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INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE ASIATICS.

How They Exchange the Products of Their Labor for Our Gold, Which They in Turn Exchange for Sliver to Hire Cheap Labor to Compete with Ours-

(By Joseph K. Clark, Butte, Montana.) The question that seems most to bother the Americans in regard to the Chinese-Japanese situation, is whether our brothers of the Orient are our financial superiors or not, and, as they appear to have the best of the matter at present, to an unprejudiced observer, it would seem that as they know when they have a good thing and then make the best of it, they, at least, are the financial superiors of those antiquated minds that see nothing but financial disasters in bi-metallism.

If the recent treaty between those nations is carried out in the spirit as well as the letter, and to the adaptibility of the Chinese is added the ingenuity of the Japanese, their progress during the twentieth century would be wonderful indeed.

The Chinege, since the time of Confucius, seem to have done nothing but adhere to ancient customs; the Japanese, on the other hand, are a people of progress, and during recent years have made gigantic strides in all the arts and sciences and in commerce.

The first cotton spinning factory in Japan was established at Kagishima more than forty years ago, by Shemazu Harihisa, the greatest feudal prince of modern times.

For nearly twenty years this was the only factory of the kind in the country, but in 1867 the people began to wake up and since then so many other factories have been established that there are now 580,564 spindles in operation, which, taken with those now in process of construction, will make the total number of spindles nearly one million.

One of the articles in the Japanese-Chinese treaty that will be most important to the development of the Chinese, and important to the world of commerce reads as follows:

"Japanese subjects shall be free to engage in all kinds of manufacturing industries in all the open cities, towns and ports of China, and shall be at liberty to import into China all kinds of machinery, paying only the stipulated import duties thereon."

At first, with but a casual thought, up before Americans visions be great prosperity; that soon the United States would soon wrest from England the supremacy in the oriental trade.

All this would happen and more, it advantage were taken of the treaty (for the Japanese look upon us as their best friends), and if we were not brought into direct labor competition with them.

rivals to be feared, not despised or plied him with vessels, and men, and looked down upon, and the treaty virtually makes China and Japan one nation, with a population of 500,000,000

per day in gold to men and 11 cents inhabiting it. They are the greatest imitators in

the world, and as they have no patent laws by which foreigners may be protected, they seize upon every useful patent and with their cheap labor turn out products for a net cost that would make Americans open their eyes wide

A recent article in the "Inventive 'Age" has the following paragraph:

"One of the subjects for our statesmen in the near future will be: 'How best can we protect the American manufacturers and the American laborers from the imitative genius, piracy and cheap labor of Japan, not alone in cotton and cotton goods, but in the manufacture of everything the arts pro-

Thirty-five years ago the Japanese might have been classed as barbarians, and they were divided into many factions. They had a civil war and the victorious party proclaimed the present reigning sovereign "mikado of the Japanese empire." He was but seventeen years of age, but had been educated in the United States and had acquired many American ways and

Under his enlightened rule a great social revolution took place. Edicts were promulgated tolerating Christianity and permitting Buddhist priests to marry nuns.

It is claimed by some people that the marriage of this multitude of Buddhist priests accounts, in a great degree, for the intelligence the Japanese display to-day as a nation, for the priests were the educated men of the

In 1871 a board of education was formed and a year later a college with six men to ride horse back abreast. a staff of European professors was established and largely patronized.

As their chief intercourse was with the United States, England and France the study of the languages of those nations was insisted upon, and the adopcould promote the arts and sciences was encouraged.

At this time one railroad was in operation, with others in process of construction. Now their railway system and manufacture, and although they compares favorably with those of the have been isolated to a great extent millions. European powers.

In 1870 a national mint was established at Osaka, the machinery being ments of civilization, with the Japaimported from England. In this year nese to teach and aid them, they will their lown mints. Heretofore it had be manufactured in any other place in were in the height of their glory and This is one reason, and a potent one, been coined in other countries, but the world.

used as national coin. The Japanese came from a mongrel Tartar source, and their origin dates ured article for gold in a gold standard dian and Chinese nabobs. far back into antiquity. The national country.

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By order of THE CORNER-STONE

WHAT THE GOLD STANDARD WILL FINALLY BRING US TO.

-From The National Bimetallist.

TO THE TEMPLE

given to the worship in the old faith, present condition of China, simply to Sin Fin, or Faith in Gods...

that antedate the flood mentioned in | well paid labor of America will be the Bible, and have a history that brought into direct competition with reaches back farther than any other na- the pauper labor of China and Inches tion now in and the continent for take some active steps towards prethe discovery of this continent, for Columbus had in his mind as much the discovery of a short route to Cathay, as he had the desire to prove the correctness of his theory that the world

If it had not been for his vivid and glowing descriptions of the riches and marvels of this country, Isabella and Ferdinand probably never would have for the time, as it is, still, they are listened to his pleadings, and have sup-

Later a famous traveler, Sir John De Mandeville, returned home with glowing accounts of the country, and For labor they pay about 17 cents with strange tales of the queer people

Their first porcelain furnace was set up in the seventh century in the province of Kiangsi, but the celebrated furnaces of Kinti Chin were not es-

tablished until almost .two hundred years later. They now have over five hundred porcelain furnaces in operation, which supply nearly the whole world in porcelain ware. In the matter of baking the porcelain, no other country has ever excelled them, one single piece passing

The date of the origin of the manufacture of silk in China is lost in the from the Persians the Greeks learned Romans had it from the Greeks or vide against defeat.

the most intricate of French and Eng- the cause of the people—free silver— In 1880...... 25,000,000 lish patterns. China Crepe has never | will be retarded for years.

been imitated successfully. proficient in the manufacture of the

across mountains and plains. It was high rates of interest.

and flows from Pekin to Canton, a interest just the same. distance of 1,200 miles. This great work was constructed in the thirteenth century and runs through a most fertion of all mechanical appliances that tile country, where every variety of vegetable life may be grown on account

of the diversified climate. Thus, centuries before we became a nation, China had progressed in art from the rest of the world, thereby being unable to profit by the develop-

their own land and sell the manufact- way into the coffers of the wealthy In- London and is changed for fifty cents

I have thus briefly outlined the direct your attention to what we may The Chinese have historical legends expect in the near future, when the venting such competition-the wages of American labor will drop.

You ask, "Why?" "Because the masses do not understand the financial question?" This is true only in part. The main reason is that the gold bugs have bought both judge and jury. Is it any wonder that they are awarded

Three-fourths of the people of the United States are in favor of free coin- that they even paid that much. age on a basis of 16 to 1 and have cast their votes to that effect, electing on a ey, their trade, their power; for when silver platform men who, when elect- a nation or individual loses money, ed, repudiated their promises and de- credit goes with it and with the credit ceived the people, supporting gold bug goes trade and power. theories regardless of the suffering and

people who elected them. be the axis upon which all others re- lic money. your lives. Cast aside all party affilia- people of the United States, cannot re- I predict that the time has comeman nominated in your own party, vote in the footsteps of the Roman Empire. | will become a law, the only drawback called. through forty hands before it is deemed for any honest man, regardless of par-

ty, but be sure that he is honest. mists of remote antiquity. From the have ever had; they realize their Chinese the Persians acquired the art; jeopardy and that the people have be- bishop Walsh of Ireland it is shown come determined to be heard and so that prior to 1873 the exports of yarn ligence of the masses to think that it, while it is not known whether the are making strengous efforts to pro- from India to China and Japan alone they will believe longer in the gold-

They excel in the manufacture of and their agents in the United States may be seen from the following table: and demand bimetallism, but failure damasks and flowered satins and in on one side and the people on the other. In 1874...... 1,000,000 this year means four more years of their simple hand looms can reproduce the side and the people on the other. their simple hand looms can reproduce The people must win, for if they lose, In 1875...... 5,000,000 hard times and low wages.

and extends west from Pekin along the They are gold bugs themselves for will be silenced. entire northern frontier for a distance purely mercenary reasons. With gold

from 15 to 30 feet in height, and 25. What does it matter to them that metallism be adopted. feet at the base, while the top was 15 you lose your farm or your home; that feet in breadth, or wide enough for the laborers on railways, in fields or in factories, have to work for a few cents The Imperial Canal is one of the a day to compete with the cheap lagreatest works of its kind in the world bor of China and Japan-they get their

Every one that can read should study the financial question and prepare himself to cast his vote for an honest, true man, who will at all times and in all places work for the good of the country and the good of the people.

What little gold there is is controlled by, comparatively, a very few men, or nation with whom we might trade, that locked up in vaults by the hundreds of our gold might be taken at par? Re-

At the beginning of the Christian era tion is explained. the Roman Empire had 1,800,000,000 of teenth century they had less than

In these countries gold was needed, taken to China and Japan, coined and

for the Chinese, at this time were build- | to hogs. He also said that if the pros- | by the present condition of finances, ing the Imperial Canal, and in India gorgeous and magnificent temples were make no attempt to cultivate his vine- secure themselves from still further being constructed.

Are we going to follow this example? | weeds. Are we going to furnish money, deprelands while paupering us? At this time the Roman Empire must have had men who well might have

masses believe that silver was worth- the price of cotton, the price of everyless and so demonetized it. The monied people of India and States. China at that time, probably, were as ready to buy it at fifty cents on the

dollar as their descendants are ready to buy it of us, and we are not sure But, however, they lost their mon-

To this loss of money and power may misery their actions brought upon the be accredited their decline in civilization, their decrease in population and The time has come when the masses commerce and the disappearance of must make the great effort of their their freedom. History records noth- with their votes, the free coinage of

tions. If you cannot get an honest tainb imetallic money, we will follow that in this year of 1896—himetallism the ex-mayor, when his name was

preparing for the greatest fight they sharing the disastrous results with us. masses believe that silver is worthless, In the statistics compiled by Arch- and that nothing but gold is money. This is not a political fight. It is a curred the demonetization of silver. this year, then in 1900 will they protains had with the Chinese themselves. battle with the pluotcrats of London What effect that had upon the industry claim their independence of thought

it, and while losing this she lost in

of over 1,500 miles, over rivers and mono-metallism they can retain their be said also of the United States or any Demonetization of silver is responsi-

ble for this loss of prestige. standard countries prefer to trade with in every trial. one another; and when silver is demonetized by any nation that nation immediately begins to lose her trade. To cite a suppositious case that may be made applicable to ourselves. Suppose we were to have our gold discounted at the rate of 100 per cent by the silver standard countries. Would we not at once seek some gold-standard

verse the case, and the present situa-As I have said, they sell the manumetallic money. At the end of the fif- factured article in a gold standard the globe. country for gold, and for gold alone. \$200,000,000. India and China then They take away nothing but gold. on the dollar for bar silver, which is ought to make their own platform and added one hundred million dollars They produce the raw material in of the money that disappeared found its United States. This gold is shipped to

put in circulation among their own people, where, at its coined value, it is as good as gold, and has the same purchasing power.

The gold then goes into the vaults THE CHICAGO CONVENTION WILL of London only to come back to the United States to purchase our bonds at a high rate of interest. The London bankers take in exchange our silver at fifty cents on the dollar, they having contracted far into the future at that price, knowing that the production of silver is running short.

It may readily be seen why nations having a silver standard do not care souri democrats at false reports sent

international bimetallism. At present they make a profit of 100 per cent upon every dollar's worth of age. This report was sent out from gold they exchange, but if they joined Sedalia on the night of the convention in international bimetallism, they by an Associated Press agent specially would be compelled to take in ex- sent on for the purpose. When inchange for their manufactured articles formed that every delegate elected to our silver on a parity with gold, there- go to Chicago was pledged to vote only by depriving themselves of the hand- for a free coinage man for the presisome profit they are in the habit of re- dential nominee, and every one of alizing, for they would have to pay for them a pronounced free coinage man, our silver 129 29-100 per ounce. This this agent simply said that it would would leave the gold in our country make a good news item to send out and there would no longer be com- such a report; and so it was sent over plaints of a depleted treasury and a the wires to the outside world to misdiminished gold reserve fund, and no represent Missouri's people and condi need of further issues of government tions. bonds.

Then, too, they would purchase our raw material, for there would be no From The Columbus, Ga, Ledger. discount on their silver money; but at where their silver is taken at par.

simple, so plain, so capable of but one to work for him all the harder. concerning the course to pursue.

tinue; if our silver is to be used in this | gia in years. manner; if we have to compete with dustries?

yard, but would allow it to run to financial disaster.

higher the price continued to decline. The same cause that affects our de-The gold bugs have always been vic- been named Sherman, Carlisle and pleted treasury and our reduced gold

and the sooner it is applied the better field. The division was clean-cut and it will be for all classes of people in was well understood. The result was the country, and that remedy is bimet- Peoria as the selection by a vote of 21

The cause of the trouble is the dein 1873, and the deleterious results control of the situation in Illinois and we have lost sight of the cause in the show up at the finish. They may have

When the people realize that the demonetization of silver is the real cause of the hard times, they will demand,

History repeats itself, and if we, the flow in the direction of prosperity. Remember that the gold-bugs are try of all gold standard countries are press and the press has made the

I have too much faith in the intel-

In 1885..... 75,000,000 that there is not one-fourth enough From The Na hville Sun. In the tenth century they had intented printing machines and were at all times support free silver and

The latter was built about 200 B. C. auxiliaries of the gold bugs in London. and extends west from Pekin along the

Silver has been championed and defended, not only in the United States, but in England, by the most eminent lawyers and statesmen, but up It is easily enough seen why silver to the present time has been defeated We, the users of gold, as a minority

of one-fourth of the people of the world, can never control the majority of three-fourths, who use silver, and the sooner we succumb to the inevitable the sooper will we become prosper-The people's money it has been from all time, and the people's money it

should be for all time to come. Congress appears determined to divert the minds of the people even if it

has to run a bluff on every nation of

Democratic nominee for president there is a bushel of fun ahead.

SILVERITES ON TOP. to its bonded debt in the same time,

BE CONTROLLED BY THEM.

Good News Galore from All Sections -- The Press Making a Strong and a Winning Fight.

Great indignation is felt among Misto join the gold standard nations in out to the effect that eighteen of the thirty-four delegates to the Chicago convention are opposed to free coin-

An Incentive To Work.

The fact that Judge Crisp's physical present, as we will pay only fifty cents condition has become such as to make on the dollar for their silver, they will it necessary for him to return to Washnot buy of us, preferring, naturally, to ington is regretted by his friends deal with some silver standard country throughout the state, and since he cannot be in the state for the present, his This proposition appears to me so absence is an incentive to his friends

The reception of Judge Crisp by ment to me that our so-called states- Georgia democrats during his recent men and financiers should hesitate visit to the state, has never been exceeded in enthusiasm by that given If this condition of affairs is to con- any candidate for any office in Geor-

The people recognize the fact that the cheap labor of China and Japan. the principle of which Judge Crisp is what is to become of our laboring an advocate is one that involves their class, of our farmers, of all our in- welfare to a great extent. They realize that without its enactment into A friend of mine who has a large legislation, the financial affairs of the vineyard in California, says that in great majority of the people have consequence of the continued hard reached the lowest point in the histimes it did not pay him last year to tory of this country, and that, despite pick the grapes, and that rather than the protest and the efforts of those see them rot on the ground he fed them | who are interested in, and who profit pects were no better this year he would that they must rise in their power and

In this work the people have a bold,

Illinois is Solid. Free coinage and Peoria swept the Cleveland, who acted as emissarles to reserve fund, also affects the price of meeting of the democratic state central India and China and made the Roman all our industries, the price of wheat, committee at Chicago last Monday. thing that is produced in the United lection as the meeting place of the state convention on June 23d and the There is only one remedy for all this single standard men wanted Spring-

> The result of the meeting shows that monetization of silver, which occurred the free coinage men have absolute have come upon us so gradually that the gold people cannot possibly hopes, but they have no chance for

It was expected that ex-Mayor Hop victory. kins, who is made a most insistent gold man in the columns of the Chicago papers, would be in the meeting for the tions of 1896, the silver question will result except the shrinkage of bimetaldissipated. "Peoria!" stoutly yelle!

> demonetization of silver; the peasan- the gold bugs have had control of the ously floated a rumor which declared central committee, had gone for gold, but he announced for free coinage and the Crawford law primaries, which it is conceded will give the gold men their best opportunity of victory.

"We can beat the single standard men to a standstill," said Gahan. "They may have a single standard, but they haven't a single chance of victo-

Prosperous Mexico.

The advocates of the gold standard vented printing rachines and were proficient in the manufacture of the after nominating sleet him and the many people who read little, and know track varies from 150 yards to a quarter of a was demonetized in 1873, when she lost standard and place silver where it be- and unlimited coinage of silver, and less, have pictured in their imaginafor twenty-three long years. During tion the terrible consequences of such What has been said of England may country, and the Coxey army made papers of that republic, both concur well informed Americans who have visited Mexico, in the statement that Mexico is prospering beyond all precedent in her history. In his recent message, President Diaz says:

"The dangers which some time ago threatened our financial situation, having happily passed away, the department of finance has been able to devote itself without anxiety to projects of administrative improvement.

"The day of deficits in the national revenue has departed, let us hope, never to return. Now, on the other hand, the revenue has considerably ex ceeded the estimates, and during the first half of the current fiscal year the receipts of the nation were \$2,000,000 in excess of its expenditures."

Contrast this statement of the president of the republic of Mexico with the actual condition in the United If the "Judas from Kentucky" is the States today. While "the day of deficits in the national revenue of year were two million dollars in excess

and there is a daily recurring deficit in our treasury. These facts and all the gold standard arguments and theories that can be invented by the brainiest advocates of that policy n this country and Europe cannot overthrow or refute them. Under the curse of the British gold standard prices in this country have fallen one-half, enterprise is crippled or dead, progress has stopped, capital has congested in the money centers, labor is idle or working on reduced wages, the rich are growing rapidly richer, and the poor are growing rapidly poorer, and the people of the greatest and richest nation in the world are reduced to a io dition where one crop failure would produce revolution. On the other and, a Mexican dollar will buy as much in Mexico or anywhere else in the world as it ever would. It will pay as much as it ever paid. It has not depreciated nor appreciated in purchasing power.

Gold Advocates Losing Hope.

A Washington special says: It is now conceded on all sides that the free coinage men will control the Chicago convention, and the gold contractionists of the east are becoming frantic over the situation. They had annonneed the silver movement's demise so often that they had begun to believe what they claimed. The dream was a sweet one to them, but the shock of the awakening has been so hard on their nerves that they have cried out in their agony and through their organs are now hadly advising their socalled "sound" money followers to prepare to bolt the national convention. Every day the evidences of silver control of the national convention increase. The matter is widely discussed at the capital and the fact that the worst fears of the gold people will be

realized finds constant indersement. Judge Montgomery, of Kentucky. one of Mr. Cleveland's appointees on Indian commission and a consistent gold man, is reported as saying that there was no longer any doubt that the free coinage men would control. make the platform and name the candidate.

Ex-Congressman Springer, of Illinois, another gold man, said: "We had as well concede Illinois. The silver democrats are in the saddle and they will send their own delegation from Illinois. I think silver men will have the national convention. I regret it, Buckeye State, delegates are elected by congressional districts. About twothirds of them will be silver men. Senator Brice is attempting to turn the tide, but he is too late. He is a candidate for a delegate-at-large. While he may win, he cannot control the delegation. Allen Thurman has been the leader in the free coinage fight and is winning all along the line.

Senator Jones, of Arkaneas, who is one of the strongest of the free coinage leaders, and is keeping a close lookout over the conditions that prevail, says: "We will control the convention by a safe working majority. Even the single standard senators here admit that; and we shall have from all the states free coinage delegates who cannot be tricked, bull-dozed nor bribed. I hele to see men like Coke and Reagan from Texas, Harris from Tennessee, Money from Mississippi, Morgan from Alabams, and such type of men heading the delegations from all the states. Then there can be no work on the delgations like that accomplished in our last convention. You remember how that was done. I have no doubt whatever about the convention. It will declare emphatically for free coinage. The opposition leaders admit it, but

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

we must keep up our work."

Property Worth Thousands Destroyed -Houses and Live Stock Gone. A cyclone of tremendous force sped

through Clay county, Kansas, Saturday, dealing death and destruction on every hand. The dead are: Frank Peterson, Mrs. Frank Peterson, child of the Petersons, Mrs. Ole Naverson and grandchild of Peter Anderson. A large number of horses and cattle were killed, and the damage to farm proper-

The cyclone started about six miles South of Clifton and went in a northeasterly direction for twelve or fifteen miles and then lost its force by spreading. It passed about half way between Clifton and Morganville, Its community and nothing is left standing. blown in every direction. The cyclone was followed by storms which lasted to: several hours, flooding the devasted district. There had been indications of a heavy rain all day with local showers, the victims of the cyclone were in their houses and most of them had

In several instances persons were lifted into the air by the cyclone and carried for a distance and then suddenly dropped. Buildings also were lifted up and hurled to the ground with terrific force. The wife and daughter of John Morris were reading when the shock came. The ladies managed to get out, when the wind picked them up, carried them 200 yards and dropped them on a pile

The track of the storm resembled a piece of ground leveled with a roller. It is believed that much damage was done in the vicinity of Palmer, Washington county.

Elected a Female Ticket.

The enfranchised women of Ellis, Kas., scored a sweeping victory at the recest municipal election. A complete ticket al women candidates was nominated and all were elected with the exception of Mrs. Clara Sheldon, candidate for police judge, who was Viola Gainlor, Miss Lillian Hussey, Mrs. in the first six months of the present majorities of twenty. The women named their ticket "law and order," and they pro-

defeated by a majority of five. Mrs. M. A. Wade, proprietor of a large millinery and dry goods store, was elected mayor, and Mrs. Emma Shields and Ella Newcomb were Mexico has departed," and the receipts | Emma Shields and Elia Newcomb were elected members of the council by average