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before the people at this time. It looks very much to us as if Silver or no Silver was an issue to be triel in the Speech of Hon. W. J. McConnell, of next campaign; and Mr. Cleveland's views upon that subject are not likely to assure his election to the Presidency. The New York Democrats are a cool

we think there is more than one issue

set. They hold a meeting of such men as ex-Mayor Grace, and calmly select the issue to be tried, and the man to try 'it; and then they notify the country of their action, and expect the boys to whoop 'em up and ratify their selection. We want it distinctly understood that the Farmers' Alliance does not intend to stand the cool impudence of the New York Democrats any longer. We tell them plainly that the Alliance will not help them to elect an anti-silver man to the Presidency of the United States in 1892. If Mr. Cleveland is put forward as the Democratic candidate, we intend to hold ourselves aloof and act independently.

No "gold bug" shall sit in the White House in the future with the permis sion of the Farmers' Alliance. -----

THE New York Herald closes a recent article upon the appointment of a new Secretary of the Treasury with the cast in opposition to the views of a ma following sentence: "In the mean jority of the gentlemen here with Assistant Lecturer-R. B. Hunter, time, however, it is pleasant to know whom I am politically affiliated. that our finances will be in the hands have no apologies to offer for that acof a man who believes in honest tion. As one of the representatives of money." Is there any man in public the youngest of the sisterhood of life to-day that does not believe in States, I am responsible to it alone honest money? In the sentence we and to my conscience for that action. have quoted our contemporary delib- I voted to consider this measure, and I erately seeks to cast the odium of dis- shall vote to pass it because I believe it honesty upon every man who does not to be the best, the surest, the most adopt the one standard theory of the effectual remedy for some of the evils New York money ring. We repel the under which the country now labors. insult with indignation. There is not a silver man in America to-day who that there is an existing condition does not believe as fully in honest which demands a remedy. It would money as does the *Herald*; and there be worse than folly to deny that the is not a silver man in this country who agricultural interests of the country does not believe in something more are in a depressed and suffering condithan honest money. These men who tion. When we consider, Mr. Presiare trying to take the finances of the dent, that 44.1 per cent. of all the percountry out of the hands of the specu- sons, male and female, engaged in lators in government credit, believe in gainful occupations, and 48 per cent. of honest men, as well as in honest money. all the males of all ages who do any The *Herald* stands in steadily with the kind of work, are engaged in agriculit predicted certain fogs which recently dirty scoundrels who are bringing all tural pursuits, we can have some idea prevailed in the neighborhood of New sorts of distress upon the people by of the magnitude of the interests at York. We do not doubt it in the their juggling and gambling in the stake. least. Nothing easier. There will be money of the country. and then has fog in the vicinity of New York every | the cool impudence to cast the reproach | vast country who produce anything day in the year, until the Herald re- of dishonesty upon every man who is are engaged in agriculture, and 11 per tires from the discussion of the silver unwilling to longer hold still and uncomplainingly submit to plain robbery. | transporting the products of one sec-It looks very much to us as if the Her- tion to the people of the others. ald was standing in with the robbers of the people for a part of the swag.

SILVER, THE MONEY OF THE of this anomaly? Why is it that the so, to say the least and admit that to each was in money. These appeals PEOPLE. Idaho, in the Senate of the

United States.

Tuesday, January 13, 1891. The Senate, as in Committee of the Whole having under consideration the bill (S. 4675) to provide against the contraction of the currency; and for other purposes, the pending question be-ing on the amendment of Mr. Stewart to the amendment of the Committee on Finance— Mr. McConnell said:

Mr. President: Ordinarily I should keep silent and let my vote, when the time arrives to vote, declare my sentiments upon the question before us. But there are occasions when it be comes the duty of a man in public place to speak-to tell why it is that he is impelled to follow a certain line of action, and in my opinion this is one of such occasions.

Only a week ago I took my seat in this great representative body-great not only because of the fact that it contains some of the foremost leaders and thinkers of the age, but great because all here are the representatives of a sovereign people.

My first act in this body was to vote to take up this bill. That vote was It would be sheerest folly to deny had the value of each stamped on it. Nearly one-half of the people of this cent. of the remainder are engaged in Whenever the interests of these 60 per great creditor nation of the world, the cent. of our people is endangered the nation which insists upon the gold whole country suffers. standard, produced \$300,000,000 of gold Such is the condition. The farmers and less than \$4,000,000 of silver. Yet at the request of English money lenders whom we owe, and English merchants and manufacturers who fear our rivalry in trade and manufactures, we trample under our feet and make merchandise It seems certain that the Democrats sun of the South to ripen their cotton of it instead of coining it into money. I find by the reports of the Treasury that in the last ten years we have coined of the \$525,000,000 of our silver Here is a fault. It is our duty, if horses and cattle; yet under the law It is almost universally admitted as it existed, allowing the coining of

the call of the farmer who asked it to their prediction of to-day.

and plenty ?

This is the problem we are called on | silver. to answer.

vast majority of the people who pro- none has been hoarded, every dollar are frequent now, and if they increase duce this eighty thousand million dol- of the gold product has been added to in frequency we all should respond. lars' worth of food, the clothing, and the currency of the country. But the We send our South Dakota brethren the implements the world needs are to- Director of the Mint in his report for \$1.50-a small sum-but let it be multiday poor? Why is it that this army 1888 says that at least \$275,000,000 in plied by the sum of all the Alliances of over eighteen million workers after gold has been put away-hoarded-by even of our State, and it will amount ten years of productive labor are no the people, in addition to the amount to enough to relieve much want. Now better, if so well off, as when the bat- that is known to be in circulation. The is the time to show that in truth we tle began ten years ago? The earth prophets of 1878 were false prophets, have buried the hatchet; that we love has been generous and responded to so that we need pay no attention to and will help our brethren alike North,

give him corn, wheat, cotton, hay and The first movement for the relief of time to prove that our Alliance is a the various other articles he raises. It the people should be the restoration of band of brothers and sisters engaged has not refused its treasures to the silver as money. Silver is the money in a grand, noble and Christian work. miner who delved in its depths for of the people. It is the money of We want no thanks. We have only coal, or iron, or gold, or silver. What, trade. It permeates every section, done our duty, and will do it every then, has been the cause that the re- every town, every hamlet, every houseturns for labor are so small, and that hold. Gold is the money of the bankdiscontent is abroad in the land when ers and speculators and money lenders. there ought to be peace, contentment | And it is these classes, and these alone, who oppose the remonetization of

Mr. President, let any member of ever I trust we will be good friends ere Mr. President, I believe that this this body walk to the other end of the long.

condition is caused by a scarcity of Capital, ascend the stairway on the money, which enables the few to con- west side of the House and look at the trol what there is to the detriment of great painting by Lutz, "Westward the many. This being so, what is the the course of empire takes its way."

remedy? We believe that it is the There is pictured an emigrant train on This is a poor way to do one's duty, making of more money. Gold and its way to the West. There he can see and I am truly penitent(?) for if I presilver have always been money. But represented the sturdy pioneers who tend to have a mission and neglect it. they are only money when some gov- won an empire from the wilderness how can I blame others for the same ernment puts its stamp upon them and and desolation. They felled the forests fault? Now I am trying to recall to says this piece of gold and that piece east of the Mississippi river and then your memory (without having to tell of silver shall have a certain value. crossed over plains and mountains to you(that I am the same old corres-The gold and silver as it comes from the golden shores of the Pacific. Every-pondent of Long Branch, one of the the mines or the assay office is simply where they left the impress of Ameri- most prosperous Alliances in Cumbera commodity like wheat or cotton or can civilization. States sprang up in land county. beef. It is not money. When the their pathway as rapidly as Aladdin's And as our County Lecturer said: government takes any specified palace. Mighty structures, where hu-"It is owing to the fact that the ladies amount of it and says, this is \$10, that man liberty was assured as certainly predominate." is \$1, it becomes money; and neither as it was when the sturdy pilgrims Oh yes, we are "getting there," as of these metals ever has been or ever battling with stern nature on the one fast as determined, steady, thinking will be money until some government hand and with savage Indians on the farmers can, who read THE PROGRESdoes this act. The shekels with which other, planted the colonies of New SIVE FARMER and partake in anything Abraham paid for his burying ground | England. pertaining to the good of all true Alli The gentlemen on this side of the ance principles. The "penny" with which the Pharisees | Chamber who are opposing this meas-And you can believe it or not, just attempted to entrap the Divine Master ure must not treat us of the West as as you like, but our members are had the stamp of imperial Cæsar on it. strangers from a strange land. "We better off financially and intellectually During these past ten years the pro- are of your own kith and kindred." than they ever were since the war, duction of gold and silver in the world We are the sons and brothers of your and with renewed energy and persistent constituents, who have battled with pluck, they begin the next year's crop mountain and desert and savage, as with still lighter hearts, and can even your fathers who were our fathers did whistle "Shoo Fly" to the time of to build up new States where your in-"share round." heritance is as great as ours. You We have a thriving Alliance store in have progressed to a condition of affluthis (Cedar Creek) township, and we ence: we are striving for it. Every- have on hand a trial about a horse thing that you have asked for we have trade and a land suit and a dog fight. supported. You wanted protection etc. Such things are to be deplored. that manufactories might be built up still they have to be endured. and you could be enabled to compete You invited us to say when we with other nations in the markets of thought you were in anything remiss, the world, but while you asked for this and we can candidly assure you that you were willing that the tillers of the if you continue as you have begun, we soil should be protected as well, and can only appreciate and admire your we blessed you for it. course. Though it was not intended We have sustained you even as as personal, we trust you will consider Aaron and Hur upheld the hands of this free from flattery. Now with our Moses when he prayed for his people. prettiest bow to old friends and a cour-Now we tell you that the people of the tesy to Bro. Cade, we are gone.

South, East and West. Now is the

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J. H. PICOT, Lecturer. time. ----

FROM EVANGELINE.

My! I feel rather frightened, see, I am almost a stranger, and not even acquainted with the new editor. How-

Really I don't believe I've been here since that other editor was here, the 'red-headed" one. What was his name?

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE New York Herald declares that question.

EX-GOVERNOR CHARLES FOSTER, of Ohio, has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Mr. Foster is a man of ability, 'a man of integrity, a good Republican, and make. He is a Western man; and that is some comfort to us.

-------It is said that Senator Gorman is maturing a plan by which he hopes to secure the control of the Senate to the Democrats in spite of the ugly looking Republican majority. The plan is to give most of the patronage which the Senate controls to the silver Senators and to the Alliance members of that august body in return for their votes upon certain questions of reform in the public administration. We have not been invited to advise the Democratic party; and, to say truth, we have heard of nobody who demands or expects our advice to be given to that party. We do not pretend to say that there is any considerable clamor for our opinion in the Democratic party. But we mean to give that party some advice at a venture; and, if it does not take it kindly, why it will cost it nothing. We think a party that calls itself Democratic has no business tinkering with men with high tariff views. We think a good Democrat will not plow with an anti-silver heifer. We think a party that has any right to be called Democratic should stand squarely upon every essential principle of the Farmers' Alliance. We think the Democratis party would better join the Alliance in a body, if it expects to take any joyful part in the inauguration of the next President of the United States. EX-MAYOR GRACE, of New York, said, in a recent speech in Texas, that the man who made that issue, and that We have no fault to find with Mr. Cleveland's views upon the tariff. But ocrat or a Republican.

THE indications now point to the fact that the Democrats of the East are making no money. No matter will make a good Secretary of the and West are fixing to make a desper- what they produce, whether it is wheat Treasury-as good a Secretary as any ate effort to force Mr. Cleveland upon or potatoes, cotton or sugar, whether one holding single standard views can that party and the country as their the snows of the North are required to candidate for the Presidency in 1892. make their grain germinate, or the hot

cannot elect their man without the bolls, they are all suffering. The cost solid vote of the Southern States. In of production and living is greater several of these same Southern States | than the price of the product. the Farmers' Alliance has the power in its own hands; and it does not in- practicable, to discover the cause, and product \$260,000,000, leaving \$265,000, tend to be driven by the old thread- most undoubtedly our duty to provide 000 of it to be traded as men trade in bare story of sectionalism into voting the remedy, if within our power. to put an enemy of silver money into the White House to succeed Mr. Har- that the scarcity of money is the cause \$4,000,000 per month and compelling rison. The free coinage of silver is of the depression. In fact, there can the coinage of \$2,000,000 a month, we one of the most vital demands formu- be no other cause. Our farms are could have coined nearly all of the lated by the Alliance movement; and producing abundantly. Our mines of silver product. Would not the addiwe mean to secure the object contem- iron, copper, silver and gold are yield- tion of this \$240,000,000 to the currency plated by this demand, or we mean to ing up their stores of metal. Our of the country have made it easier for know the reason why. We make this manufactories are turning out finished the farmer who toils in the field, the statement as no idle threat. products of all kinds, and yet the peo- miner who delves in the earth, and the We speak by the book; and we mean ple are not prosperous. We have the artisan who labors in the shop, to obexactly what we say. We shall permit | richest, the greatest producing country | tain more of it? no shuffling with our just demands for in the world, and yet the people are financial reforms. We know what we poor. want, and we shall know how to get it. If the Democrats of the South will do farmers have produced by their labor out of the country and we would have so, they can put a silver man upon the from the teeming soil articles for food nothing left but "the base white ticket next year-a man who will be and clothing valued at the enormous metal." Now that we are striving to acceptable to the Alliance-and so win sum of \$25,000,000,000. The miners before the people. If they are not have dug from the earth minerals, willing to do this, they must take iron, gold, silver, lead copper, coal, what follows. There is no doubt at all etc., valued at \$5,000,000,000, and the that the majority of white Alliance- artisans engaged in skilled toil have men in the Southern States are Demo- turned out of the factories and workcrats and would prefer to vote for a shops articles valued at \$50,000,000,000. Democrat for the Presidency. But we These figures are so enormous as to do not hesitate to say that we will almost stagger belief and pass beyond 1, 1879, we had in gold in the country, give our support to any good Republi- comprehension, but they are true. can who adopts and stands by our They come from the official records of principles, before we will give it to a the country. Look at a few of the Democrat who opposes our principles. principal items of the farm production We have been pleading against angry of the country in these ten years: the political issue before the country partizanism in the conduct of public Cornbushels. 16,000,000,000 was the tariff; and Mr. Cleveland was affairs, and we mean to practice whatdo....do.... Oats. we preach. We will vote for the man Potatoes.....do... 2,000,000,000lotton.....bales.. he was the man to put into the White for the Presidency who represents our Haytons.. House upon the issue which he made. views, regardless of the fact as to 2,500,000,000 Wool.....pounds.. 8,000,000,000 Butterdo.... whether he has heretofore been a Dem-And yet the men who do this are poor and suffering. what is the cause in the arts and for mecanical purposes; such deep distress. Our contribution people.

West are asking for relief from the troubles that embarrass them. We are asking for bread; do not give us a stone. The West has been loyal to you and to your ideas. It is loyal to you now-not only loyal, but we are proud of you as well; proud of the statesmanship you have shown in the past: proud of the grand and heroic deeds you have accomplished. It is not the silver kings who are here asking for free coinage of silver. It is the people who need more money with which to transact their business—more money, because more money will make prices has not been over twenty for years better; more money, because more money will rescue them from the hands of the usurer and the land shark.

Mr. President, I suppose, sir, I ought | I will or not? Yes, if I am forced to to appologize for having taken so pay taxes, to build school houses, and pay teachers to educate your children. much time in this discussion, when so many abler men and older Senators than myself desire to be heard. And I do, sir, because I know it is a violation of one of the customs of this body; but Shakespeare said "Nice customs must courtesy to great kings." Every American citizen is a sovereign in his own right, and I am here as the representative of a number of American sovereigns-these "great kings"-and so I have brushed "nice customs" aside, that the voice of the people of Merrimon was presiding at our court, Idaho, the youngest and fairest of the and in his charge to the Grand Jury sisterhood of States, could be heard in upon obligations resting upon them to behalf of free coinage, as it will always | ferret out crime and bring offenders of be heard in favor of everything that tends to the benefit of the people and the growth and glory of our country.

EVANGELINE USHER.

----TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Now in Session at Raleigh, N. C.

WARREN, Co., N. C., Feb. 10, '91. GENTLEMEN :- I most heartily en dorse a communication in the Chron icle of Jan. 14th, '91, on "Compulsory Education" from an Ex-Teacher, to which I again draw your attention.

I have for years been a school com mitteeman in the district where I reside. We have about sixty children of school age. The average attendance past, and sometimes not over fifteen. Ought this to be allowed? But say these parents. Would you compel me to send my children to school, whether

has be as follows: Gold. Silver. \$325,000,000 \$525,000,000 660,000,000 680,000,000 1,005,000,000 1,185,000,000

United States.. Balance of the world Total..... This shows that of the total the United States produced 32.4 of the gold, that is less than one-third, and 44.3 of the silver, that is nearly one half. In these years Great Britain, the

We were told in 1878, when silver was practically remonetized, that this

In the ten years just passed our action if taken would drive all the gold fully restore silver as one of the standards of value, we are told the same old story. Yet in the last ten years our exports of silver have exceeded the imports by largely over \$100,000,000, whilst imports of our gold have been largely in excess of our exports. The Treasury reports show that on January "in the Treasury \$130,000,000, in circulation \$143,000,000," making a total of \$278,000,000. The report of January 1, 1891, shows "in the Treasury \$293,-020,214; in circulation \$411,080,597," a

> totol of \$704,100,811, and an increase of 4,500,000,000 \$426,100,811. 4,200,000,000

-65,000,000400,000,000

You ought to be forced to accept it. You and your children belong to the country and the country's people must be educated for the good of the coun-

The time is coming, and is now at hand, when a man without education will stand no chance. If war comes you will have to go, whether you will or not, and will not be asked to give your consent, because it will be for the good of the country.

Some years since the Hon. Judge the law before the court to be punished said: "This is your duty, gentlemen, but if you would do the greatest good for your people, go home and establish a Sabbath School in every neighborhood in Warren county, and my word for it, you will have but little use for court houses and jails." This is high authority for educating the people. Make the school fund strong; build school-houses; employ good teachers, and establish prohibition for two miles around them, and my word for it, you SHOCCO.

Сомо, N. C., Feb. 7, 1891. I am requested by Como Alliance to report, through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, that our Alliance has re-The gold product of the country sponded to appeals of sister Hill, of

from the 1st of January, 1879, to date Durham, N. C., of P. F. Pope, of Godhas been not quite \$400,000,000, and win, N. C., and to our South Dakota fully 10 per cent. of this has been used brethren, who are represented to be in will have a happy and prosperous
