

# SIBLEY ON SILVER

THE PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSMAN SPEAKS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE AT CARY.

WANTS ALL SILVER MEN UNITED.

He Thinks the Men of All Parties Should Come Together in the Free Silver Movement--The Crowd Composed of Men of All Shades of Political Belief, but the Populists Were Largely in the Majority--Butler, Thompson, Mewborne and Graham Made Short Speeches.

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Early this morning wagons and buggies began to roll into the place and the little town was, by eleven o'clock thronged by hundreds of people who had come to hear Sibley.

The speaking began with short addresses by Alliance men at eleven o'clock this morning.

Ex President Mewborne, of the State Farmers' Alliance, made the opening address, which was greeted with loud applause.

W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, followed Mr. Mewborne.

Mr. Graham said that instead of doing like the wild horses on the plains, putting their heads together and kicking in concord at all their enemies, we do like another animal with longer ears, kicking at each other.

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Dr. Cyrus Thompson, the new President of the Alliance, made the next speech. "The Farmers' Alliance never fails to resurrect a large crowd of noble women and good. The Alliance was primarily a political organization, if not it has no business for existence in a republic. The Alliance is in politics and in politics to stay.

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wouldn't be worth a million dollars. If you had been born with Adam you wouldn't have as much money as the Vanderbilt estate.

"I wish I had a million dollars and had a heart as pure as Joseph C. Sibley. There is something wrong with the laws of a country where such conditions exist. We all ought to wake up and study this question. An Allianceman is a traitor if he doesn't vote, and a double traitor if he doesn't vote for his principles."

"You have gone on making more that makes the country rich, but you have grown poorer all the time. God didn't intend us to plant seed and raise dollars. He intended that you should raise products and send them to Congress that would make dollars enough to exchange those products."

"Every man in this audience who has a piece of gold raise his hand! (Not a single hand raised.) There's plenty of good things to eat on these tables. Suppose you should say that you would eat nothing but spring lamb, and they had none here. You would back up against a tree and starve to death, and nobody would cry because it would just be one fool less on earth."

"To-day your circulating medium is in the hands of greed. Will you break off the yoke of tyranny? Men in each party say they won't whip the gold-bugs unless they can do it in their own parties. These men are the best agents and servants of the gold-bugs and the devil that were ever born. Our ancestors drove the red coats from our shores, the British are now on your shores in possession of your government and are fighting you with gold instead of bayonets. May God bring us together that we may drive the gold-bugs and British Shylocks from our shores."

The large crowd then adjourned to a near-by grove, where a bountiful dinner was served, and the succulent barbecue with the luscious watermelon. At one o'clock the crowd assembled again at the speaker's stand. In the audience were "all sorts and conditions of men," the farmers being largely in the majority. Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith, Dr. J. J. Mott and S. Otho Wilson were all close to the platform and, like them, men differing in political views and party affiliations listened attentively to the speaker.

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He laid down the following financial axioms: Double the volume of money and you double prices. Divide the volume of money and you divide prices.

The whole measure of value has rested on these two metals, gold and silver. The values of the world, amounting to \$450,000,000,000 rest like a pyramid on these narrow foundations. We have taken away one half the base, that pyramid must be dwarfed and shriveled until it accommodates itself to still that narrower base.

"You can enslave any nation on God's globe if you can impoverish them sufficiently. Anglo-Saxons even have been put into slavery. In Green's History of the English people you may read how they were held like slaves by the lords of the manor."

"What value is it to you to know that food is cheap, when you have no money to buy? When beef could be bought for two shillings a head and wheat was three pence a bushel more people starved to death in England than ever before, or since."

"We ask our Father to give us our daily bread, and then say He has answered us too literally by an 'overproduction' of wheat, yet in these United States more people starved, more people went naked, more people were tramping last year than ever before; and yet cotton and wheat were lower than in any former years."

Arthur P. Gorman said at Saratoga this week that he favored the issue of more bonds. And yet I see some Southwesterners advocate him for President, and these are free silver men, too.

"In the last Congress I spoke of the terrible ravages of the chinch-bug and other bugs among the farmers of the West. We are troubled too with the bed bug and many other bugs, including the gold bug. We have found antidotes for all of them, including the gold bug. But the bug I am most afraid of now is the straddle-bug, who is on one side one day and on the other the next."

"You can't point me to one reform that ever started with the politicians and then worked down through people. They start in the brave hearts of the people and make the politicians bow or crush them."

"I heard a respected Senator, a Southerner and a Democrat, say the other day that he would like to see silver restored to its rightful place, if it could be accomplished in the Democratic ranks. 'But if not,' he said 'I am still a Democrat.'

"I want every Democrat here who feels proud of that principle to stand up. 'If you believe in that doctrine and still claim to be for free silver, you are consorting with the enemy, and are the worst of traitors.'

"Say to those Democrats of the North who are attempting to enslave you, 'If you want these loaves and fishes you must conform to this great principle!'" "They know if they don't take care of the gold-bugs they will vote against the party, but down here they think you vote as the bosses tell you. What have your politicians done for you? Have they been your servants or your autocrats?"

"A certain showman had a dog. He held up a piece of meat in front of the dog's nose, and told him to stand up, to lie down, to play dead, always holding the meat just above the dog's nose, and the dog did all that was told him. 'Well, I'll keep the meat for another dog,' remarked the showman, 'you perform well enough without any.'"

"That's the way they regard the Southern Democrats. You have always performed well for them in the past, and they expect you to keep it up in the future."

"A noted German patriot in warning Germany of the evils that would come from monometallism, said it would decrease all the values of property and prices of labor, and breed strife and promote strikes; and when that time came the cause would be attributed to the strikes and disturbances which are the effects of this single standard and to every cause except the right one."

Referring to John G. Carlisle, he said: "As a plebeian standing in the temple pleading for liberty he could speak like an archangel, but when a high priest in the temple of Mammon he has fallen to a lower plane. I refer to John G. Carlisle, from whom I drank in my Democracy. He is to-day sent out to nullify the doctrines of Jefferson and Jackson. If Jefferson and Jackson were Democrats, Cleveland and Carlisle are not. Jefferson said we might have a moneyed aristocracy, but never a moneyed Democracy."

On the floor of the House in 1878 John G. Carlisle, in the following language, predicted the evils which would torment the race with the destruction of the money of the common people: "I know that the world's stock of precious metals is none too large, and I see no reason to apprehend that it will ever be so. Mankind will be fortunate indeed if the annual production of gold and silver coin shall keep pace with the annual increase of population, commerce, and industry."

"The absolute and instantaneous destruction of half the entire movable property of the world, including houses, ships, railroads, and other appliances for carrying on commerce, while it would be felt more sensible at the moment, would not produce anything like the prolonged distress and disorganization of society that must inevitably result from the permanent annihilation of one half the metallic money of the world."

Mr. Carlisle, your diagnosis was correct. Each symptom of the evils you then described appeared with alarming import and irresistible certainty. Let me again quote Secretary Carlisle, who, standing on the floor of this House as a representative of the people at an hour before his eyes became dazzled with the golden glitter of Pluto's palace, at an hour prior to Rothschild's fixing a golden halo above his head, portrayed, in language stronger than any I am capable of framing, the necessity for patriotism to gird itself for the resistance of powers financial and powers executive. It seems to me that this great mind has blazoned out a path of duty that in the present hour of danger we may follow with safety."

"The struggle now going on cannot cease, and ought not to cease, until all the industrial interests of the country are fully and finally emancipated from the heartless domination of syndicates, stock exchanges, and other great combinations of money grabbers in this country and in Europe. Let us, if we can do no better, pass bill after bill, embodying in each some substantial provision for relief, and send them to them to the Executive for his approval. If he withholds his signature and we are unable to secure the necessary votes, here or elsewhere, to enact them into laws notwithstanding his veto, let us, as a last resort, suspend the rules and put them into the general appropriation bills, with the distinct understanding that if the people can get no relief the Government can get no money."

"No man was more cognizant of this conspiracy than was John G. Carlisle. He saw it clearly until he was called into the cabinet as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Carlisle says he has never been for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and yet he has voted for every free coinage bill that has been introduced in Congress."

"Along this highway of monometallism are buried 18,000 suicides, and on it walk more beggars, tramps and bankrupts than have ever before been known in our history. When the Democrats in Congress passed the free coinage bill and Hayes vetoed it, Carlisle in common with the other leaders said it was the duty of the Democrats to stop every dollar of appropriation for conducting the government, until the president signed the bill. But somehow the bees have been buzzing in his ears, and in his mind the golden halo of the Rothschilds hangs over him."

Coming back to the gold standard, he said: "We have had the gold standard heretofore in the world's history. The Bible records how, when Moses was above the clouds on the mountain-top, receiving the tables of stone, Aaron set up a gold standard on the plains below, and God in his wrath wiped it away. We also read in the third chapter of Daniel how Nebuchadnezzar, the King, caused to be erected an image of gold, and made a decree that when the musical instruments sounded forth, all the people were to bow down and worship it. It is recorded that on the day appointed all the office-holders of the Kingdom were there. They were all commanded to fall down and worship the golden image or be cast into the fiery furnace. Just read President Cleveland's letter to Stone of Mississippi. I think he must have modeled it on the exact lines of the decree of Nebuchadnezzar."

"Three men, Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego, refused to bow down to the image, and Nebuchadnezzar commanded that after the furnace had been heated seven times hotter, they be thrown into it. But when this was done they walked in the furnace, and one like unto the image of the Son of God walked with them. 'You may set up your images and heat your furnaces seven times hotter, my modern Nebuchadnezzars, and not three, but there are three times three millions who will not bow down nor worship them.'"

"I believe that in the Providence of God all things come right, and Nebuchadnezzar got down to his level; and he ate grass for seven years with the other beasts of the field. 'We may feel discouraged in this fight, but God is on our side. The ladder upward is all right, only its end is obscured in the clouds. You can win an apparent victory over truth and even bury it, but after three days there will be a resurrection. We are going to win this fight, because no question was ever entirely settled until it was settled right. 'For them to fasten a gold standard upon this country they must destroy three of the commandments: 'Thou shalt not lie,' 'Thou shalt not steal,' and 'Thou shalt love thy brother as thyself.'"

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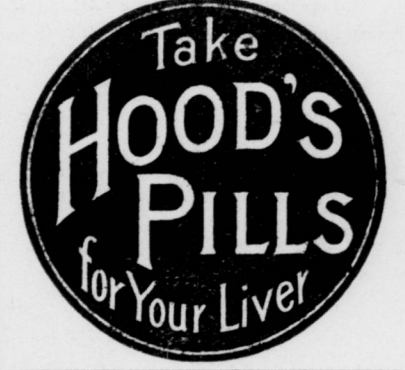
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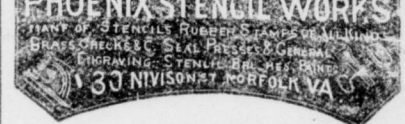
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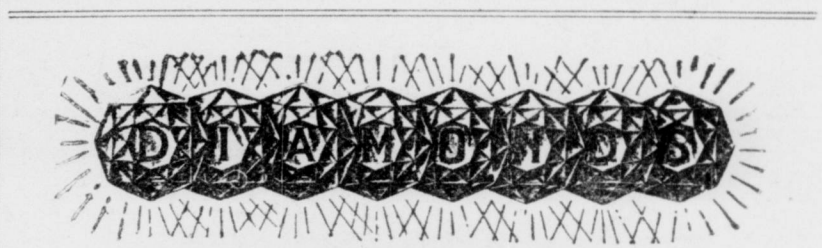
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