

The Major Is Still For The Gold Stand ard And For The Democratic Nominee --- He Exposes The Whole Political Scheme.

B .- "Hello! Mr. Editor."

R .- "Good morning! Major. Have you recovered your equilibrium yet?" B .- "I don't know what you are talk in' erbout, but if you mean ter ax if I'm gointer voter the Dymakrat ticket I guess I hav'. That iz whut I'm goin' ter du anyhow."

R -"To a man up a tree, it appears that McKinley is your hero, as he fa vors tariff reform and the gold standard, while your party has temporarily abandoned the gold standard and says the tariff is no longer a prominent issue. I don't see how a man of your build can consistently be a Democrat this year."

B .- "Oh! you can't see anything You orter be put in the asylum fer the blind. Some ov you Populists are the greenest folks I ever heard ov anyhow. If you could see an inch frum your noses you'd see that we took this step ter try an' save our grand old party. It wuz walkin' out of itself at the rate ov a thousand miles an hour. The R publicans stole our platform when they had their Nashunal Convenshun an' we had ter steal the Populist platform an' try ter save our party frum teetotal destruckshup. We thought maybe we could head off the Populists that way, at the bate. They may be suckers, but ketch. If our plan wurks we will soon git you fellows scattered, an' then we'll | gold. hav' another picnic an' demonetize sil an' everything, an' issue a billion dol lars' worth ov bonds."

R .- "But your crowd called us cranks, lunatics, anarchists and other hideous names for advocating what you now say is the very essence of all that is good."

B .- "But we hav' got converted." R -"Strange that outsiders have

heard nothing of this conversion." -B .- "O! you can't hear anything. You are deaf az well az blind. You Pops will soon hav'ter hav' lightnin' rods put up over your ears so you can hear it thunder. Your crowd makes me tired. Gudebye!"

HON. J. M. BRADLEY,

A Noted Georgia Democrat, Joins the People's Party

Hon. J. M. Bradley, one of the old lie debt will be liquidated. time Democrats of Georgia, quits the party and in a lengthy letter to the Reform World, Winder, Ga, tells his try? reasons for so doing. The closing par agraphs are given below:

But, says some one, the party is just about to adopt a free silver platform. Did it not do this before? Has it not free coinage. Why not give silver the always presented a favorable side to

this little game again? To deceive the loss. Two years ago the opponents of of the wealth. It is estimated that the people and secure the offices.

I have been driven to this conclusion, in on and that they have no idea of keeping them when made. They are not afford to be a party to such deception and fraud.

These are my reasons for quitting the organization.

I am still a Democrat, but in the future will affiliate with a party that advocates Democratic principles of limited that it is easily controlled by not longer trust a party that has betrayed every trust-that repudiates every platform pledge. It matter not I could have no faith in their determ

ination to carry them out. stand together for the relief we all so | izing \$11,000,000 ilicit gain. Is this to | aires a curiosity. Now there are four much need, and I can find no political the best interest of the United States? organization except the Populist, standing for that relief. In its demands I find the true Democratic principles sands and even millions of dollars dis of the founders of the government, and tributing free literature and buying

J. M. BRADLEY. Gratis, Ga.

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A SILVER SPEECH.

Delivered at the Closing of the Exercises at Thompson School by A. M. Moore, a Student.

Hon Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen: With pleasure I appear on the Affir mative of the querry, Resolved, "That the best interest of the United States demands free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1." When I say best in terets I do not mean a petty handful of goldbugs whose aim is to demonetize silver, decrease the circulation, in order that they may suck the very lifeblood of the nation by a continual issue of bonds.

But I mean the welfare of the majority who create the wealth and upon whose efforts the fate of the nation depends.

First, Hon. Judges, I will show you that demonetization is the cause of the depreciation of silver. At the International Monetary Conference, while urging that a gold standard be adopted, Ruggles, acting as a mouthpiece for John Sherman, said that by 1900 the annual production of gold and silver in the United States would be \$400,000, 000. Frightened by this false and wicked statement the Conference passed a resolution favoring demoneti zation of silver. Thirty years have elapsed, yet the production of both gold and silver is only about one-fourth of that amount. And not more than one half of this is used for money.

Having deceived the Latin Union, Sherman returned home and went to work to deceive the United States. In order to hide his treachery, he made a free coinage speech in 73. The very next day, in the hurry of business, he rushed a bill through Congress demonetizing silver. Doubtless no other person in the United States understood the bill. President Grant said, "I would not have signed it had I know the misery and wretchedness it was going to inflict upon the American people. Sil ver was at a premium when it was de monetized. In fact, Micl æ' Chevalier wrote a book favoring demonetization but I'm afeared they aint gointer bite of gold because it was not worth as much as silver. Had gold been de-I'll be smashed if they aint hard ter monetized the parties who cry 50 cent silver, would now be howling 40-ct.

> Hon. Judges, what is meant by free coinage, is to give silver an equal show ing with gold. Wipe every law from our statute books that is against silver. Make it a legal tender for all debts. private and public, and you will do away with the argument of 50 cent dol lars. Remove the cause and the effect will be what it was before 73. A dol lar in silver will be worth a hundred cents in gold. Cotton will be worth 13 cents per pound; wheat, a dollar a bushel; corn, 75 cent; labor will be en ployed, tramps unknown. Farmers can pay their debts and educate their sons and daughters. Merchants will do a cash business. Doctors and lawyers can collect their debts. Panics will be a thing of the past. Manfac turers will flourish. Commerce will be carried on with renewed enery. Bonds will become unnecessary, and the pub

I wish to stop right here and ask my opponent if this will ruin the coun-

or anybody else object to free coinage itself. At the adoption of the Constiwhen it simply means giving silver an equal showing with gold? Gold enjoys of the wealth of the United States. same privilege? Silver is more durable, suffers less from abrasion and may For what are the leaders attempting be submitted to greater use with less taxes, yet they own only 15 per cent silver said if the Sherman law was repealed, gold would flow to us by the that the party to which I have belonged millions, but one tenth of our people all my life, makes its platforms and have not seen a piece of gold since, promises purely for the sake of getting and will not, as long as we stay on a gold basis and have to sell bonds to run the government. Sixty-six millions made to deceive the people and I could millions of people use silver, while only 4,000,000 use gold. Is it to the interest of the United States to legis late for 6 per cent. of her people and that after taking nearly everything leave 64 per cent. of them povertystricken and strained to their utmost capacity? The quantity of gold is so on the gold market, by buying all the creasing the burdens of the nation? gold in New York banks. They raised I believe that all producers should the price to 1.621 in one day, thus real monetized tramps were rare, million of New York should be spending thoucommodity the Jews of London are trade and strike dumb every electric reaping an annual harvest of \$50,000,- key.

stract of the United States, and you nation. will find that as silver declined, all farm products and labor declined. that received \$1.25 ten years ago only 1843, 31 times as much, and in 1870 18 children to go to work, and the small to 1. pittance they receive proves too little for their absolute needs.

bushel; and cotton, 19 cents per pound. keep a premium of 3 per cent. on silver prosperous and happy, but now pover-My opponent says that silver is now at the ratio of 151 to 1, cannot the ty, discontent, disorder, strikes, riots worth only 50 cents, cotton about 7 United States at least keep it at par at and lack of confidence are seen on all cents, while last year's wheat crop was the ratio of 16 to 1? In 1896 we had sides. Again, I have shown you that sold for less than 40 cents cash per 16.650 failures, making a loss of \$1,700,bushel. Therefore, you can see for 000,000. Last year there were about yourselves that demonetization has de | 13,000 failures. This year we had 261 creased the value of silver one half, in one week, which, if an average week, cotton two-thirds, wheat more than will make over 13,000 failures for this two thirds, while all farm products year. have decreased from one half to two thirds in value. Taxes, debts, and many of the necessaries of life have doubled, trebled and quadrupled. In 1873 one bushel of wheat paid for 12 pounds of coffee, now it only pays for year, or \$622,663,000 for the last three other? three. Then 22,000,000 bales of cotton years. While this is true in gold stan would have paid the public debt of dard United States, the silver countries, \$2 105,000,000. After paying \$3,914. 000,000 principal and interest, it will now take 63,000,000 bales to pay the debt or nearly three times as much as it would before silver was demonetized. Then the President's salary was 27,000,000. A fall off of 40,000,000 yards, \$25,000; now it is \$50,000. Then it due to the fact that she is doing her would have taken only 17,000 bushels own manufacturing. of wheat to pay his salary; now it will take 100,000.

South and Central America, the Asiatic to with us at the beginning.

The French delegates at Brussels said to the United States: "You were first to close your mints; you should be first to open them and we will follow."

An English journal, the London Fi nancial News, says that, "If the United States were to adopt silver to morrow British trade would be ruined ere the year was out, and England would be States would control the commerce of world." Then, is it not to our interest to restore silver?

When England demonstrated silver she had 180,000 land owners, but in less | bale of cotton sold, which on 7,000,000 than fifty years four fifths of them had Hon. Judges, how can my opponent lost their homes. History is repeating for the year 1895. If 1895 was an aver tution the farmers owned 75 per cent. Now they have only 15 per cent, think of the loss on all other products the country pay 82 per cent. of the you will have an incalculable sum. indebtedness of this country-private. public, municipal and corporate. amount to the enormous sum of \$30. 000,000,000. The interest ou which at 6 per cent. amounts to \$1,800,000,000. Considering that all the wheat, oats, ployed and the President of the United cotton and corn produced, and all the States is forced to borrow money to gold and silver mined in the United run the government. These are the States amount to only about \$1,400, effects of the gold standard. Do you 000,000. The appalling fact remains that the farmer and laborer produces,

ty millions of people.

two years's services. Daniel Webster bullion, and is, consequently, a toll ex- is making these men richer and the farms and new burdens upon labor. used to get for the same period \$3,328. acted from the American farmer. To poor poorer, or shall we restore silver While the annual production of gold

prove this, look at the statistical ab- to the down-trodden millions of our

My opponents claim that the depreward. Necessity compels the wife and as gold, the natural ratio is about 16 control the government ourselves?

never been more than 16 to 1. France ity existing, while in all gold standard Hon, Judges, when silver was de- and the Latin Union for 40 years kept | countries discontent and disaster premonetized, it was worth \$1 29 per a premium of 3 per cent. on silver at vail. I have also shown you that be ounce; wheat was worth \$1 47 per the ratio of 151 to 1. If France could fore demonetization, our people were

Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency says 'All business in the United States decreased about 2 per cent. last year." The annual live stock investigation says: "Stock declined \$62,139,000 last China, Japan, Mexico and others are making rapid strides in all the arts, sciences and commerce. In 1892 China imported from the United States 65, 000,000 yards of cotton. In 1893 only

Last year factories in Japan declared a dividend of 28 per cent., while many Comparing before demonet zation of those in the United States were closed and since, does not the best interest of and the rest were forced to reduce the United States demand that silver wages 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. to be restored to its old place as money? keep from shutting down. By the use My opponent says that silver is dishon of a gold standard England keeps Ireest. God pronounced it good. When land too poor to resist her aggressions John Sherman taught us to bow to this With the use of silver India was rapidgolden calf, silver was at a premium. ly becoming a commercial and manu France and the Latin Union, with less facturing power, but fearful and over population and wealth than we have, neglectful of the interest of her col kept a premium of 3 per cent, on silver onies. England closed the mints of for more than 40 years by opening their India and brought poverty and disasmints to free coinage at the ratio of 151 ter throughout that land. J. B. Gorto 1. Then why not restore silver to man, Consul to Mexico, says: "Mexico it former position? Humanity demands has increased her manufactures in it. And our country would not be every branch of trade;" and Senator alone in restoring silver. Mexico, Ransom says: "A large amount of governments, Russia and France would | Mexico, and a great many Americans are leaving home and going there to engage in business."

Judge Clark says: "Mexico is de veloping more rapidly than any other country upon the globe." To prove this he says: "Wheat is worth \$1 00 per bushel, cotton 13 cents per pound, and that this 13 cents will pay as much debt, railroad fare, and as much taxes as it ever did." Thus proving that a compelled to use silver or the United silver dollar is as good in Mexico as a gold dollar in the United States.

Then he estimates that under gold standard prices the farmer looses six cents on every pound, \$30 on every bales would make a loss of \$210,000,000 age year, then our loss on cotton and wheat since silver was demonetized will amount to \$9.680,000,000. Then

Hon. Judges, with these facts before you, is it surprising that disaster and ruin are staring our people in the face?

All over the country farms are mort gaged, banks are breaking, railroads are in the hands of receivers, factories are shutting down, labor is unem wish to continue them?

According to official records, the public debt has increased \$527,165,282 leaving nothing for the support of their during President Cleveland's adminisfamilies, we would then fall short of tration. There are to day due England paying the annual interest on our debts \$1,000,000,000 in gold. We pay her an-"equal rights to all, and special favors banks. It is, therefore, more dishon by \$400,000,000 out of 14,000,000 homes. nually \$250,000 000 interest, and, in to none"-the People's party. I can est than silver. As it gives the few the In this country 9,000,000 of them are fact, nearly double that amount when power of robbing and oppressing the mortgaged. Then is it not time to re all fixed charges are included. If the majority. Here is a case that proves store silver and give all a fair chance gold standard is persisted in by the the fact. On Black Friday, 1869, Jay in the race of life instead of enabling a United States this \$500,000.000 of interwhat they might promise in the future, Gould and James Fisk made a corner few to live in luxury and ease by in est and fixed charges must be paid annually in gold. Then where is the gold Hon. Judges, when silver was de- to come from? The annual production of gold in this country is only about \$40,000,000. This is only one seventh million tramps, and we have thirty- enough to pay the annual interest on Is it surprising that the Reform Club two thousand millionaires, owning our public debt. The annual producmore wealth than the balance of seven | tion of gold for this country is only about \$12,000,000. Therefore if every Chancy Depew, says 50 men in the ounce of gold produced annually in the for these reasons I conceive it to be newspapers to aid in fastening the gold United States can within 24 hours stop whole world was presented to us as a standard upon the country? By de every wheel of trade and commerce free gift, we would only have half monetizing silver and reducing it to a from revolving, block every avenue of enough to pay the annual interest on our national debt. In one year this 1896 === N. condition has cost the United States incidentals, a member of Congress now | 000. This is done by reducing the price | Shall we as a free and liberty loving | \$263,000,000 interest bearing bonds, receives a total of about \$12,650 for his of farm produce to conform to silver people continue the infamous law that which places additional mortgages on

for the whole world will pay only half interest on the national debt, the opponents of silver say that the green ciation of silver is overproduction, but backs must be cancelled. Then with Telegraph operators have been reduced by reference to Nalhall, the London silver demonstized, the greenbacks defrom an average of \$60 to \$30 per Statistician, you will find that in 1700 stroyed and our production of gold month. Every railroad has made re- there were 34 times as much silver as only paying one seventh of the interest ductions in proportion to this. Hands gold. In 1800 32 times as much. In on the national debt, what are we to do? Does the best interest of the United receive 671 cents now. The wages of times as much. Now there are only States demand that we shall continue typographical Unions have been re- 15% times as much. This proves that to pay Rothschilds and other bankers duced 20 per cent., and labor organiza- demonetization is the cause of the de- an annual tribute of \$265,000,000 in tions are no longer able to stand against prepreciation of silver. Therefore, as interest for gold to keep up the gold the pressure that is pulling them down there are only 15% times as much silver reserve, or shall we restore silver and

> Hon. Judges, I have shown you that As a measure of value the ratio has in all silver countries there is prosper once silver was at a premium be fore it was demonetized in this country, and that France and the Latin Union for more than 40 years kept a premium of 3 per cent. on silver at the ratio of 151 to 1. Then shall the United States restore silver and bring happiness and prosperity to her people, or shall she continue the present financial policy that is building up millions on one hand and making tramps on the A M. MOORE.

Liberty, N. C. BERTIE COUNTY MEETING.

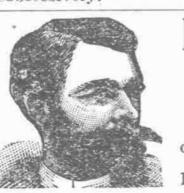
Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. WINDSOR, N. C. Bertie County Farmers Alliance held an interesting meeting at Lowellsville July 9.h. Ten Alliances represented. One long since defunct come forward with report and delegation. The shoe factory gained a little financial strength and much other good feeling was caused by discussing the subject. Brother M. L. Wood was chosen to represent us in the North Carolina State

Alliance. Our officers are: Pres. A. W. Snell, San Souci; Vice Pres. Ervin Pritehood, Windsor; Sect. Treas. and Business Agt. A. J. Cobb. Windsor; Chap. T. T. Speight, Lewis ton; Lect. H. P. Howell, Roxobel; H. J. Ward Chairman Executive Com mittee, Evansville; Fraternally A. J. Cobb, Lect. B. C. F. A.

Resolutions adopted by Bertie County Alliance July 9th, 1896, in session at Powellsville, N. C.

Resolved. That the managing editor of The Progressive Farmer arrange American capital is being invested in to publish in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER the Alliance price current.

> 2. That our delegate to the State Alliance be instructed to see if there cennot be a reduction made in the salary of officers of the State Alliance. 3 That he endeavor to have the constitution so amended, that no officer of the State Alliance shall hold office for a longer term than two years successively.



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