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DEMOCRACY VS. FREE SILVER

Why Free Coinage of Silver Cannot Be Secured Through the Democratic Party.

RECORDS, FACTS, OPINIONS,

which show the Falsity and Hypocrisy of Democratic Professions and Platitudes. The Views of the People on the Question of the Day—What They Know and What They Think.

Under this head will be presented communications competing for the prizes announced elsewhere for the best article on "Why the Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver Cannot Be Obtained Through the Democratic Party."

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The Glory of the Democracy Hath Departed.

WHY FREE COINAGE OF SILVER NOT ANOTHER GOOD THING CAN BE EXPECTED FROM IT.

The strongest proof that I find why any of the great financial reforms, including the free and unlimited coinage of silver, cannot be brought through the Democratic Party is in reviewing the financial history of that party.

In spite of all the boasting of the Republicans, it can be proved that the Democrats were always more in favor of real currency reform, such as is now advocated by the Populist-Unionists than the Republicans until the late Mr. Lincoln.

With their ostentatious backing, out of control of the party. Since that all the leaders, whether in or out of power, have been "sell-outs."

All the first leaders of the party were practically in favor of government money and plenty of it. But the gang mentioned repudiated the Jefferson Democracy, as advocated by Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Barton and Calhoun.

Mark these points: 1. The first United States bank was the work of the Federalists who hated government money.

2. The second U. S. bank had some Democratic support, but was opposed by Jefferson and Madison.

3. From 1829 to 1832 Jackson fought against the bank, and tried to get treasury notes based upon government credit, and these not as a war measure.

4. In 1837 the Democrats issued treasury notes when the banks suspended.

5. In 1845 they fought the Mexican war with treasury notes.

6. In 1857 the Democrats, still in power, issued \$20,000,000 of treasury notes when the banks broke.

7. Up to 1860 they refused to issue any more treasury notes, and in 1861 they refused to issue any more treasury notes, and in 1861 they refused to issue any more treasury notes.

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9. The Democratic vote of 1869 on payment of bonds and greenbacks was 34 against and 66 in favor.

10. Only four voted to increase national bank notes in 1870. Their vote was 42 for and 58 against the bill of 1870, to substitute legal tender for bank notes, and again 52 to two.

11. All voted against the Resumption Act of 1875.

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The Struggle of '96 Has Commenced Suggestions Concerning Our Next National Convention.

THE TIME AND PLACE.

Hon. John Davis, of Kansas, Writes a Vigorous Letter Which Will Be Read With Interest. All Honor to Thomas A. Osborn, Author of the First Populist Platform.

Congressman Jas. Davis. The local and state elections are over, and as the smoke clears away, it is seen that the Populist vote has greatly increased. The outlook when calmly considered, it is exceedingly encouraging.

Next comes the struggle of 1896. The campaign has already commenced. Through the winter and early spring it will be a campaign of education. Then we must have an early National Convention, and place at the head of our forces the standard bearers for the summer's work and fall election. But we must not shift our campaign of education by being too early. Some have suggested February 22, as being the proper date. This is a good day, but rather early for our "shirt sleeves party," and men without overcoats. There is a better date and as good a day.

It is April 13, THE BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.

who wrote the first Populist platform on this continent. That platform is very familiar and very dear to every patriot, and runs in part as follows:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Mr. Jefferson was a true silver man. He

ARGUED WITH THE GREAT WASHINGTON IN advocating the unlimited coinage and use of both gold and silver, without consultation with foreign nations.

On the money, bank and bond questions Mr. Jefferson was a Populist. He said:

"Bank paper must be suppressed and the circulation restored to the people to whom it belongs."

"The power to issue money should be taken from the banks and restored to Congress and the people."

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Contested Election Case From the Sixth Congressional District of N. C.

METHODS OF THE MACHINE.

How Martin Was Tricked Out. The old Election Law a Disgrace. How the People Arose and Rejected the Machine Who Invented It. Facts From the Brief.

It will be remembered that in the last election, Lockhart, the Democratic nominee for Congress from the Sixth District was counted in. Martin, the Populist nominee, is contesting the election. His attorneys have prepared his brief in the case from which the following is taken:

The so-called election of 1894, in North Carolina, was held under a Democratic law which, in its purpose and in the methods of its execution, would have been a permanent disgrace to the men of North Carolina but for the fact that in 1894 they arose in revolt against it, rebuked the criminals who made and executed it, wiped it from their statute books, and punished the miscreants who by means of it, disfranchised for some years, the best men of the State and indicted upon the people a usurpation as odious.

COBERT AND DEVELISS as any that ever flourished in the riotous and lawless America.

By this rotten scheme the Democrats were held in the precincts by a board of five, consisting of a registrar and four electors. These five officers were appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the county; these County Commissioners were appointed by another board, called the Board of Justice, and these were appointed nominally by the State Legislature, but really by the

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the county. Thus, every county in the State was literally ruled and run over by this little band of scamps comprising the local Democratic executive committee, of course the smartest and most of the county was usually selected for chairman, and he virtually ruled the committee and, through it, the county and the people thereof.

Their chief method of appointment to preserve an appearance of decency for the purpose of deceiving the people of the free States of the North and West, directed that the county commissioners should be appointed, not by the State, but by the county boards, two persons from the majority (Republican or Populist party.) These County Commissioners, the creators and rulers of the Democratic county committee, compiled, as this record abundantly proves, by appointing the most ignorant and helpless persons possible.

ILLUSTRATE BLACK MEN, to represent the Republican and