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There is a deplorable tendency to complain of the condition of our national finances with an air of indisctiminate condemnation, with a manifest lack of fairness, or ability to form a definite idea of whom $t$ blame or what to suggest.
Ia 1887 the burden of President Cleveland's message to Congress was that there was more than $\$ 100,000$, 000 in the Treasury above the gold reserve and that the tariff should be so adjusted as to enure to the benefit of the poor and stop hoarding up money in the treasury that we had
no legitimate use for. Congress did not heed. The American people elected Benjamin Harrison and a Republican Congress that found ample means to dispose of the surplas and hamper the government with appropriations beyond its reyenues. Next
came the tidal wave that brought came the tidal wave that brought
Clevelalad back into office with a de pleted exchecquer and nothing but $a_{a}^{a}$
 grapple with the sitazimb. The
gold very naturallv flowed out; in fact it had flowed out to an slarming extent before the end of the Harrison administration Eyery reasonable expedient was resorted to and the President arged the change so that the greenback could not be used to deplete the treasury of its gold, but nothing he could suggest was accepted. The financial condition is inceed deplorable, but it had its origin with the Harrisou administration and should be charged to that. It will taka good patriotic statesmanship to get a new start.
The depressed condition of agriculture is most probably due to an increasing tariff that dates back to the war, and its evils will be slowly remedied and will probably never te under McKinley tariffs.
It seems to us that the pessimistic croaking about evile, imagınary or real, is calculated to do more harm than good, being frangit with a demoralizing tendency. If an evil can not be traced to a responsible zource or a practicable remedy it should be left in silence. It reflecis very anfavorably on one's mental greatness to be harping on egils without practical remedies.

## an midusion.

The political pathway is filled with suares snd pitfalle. Many good, hones:, conscientious voters know not which way to turn to avo:d embarrassment,
Calls are being iseaed to the set eral $S$ ates for conventions to send delegates to the Iudianapolis con vention, September 2ad, the object being to nominate a sound-money Democratic national ticket:
This action would bring about several rather complicated possibil ties. In the first place, it may de tract more from Democratic strength than Republican, in which case making Republican victory more certain. This course means sound money at the exponse of Democratio virtues, and would be equivalent tc voting for McKinley except that it might ease the consciences of certain gold adherents. If the new party's strength be mostly drawn from what would othervise flow to McKinley, it will still be far from victory and will have gained nothing but the consciousuess of having stayad brits'ber liefs even in the face of defeat-and in elther case the new party will but add to silver's chruces of sucsess.
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