops not here. They tell you there is enough in the country to do its business. Let's go to the facts:

In July of this year, each of the 92 banks in North Carolina, under a statute requiring them to do so, reported the amount and kinds of currency they had, under oath, and the aggregate amount of gold given in by all the banks in the state was less than \$1,000, not enough to run Duke's factory a single day. Tell the fact gentlemen or quit.

And how about a protective tariff, who does it protect? The answer is the manufacturer and monopolist at the expense of both the government and the laboring masses. As evidence of this it is an indisputable fact that the product of American manufactures are sold at retail in European markets at less than our merchants can buy them from the manufacturer by the car load and for spot cash, so that this "protection" is simply a license to extort upon home people while selling to foreigners at a legitimate profit. If the government made any increased revenue by it, there might be some apology for the injustice, but it does not—the custom duties aggregating more on a low than high tariff, and the balance of trade in our favor being larger under the Wilson than under the McKinley bill. Cogitate on these things before you take another step to hasten your perpetual bondage.

BUTLER ON THE SITUATION.

Senator Butler is satisfied with the general outlook of the political situation and thinks Bryan will be elected without doubt.

A special from Washington, D. C., which was published in the papers yesterday morning says that Mr. Butler said he was satisfied with the result of the meeting of the populist executive committee at Chicago.

He then said that "there are only four states in which fusion has not been arranged—Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. An adjustment will be reached in Florida and Tennessee without doubt. So far as Georgia is concerned the State will go either for Bryan and Watson or Bryan and Sewall. An adjustment in North Carolina is difficult because the Democrats rejected several very fair propositions which we made. Regarding the Middle Western States, Ohio can be classed as doubtful; Indiana with fusion arranged is safe for Bryan; Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa are in the same boat. I regard it safe to assume that the chances are even in those States; that is, that two of the four will go for Bryan and silver. Kentucky is safe; West Virginia and Maryland are doubtful, with the chances, I think, strongly in favor of Bryan in the former. In Maryland the result will depend upon the Republican farmers. If there is enough disaffection among them to offset the gold Democratic defection in Baltimore, Bryan will carry the State. For the population, there is a greater Democratic defection in Baltimore, I think, than in any city west of New York."

The government owes \$100,000,000,000, says the Raleigh News and Observer. As the republicans and Cleveland democrats say this must be paid in gold, how are the people ever to pay it? We have only about \$140,000,000 in gold or about eleven cents on the dollar. In order to get gold to pay the interest, wheat, and cotton must be sold at a ruinously low price. The farmers and laborers bear the burden. They may vote to continue present and add greater burdens to their backs, but we do not believe it.

VOTE FOR KITCHIN.

Recently Maj. W. A. Guthrie of this city, said:

"Let us elect Bryan. Let us send to congress from fifth district W. W. Kitchin, and let us say to Settle, 'you stay at home.' If I believed Dalby could be elected, I would give him my vote. As a vote for him means a vote for Settle, I advise all my friends to vote for Kitchin. Don't stultify yourselves by voting for a free silver president, and then tie his hands by voting for a gold bug congressman." The News and Observer yesterday said that "the news is that the advice of Maj. Guthrie will be taken and that the populists will vote for Kitchin, and not for Dalby who is running in the interest of the gold candidate. In six out of the nine counties, the populist voters in their county conventions resolved to support Kitchin, and in the other three it is known that most of them will support him. In so doing they are taking the advice of their candidate for governor and for congress in the fourth district."

ENTICED FROM HER N. C. HOME.

The Norfolk Ledger says: "Hilah Hubbard, the proprietress of No. 84 Church street, and Dora Peebles, one of the inmates of that house, were arrested yesterday morning upon the charge of enticing a 14-year old girl from her home in North Carolina to this city for immoral purposes. The girl arrived in Portsmouth over the Seaboard Air Line from her home in Surry county, N. C., and crossing the ferry, took a police officer to guide her to the above place. Upon questioning the child, the officer discovered that she did not know the character of the house or of the people for whom she was looking. He hereupon turned her over to chief of police Dornin. Justice Tomlin has continued the cases of the Hubbard and Peebles women till letters, which the latter wrote to the girl in North Carolina, can be secured. He refused them bail and they were remanded to jail. The girl will be kept in Norfolk till the cases are tried. The penalty for the offence which the prisoners are charged is from three to ten years in the penitentiary."

SHOWING HER HAND.

The conservative element of the free silver Bryan forces, while perfectly satisfied that unsubsidized and un-intimidated the American people would elect Bryan president by the largest majority ever received by any man in this country, have yet been afraid that the great employers of labor would tacitly let it become understood among their dependent employees that if they dared assert their rights and their manhood by voting in accord with their interest and their conscience for Bryan, that their places would be filled with other men, and they turned out with their wives and children to starve.

It was not supposed however that any of these would be masters over their own race would so early in the game be bold enough to give away the plan of his ilk in so brazen a violation of law at this stage of the game as Mr. Crawford has done.

St. Louis, Oct. 14.—At noon today, on the application of Attorney McKim, on behalf of the state democratic committee, a warrant was issued for the arrest of D. C. Crawford, on a charge of violating the electing law. Mr. Crawford is proprietor of a large department store on Broadway, and last Saturday discharged twelve of his clerks because they declared they would vote for Bryan. What Mr. Crawford has done

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openly many others are doing in a more covert way. They simply intimate that if Bryan is elected they will have to reduce their force, and the poor devil whose weekly wages barely suffices to keep his wife and children fed and clothed knows what this means. He wants to be a free man, but when he thinks what his discharge would mean to him and his, he is not, and votes as his boss dictates.

Who can blame him? Men who had rather die than submit to such loss of manhood if they were to be the only sufferers, like lambs driven to the slaughter house, go to the polls with countenances depicting the powerful shame they feel, and vote as they are told. They have no alternative. It is a sacrifice their wives and children demand and they make it. Let no one cast a slur upon such a man. Give your pity and a helping hand, but may God have mercy upon those who have driven him to it.

CHURCH AND STATE.

We desire to call the attention of the public generally and particularly to the Episcopal people of North Carolina to the following telegram, which appeared in the New York World of the 14th:

MARQUETTE, MICH., Oct. 13.—Bishop C. Mot Williams, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Marquette, said today:

"The Episcopal church was largely represented among the signatories of the Declaration of Independence and the framers of the Constitution of the United States.

"She has never encouraged her clergy to be personal partisans, yet I would be a dumb guardian of my people should I hesitate to say that any member of the Episcopal church who supports the Chicago platform will do so in the teeth of the moral teaching of his church."

From Henry the eighth to George the third the Episcopal church dominated the politics of England. It consisted only with Kings and Nobles and was their support, drawing its revenue by a specific tax without successful objection till Oliver Cromwell and his Covenanters put a temporary scotch upon the wheels of both church and state. We all know that this church has ever been the church of the aristocracy, but since America gained her independence from Great Britain more than 100 years ago, partly through Patrick Henry's resentment of the encroachments of the Clergy church and state have been separate in this country—and the Episcopal church more than any other, has declined to soil its clerical gown in the mud of political cess pools.

Christ drove the money changers from the Temple, and now those who claim to be His vice gerents on earth are the aiders and abettors of those Shylocks for the oppression of the poor and unfortunate whose welfare Christ spent his life, and gave it up on the cross.

Bishop Williams has as much right under our laws to have an opinion and express it as any other man. All we object to is that he should claim Apostolic succession from Christ—claim to be His representative, and then oppose the teachings of His Lord and master. The inconsistency is too monstrous to pass unnoticed.

North Carolina Episcopalians will doubtless be surprised and mortified, but the Bishop's court attempt to force votes for a gold bug will fall still born at their feet.

The Ethics of Betting.

Betting sustains the same relation to stealing as dueling does to murder, and from a moral standpoint the one who takes a winning in a bet is little, if any better than one who takes the same amount of money without the knowledge or consent of the owner. Except as a gift, no one has the right to take the property of another without rendering an equivalent therefor, even with the consent of its owner, any more than he has the right to take his life with his consent. But there are some forms of election betting that are worse than others. The man who "backs his opinion" with the wager of a few dollars is the personification of morality as compared with the man who, with the intent to deceive voters, rushes into print with the proposal to wager hundreds of thousands of dollars on his favorite candidate.—Chicago News.

Postage Stamps by Millions.

Claud M. Johnson, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in his annual report, shows the production of securities in sheets during the year to have been as follows: United States notes, bonds, and certificates, 14,130,819; national currency, 2,053,396; internal revenue stamps, 36,044,732; customs stamps, 214,000; postage stamps, 30,647,771; checks, &c., 1,959,577, making a total of 85,050,595, at a cost of \$1,469,359, or \$17.27 per thousand sheets, as compared with \$20.30 for the year 1895; \$23.73 for the year 1894, and \$25.35 for the year 1893. The average amount of work done by each employe is shown to have largely increased during the same time, the total amount being over 36,700,000 sheets in excess of 1893.

During the year postage stamps were delivered to postmasters in the following amounts: Ordinary stamps, 4,025,481,467; special delivery, 4,466,250; postage due stamps, 19,348,714; newspaper, &c., 5,505,672; total number, 3,054,802,123. A saving for the year 1896 is shown of postage stamps. On the subject of the new issue of silver certificates, the director says they have met with universal commendation by the public. These notes, he says, have demonstrated the possibility of fine art being utilized to advantage in the production of bank notes, and will result in the most perfect security against counterfeiting.

Father and Son Found Dead.

ANTWERP, N. Y., Oct. 28.—A double tragedy was enacted at Somerville, St. Lawrence County, about 6 o'clock this morning, when Orrin Kinzie, a well-known farmer of that place, was found by his wife, hanging in a barn over the dead body of his father, Daniel Kinzie, whom he had killed with an axe. It is thought that he first attempted to take his own life by cutting his throat, and that his father interfered to prevent. Kinzie had manifested symptoms of insanity. He was forty-five years old and his father seventy-one. Both were respected citizens.

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