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THE ISSUE OF 1896 IS THE ISSUE OF 1898 AND 1900.

During the campaign of 1896 the hue and cry of the Republican party and its monopolistic leeches was, "Kill the silver craze forever and bury with it the revolutionary tendencies of the party which supports it." To this end more "boodle" than was needed was made available to carry the election. But when the returns came in the Republican party expressed considerable surprise at the showing its opponents had made. Even then this single-standard party did not grasp the truth—that the free coinage of silver was not dead and that the Democratic party was not wiped off the face of the earth. There are a few Republicans who yet pretend that the silver question as laid down in the Chicago platform amounts to nothing. Such an one is Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, who recently stated:

I do not expect to see any currency legislation whatever during the present session. International bimetallism is a myth, a will o the-wisp, amusing to those who are chasing it, but utterly without substance. The failure of the recent commission was foredoomed, and the sooner it goes out of existence the better. Silver has become a commodity, and a rather cheap one at that. It will continue to be used for the purposes of subsidiary coinage, but it is utterly idle to expect that it will ever be remonetized in this country, or dignified as a standard of value by the great nations of the world. That idea, along with that of independent coinage by the United States, should at once be relegated to the tomb of forgotton things.

Now, this is all very well for a bold front on Senator Gallinger's part, but the "signs of the times" do not entirely bear out his statement. It is quite likely there will be little or no legislation on the currency question, unless the gold-standard can be so fastened upon the country that no matter what happens it cannot slip its cable and be wafted into the silver sea. But can it be so fastened? We believe if it is attempted in the way proposed that it will only more surely and inevitably defeat the Republican party, not only in the election of 1898, but in 1900, and the Republican party seeing this will only bluster about the currency question during this session of Congress.

President McKinley advised in his recent message to gradually retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes—the siphon that sucks the gold from the Treasury—to solemnly pledge in law that all bonds by the government be paid in gold, and to authorize national banks alone to issue notes and more than their security in bonds—in fact, simply to perpetuate the gold standard, for it is perfectly plain that the powers given the banks would then become the "siphon" on the gold reserve instead of the present greenbacks and Treasury notes.

These measures are advocated in the hope to crush silver forever and the Republican Congress is and will be timid about making laws of them, for they now see that the Chicago platform has more advocates and followers than it had in 1896. Its party has really been strengthened by defeat, and more closely united by even the failure of the "golden" promises of the present administration.

In fact everything goes to show that the skirmish this year and the battle of 1900 will be on the currency question and nothing else. Some few gold Democrats probably would like to shift the issue to the tariff, labor, or social problems, but there is no sign that the "Anarchists" want to change. They have made up their minds—and those "Anarchists" number more than half the voting population of the United States—that the platform as laid down at Chicago shall be tried by one administration at least, and only by being proven fallacious by experiment or the utter rout of the Democratic party in 1900 will it be dropped.

We believe that the people, not monopolies, will yet rule this country.

Governor Russell returned from Washington last week bedecked with a new white hat, but he does not state that he bought it to talk through, which is not unlikely the case.

The vote in the Ohio Legislature on joint ballot gave Hanna 73, which elected him U. S. Senator.

CURRENT COMMENT.

If any one will take the trouble to look into and think about the "important" measures being introduced in both branches of Congress, he will discover that nearly every one is a blind lode—on its face appearing to be a good measure or even a harmless one, but the "wheels within wheels" which it is meant to turn are only to more firmly entrench the party in power and its monopolistic satellites regardless of the welfare of the country and people as a whole. Study these bills.

It will be remembered that in President McKinley's message he advised increasing the number of national banks. In keeping with his idea and to have a full supply of officers for the emergency, he continues to grant pardons to defaulting bank cashiers and presidents, the latest immunity in that line being extended to W. F. Barr, the defaulting cashier of a St. Louis bank. Barr's sentence was five years, and as he has received an unconditional pardon he will probably "bob up serenely" somewhere and loot another bank. Next!

Of the thirty-seven great dailies in the North advocating pension reform, only nine are opposed to the Republican party. If these twenty-eight great dailies would put their spectacles over their noses instead of carrying them on top of their heads, they could see many other things in which the Republican party should mend the errors of its abuses of power. But, alas! how can it help all the people when it has promised to help only the few, taking for its guidance that "to him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not shall be taken away, even that which he seemeth to have."

The President virtually endorsed the financial plan of Senator Wolcott and that of Secretary Gage. As these plans are entirely different, the President finds himself sitting with a leg on each side of the fence, and it hurts. It is said that Secretary Gage has offered his resignation, and the best informed public men of Washington think that its acceptance will be the only way for the President to get a more comfortable seat on the fence. But in reality if the President doesn't quit straddling everything that comes along in his endeavor at this early day to corral a renomination, he will be compelled to rent a few more pairs of legs and lease several more rods of fence. Anyway, at this stage of the game it appears that the present administration with the rope it already has will get itself well hung before the next national campaign.

Thomas Dixon on the Cuban Policy.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, of New York City, formerly of North Carolina, in a recent sermon said: "The proclamation of the administration at Washington asking help for dying Cubans to be given through Cuban corruptionists, is the climax of our contemptible and servile policy toward Cuba. Truly the reign of the huckster is with us! 'Have we a tin peddler for President or a man? A huckster or a soldier? Why beg alms for dying Cubans and send our navy to help Spain kill them? We have spent two millions of dollars patrolling the coast of Florida, and hounding Cuban patriots. Why not withdraw our vessels and give the money spent thus to relief of Cubans, instead of hounding them?"

Old People.

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Cloured the State's Good Name.

Charlotte Observer.

Fusion government has brought North Carolina nothing but misrule, evil laws, and a bad name abroad. Its policy of selfishness, of dickering, of trading in principles has proven unfortunately to be infectious, and, with the example of the unscrupulous State government before them, certain county governments have yielded to the temptation to dodge the payment of honest debts. Stanly, Buncombe, and Rutherford counties, by their individual action, in seeking to repudiate certain bond issues, are involving the entire State in suspicion.

Mothers whose children are troubled with bad colds, croup or whooping-cough will do well to read what Dr. R. E. Rodey, of Olney, Mo., says on this subject. He writes: "For years we have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and always keep it in the house. It is regarded in our family as a specific for all kinds of colds and coughs. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

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WHY TIMES ARE HARD.

CHAPTER VI.

Legal Functions of Legal Money, and the Unlawful Usury.

Written for The Messenger.

In our last chapter we found the only legitimate uses of money to be legal measure of value and record of measured value.

I challenge anyone of successfully disprove these two uses of money or to show that there is any other legitimate usefulness for money.

Great good has resulted from the law creating money, but let us see whether there is any evil in it.

That part of it which provides that a fixed amount of gold or silver shall receive the stamp of the unit of value is certainly a wise provision, provided it is not changed occasionally.

It is also a necessary provision to limit the amount of money stamped, provided the amount is kept at an equitable ratio with trade and commerce. If the supply of money is far below demand, the effect is to lower prices; if above the demand, the effect is to inflate prices. Still this is not all that influences prices of products.

Just now the supply of money is far less than its demand for use by the people, and prices are low and debts are hard to pay. It is "Hard Times."

Our lawmakers have enacted two ways to limit the amount of money.

First, The government had unlimited coinage of gold and silver and a certain amount of paper received the stamp of legal tender. Now, practically, the amount of gold to be had alone shall receive free coinage and be the only legal tender money of final payment, the purpose being to supplement or support the gold by a certain amount of coined silver and paper—promises to pay dollars.

By reason of this great country's progress in improved machinery in manufacturing and in transportation, the commercial transactions of the people have increased enormously. Their exchange business has doubled up on the gold supply more than ten-fold in the last fifty years.

The quantity of gold, or both gold and silver, is by no means commensurate with the increased demand for the use of money. To prove this we have only to look at the amount of silver that has been coined—nearly $500,000,000—to supplement the use of gold, not with the old understanding and law that made silver equal with gold as primary money at a ratio of 16 to 1, but only as a "helper." The promises to pay paper money amounts to about $700,000,000 supplementary to gold. So that gold money must be supplemented by twice its value in promises-to-pay money to meet the demand of the people for the use of money.

Why this supplementary propping and bolstering up of gold to make it do ten times the amount it is able to do? It has not been set on foot by industrial people to satisfy their wants, but it is a scheme adroitly established mainly by bankers and those who rent out money.

Remember we had good times with gold, silver and paper all as legal tender. But the bankers and money loaners were not getting rich fast enough. Everybody knows that the pressure to establish the gold standard through the ballot box was from capitalists, bankers and other usurers. Does their policy give us "easy times" or "Hard Times?"

It is to the interest of the credit class, bondholders, etc., to have money scarce and dear, so they will get more of the products of labor for it. It is to the interest of the borrowing and working class to have money plenty and its rental low, so that they will get a better price for industrial products and labor.

To reverse the present order of things it will be necessary to repeal that part of the money law which makes the money stamp on silver and paper of any less legal tender value than the same money stamp has on gold and increase the money issue of all three to an amount commensurate with the commercial demand of the people for the transaction of their business.

The financial law now in force is favorable to usury. The people should abolish that law and enact one favorable to industry.

Mica, N. C. SAM'L ARCHER.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Women's Edition" of the Westfield *News*, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

Suit has been instituted by the Rutherford county commissioners against the county treasurer to annul the two issues of bonds outstanding and for which the county will be liable.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at G. I. White's, Marion, and W. H. Disosway's, Old Fort.

GENERAL NEWS.

Over 1,900 miles of railroad were built in the United States in 1897.

It will require $160,000,000 to pay the pensions during the present year.

It is reported that gold deposits of great richness have been found in Labrador.

In the Senate the Hawaiian annexation treaty has been taken up for consideration.

The embargo on exports of tobacco from Cuba has been raised by an edict of Marshal Blanco.

A movement has been started in Alabama to change the capital from Montgomery to Birmingham.

Weavers and spinners at New Bedford, Mass., have decided to strike against a reduction of wages.

The value of the assessed property of the South at the present time is just double what it was in 1860.

Prince Bismarck, of Germany, is still alive notwithstanding reports of his death were circulated last week.

John D. Rockefeller gave $200,000 to the University of Chicago, so as to swell its income for the next year to $729,000.

The trial at Camden, N. J., of Eli Shaw, accused of murdering his mother and grandmother, was adjourned until the April term of court.

It is announced that the President will probably appoint a western man to succeed Col. W. R. Morrison in the interstate commerce commission.

Secretary Gage decided to call in all of the $100 silver certificates outstanding, about $26,000,000, because of the discovery of a nearly perfect counterfeit.

Gen. Pando and other high officials in Cuba are reported to be greatly disheartened at the poor prospect of establishing Spanish authority on the island.

Owing to the agitation in relation to the publication of the pension rolls several pensioners wrote to Commissioner Evans asking that their pensions be canceled.

The climax in the Tennessee senatorial fight was reached Thursday when it was rumored that Governor Taylor would enter the race against Turley and McMillin.

The Federation of Labor urges Congress to enact an eight-hour work day on all public works, and to place restrictions on convict labor and the use of the injunction

The public prosecutor at Madrid has decided that there is no ground for proceeding against General Weyler for allowing his protest against President McKinley's message to become public.

Martin Thorn, the condemned murderer of Wm. Guldensuppe in New York, was not executed on January 10, according to sentence, as his lawyer obtained a stay of proceedings pending an appeal.

The currency reform bill of the Indianapolis Monetary Commission has been introduced in the House of Representatives. The purport of this bill is to more firmly secure the gold standard in the financial system of the Government.

A discussion of the civil service law has occupied considerable attention in Congress during the past week. Secretary Gage and Secretary Sherman recommended some exceptions from the classified civil service in their departments.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is to be the guest of the United Confederate Veterans' Association during the reunion in July at Atlanta. Miss Winnie Davis and Mrs. Hayes, also the daughter of Mrs. Davis, have been invited and will also be present.

Eugene V. Debs, well known in connection with the Chicago labor strike of several years ago, is on a trip through the South in behalf of social Democracy. He has an engagement to occupy Rev. Thomas Dixon's pulpit in New York City April 17th.

Dr. Robert L. Dabney, one of the most prominent educators of the South, died at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., last week. Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Tennessee, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under President Cleveland, is his son.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, introduced a resolution in the Senate that the bonds of the United States, principal and interest, be payable, at the option of the government, in standard silver dollars.

Assistant Secretary William R Day will be Secretary of State whenever John Sherman can be persuaded to resign. The designation of Ambassador John Hay or any other candidate than Judge Day for Mr. Sherman's place is worse than idle speculation. Mr. Sherman has been kept in ignorance of the real programme, and states that he has no idea of retiring from public life.

Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, was hanged at San Quentin Prison, Cal., on Friday. His crime was one of the most atrocious in the annals of the country, and his trial and stays of execution the most noted, lasting over two years. Durrant was a medical student, and enticed his victims into the church at which all three were attendants, where he outraged and aftewards murdered them.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It give me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; sold by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

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Such sleep is not tired nature's sweet restorer. Dreams have power to torture and to depress. Sleep, therefore, is not always rest, but trouble, and a troubled sleep brings to the brain-worker loss of power for thought and labor.

It is a well-known fact that for any part to perform actively its duties, it must have an abundance of blood; but when the power of locally regulating the supply of blood in the brain is impaired because of insufficient nerve power the tired brain grinds the same old grist over and over till nervous prostration, paralysis or hysteria ensues.

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A pale, languid woman is not more of a lady than a rosy, robust one.

Women leading lives of imperfect health, with pains and aches running riot through their "run down" bodies, are often ignorant of the fact that it is not a specific for nervousness or rheumatism or stomach trouble that they need, but fundamental building up of every tissue of their bodies and a thorough cleansing of their blood. The strengthening of the constitution and the eradication of latent disease that Paine's celery compound achieves leaves no fear of that treacherous partial recovery that keeps one always afraid of relapse and sudden break down.

Paine's celery compound rests on the wise modern conclusion of the best medical thought that the remedy that invigorates the entire system and purifies it, is the only safe cure for such localized diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, sleeplessness, eczema, headaches and blood diseases.

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Facts About 1898.

The year 1898 began and will end on Saturday.

It will have six eclipses, of which only January 7 and December 27 will be visible to North America.

Lincoln's birthday will fall on Saturday and Washington's birthday on Tuesday; Decoration and Fourth of July on Monday and Christmas on Sunday.

Labor Day will be September 5. Thanksgiving should be November 24.

First Sunday in Lent, February 27; Palm Sunday, April 3; Easter Sunday, April 10.

The Hebrew year 5659 will begin at sunset of Friday, September 16.

On July 4 the one hundred and twenty-third year of American independence will begin.

The four seasons will begin on these days in 1898: Spring, March 20; summer, June 21; autumn, September 22; winter, December 21.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

The Pension Frauds.

Charlotte Times-Democrat.

The agitation against pension frauds is spreading all over the country, and there is a strong and growing demand for the publication of the pension list, so that all men may know who receives pensions and why. But the McKinley administration is not in favor of turning the light on the affairs of the pension office. Secretary Bliss has issued an order stating that the lists are private, and forbidding the inspection of them. This caps the climax. The secretary decides that the people shall not know to whom their money is paid or why it is paid. It is a notorious fact that the pension bureau was used in the most unscrupulous manner to further the election of Mark Hanna to the Senate from Ohio. The McKinley administration fears to turn on the light. It sees danger in the indignation of the people.

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine, you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE MARION MESSENGER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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