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N. R. P. A.

Shall the people or the politicians rule?

Now that Harr Mast, the leading anarchist in this country, has come out for the gold standard, it is time for the goldites to quit calling the Populists anarchists.

Honest Democrats are very much disatisfied with Sewall. Why not ask him to retire? He doesn't belong to the ranks of reform Democrats and Populists.

The sound money fellows used to call the Populists, anarchists, communists, cranks and scoundrels. They are easy on the silver Democrats and Republicans. They call them Populists.

Last week was a dull one, politically. Only one new party was started - "The National Democratic party," a gold or organization. It claims to be the only genuine Democratic party on earth.

The membership of the South Carolina Alliance has increased sixty per cent during the past twelve months. We presume that this increase represents restored as well as new members.

It is reported that Arthur Sewall, the Democratic candidate for Vice President is very fond of fishing. We've tried New England goldbug fishermen once too often. Keep them away from Washington, if possible.

The Democratic party sure has got religion this time. It has made the Y. M. C. A. move out of its quarters in this city, and Chairman Manly and force are at work sending out Jeffersonian and Clevelandistic literature by the ton.

Now that the gold Democrats are again talking about putting up a ticket of their own, it is in order for the News and Observer to lambast them for seeking to "divide the silver vote" and charge that Hanna's money is doing the work.

Watch the members of the "Silver party." Some of them may be here this week and they will try to ruin the convention. It is a party of leaders, but voters are conspicuous by their absence. We got enough of the silver party tomfoolery at St. Louis.

The Wall Street bankers are now amusing themselves by turning gold into the Treasury and drawing it out again. The play is called "building up the \$100,000,000 gold reserve." So long as they don't issue bonds nobody objects to their little poker games with the gold reserve.

"Why can't the Populists endorse Bryan and Sewall both and stop all this trouble?" is a question that some people are asking. Simply because Sewall has no record as a financial reform man, he is not in sympathy with the masses, and is a plutocrat, put on by the Democrats at Chicago to pacify the gold element of the party. The Vice President, as President of the Senate, has unlimited power for evil. He can appoint committees that may block all legislation. No, the people will not swallow Mr. Goldbug Sewall and risk another era of broken promises.

THE COTTON TIE TRUST.

Understand that the Tie Trust is to increase the price of ties per cent for this season. There is no real cause for any increase whatever, labor and everything is low and money scarce.

There is nothing short of robbery as we can see. We believe that the promoters of the old trust are in the new deal, and along with them the members of the cotton exchanges in this country and Europe. This gang of respectable (?) robbers have had blood in their eyes ever since the Alliance gave the bagging trust such a black eye.

They seem to think that there are fewer substitutes and more difficulties in the way of the farmers this time. This may be correct, but we believe that our farmers can beat them by a united fight. When the Alliance fought the bagging trust the farmers outside of the organization rendered material help, and we believe they will aid again.

Why not start a large tie factory somewhere in the South? If each cotton farmer will take \$1 in stock a factory can be started large enough to make ties for every bale of cotton raised this year, and millions of dollars will be saved.

The Populist State Convention will meet in this city Thursday. We trust that the delegates will show that they are patriotic citizens and act accordingly. Let the nominees be farmers and business men and teachers. Give the professional politicians a wide berth. This applies to professional bosses, too.

DEMOCRATS LOSING FAITH.

Many Democrats are losing faith in their own party on account of the course now being pursued by the leaders of that party. They admit that the Democratic party can't win single handed, and yet they are blocking the road to victory by keeping up goldbug Sewall. Just now the Populists are occupying a strong position, even after having thrown away the most magnificent chance a young party ever had by the dilly-dallying of a few bosses.

The Populists have nominated Bryan and Watson, and having met the Democrats more than half way, find now that the Democrats are not disposed to treat them with any courtesy whatever. Such apparent insincerity and imbecility is rapidly arousing suspicion in the minds of honest Democrats. A day or two ago three Raleigh Democrats told the editor of this paper that if their party refused to ask Mr. Sewall to withdraw and remove the only obstacle in the way of Bryan's election, that they stood ready to vote for Watson and any other good man the Populists may be forced to name as their Presidential candidate.

The Populists have made friends by their action at St. Louis, even though the course taken there was a mistake, and there is no denying it. But for the foolishness and the corruption of some of the Western delegates the Sewall business could have been disposed of at St. Louis, for they would have positively refused to name Mr. Bryan until that was done. But that is all over, and now we are face to face with another "Democrat trick," and it is going to go hard with the Democrats unless they come to their senses. Between Democratic goldbugs and Republican goldbugs the real Populists will not make a choice, and will run an honest ticket. The time is growing short now. The Democrats must prove their sincerity or suffer the consequences.

The goldites are in the last ditch. At first they claimed that free coinage will ruin the business men of the country. Now the whole argument is that it will ruin the wage-earners. Even the plutocratic New York Herald has tears in its eyes. When we consider that it is employers and not employees who are talking, the thing grows ridiculous.

THE BEST DOLLAR.

The shifts, subterfuges, sophistry, play upon words and pleasant sounding phrases dealt in by the goldbug press reveal the barrenness of their cause. They will tell you a dollar as good as the best in the world is what they want, and every dollar as good as every other dollar is their ideal dollar. These and similar parrot phrases which fly from mouth to mouth are the daily repetition of the gold trust in its dying agony, says the Midland, Md., Journal.

There is no substantial meaning in such phrases. Every dollar made by the government is as "good" and as "sound" as the Government of the United States. If there is any other government sounder or better or stronger than that of the United States, then the dollar of that government is the better dollar. The dollar of every

government is made for the use of the people of that nation and ceases to be a dollar in every other nation, as all laws on the statute books of every nation cease to have jurisdiction beyond the boundary of the nation. If silver, gold, copper and nickel are used for making money they are worth the market price of these metals in every market of the world. They all cease to be money when they reach the boundaries of their own nation as the laws become inoperative at that point. So every dollar is as good as any other dollar, if the law does not name a specific difference, of every nation in the transaction of business within the jurisdiction of that nation.

The gold dollar, the silver dollar and greenback are all of the same value in transacting business among the people of the United States because the law says so. The greenback is not as good in law for paying interest on the public debt and dues on imports as the other two because the law has said so. There was no necessity for making this distinction, but it was the result of a trick by the gold gamblers of Wall street and London. There was no necessity for the "redemption" of the greenback in coin in the legitimate business operations among the people. This clause in the law was also a trick of the same gang of bunco steers.

The paucity of argument of the Republican party to support their financial scheme of gold standard, reveals the falsehood on which the whole rotten mass rests. The world has never produced a parallel to the plundering game of the gold standard.

If Senator Allen refuses to notify Mr. Bryan of his nomination by the St. Louis Convention, as the Convention directed, he should be treated to a dose of tar and feathers, and Mr. Bryan should be ignored by the honest voters of this country. This is no time for foolishness. Senator Allen's dishonesty while presiding over the deliberations of the St. Louis Convention is all the people are going to put up with from him. Cleveland bourbonism was tame as compared to some of his actions as presiding officer of that body. It must be understood by the bosses that all the people are not ready to be come their slaves yet.

SULPHUR WILL CURE DIPHTHERIA.

It is a well known fact that common sulphur, or brimstone, as it is frequently called, is one of the best and cheapest remedies for home use in the entire list of remedies. It is a cure for nearly every form of sore mouth and can be used to advantage for sore throat. A small quantity dissolved in the mouth two or three times several hours apart will cure the worst case of mercurial salivation, and you are likely to need a cure if you eat food containing acid after taking calomel. The London Lancet says:

A few years ago, when diphtheria was raging in England a gentleman accompanied the celebrated Dr. Field on his rounds to witness the so-called "wonderful cures" which he performed, while the patients of others were dropping on all sides. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception - that is, he put a teaspoonful of flour of brimstone in a wine-glass of water and stirred it with his finger instead of a spoon, as sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water, and on the sulphur becoming well mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger, as brimstone kills every species of fungus in a man, beast or plant in a few minutes. Instead of spitting out the gargle he recommended the swallowing of it, and in extreme cases, in which he had been called just in the nick of time, when the fungus was too nearly closing to allow the gargling he blew the sulphur through a quill into the throat, and after the fungus had shrunk to allow of it, then the gargling. He never lost a patient from diphtheria. Or if the patient cannot gargle, take a live coal, put it on a shovel, and sprinkle a spoonful or two of the brimstone at a time upon it. Let the sufferer inhale it, holding the head over it, and the fungus will die.

A BILLION OF COINS

To gain an idea of a billion of coins place a \$5 gold piece on the ground and pile upon it as many as will reach 20 feet in height. Then place numbers of similar columns in close contact, forming a straight line and making a wall 20 feet high, showing only the thin edges of the coin. Imagine two such walls running parallel to each other and forming a long street. It would be necessary to keep on extending these walls for miles.

And yet a few men are aspiring to be billionaires, and no doubt they will pretend that they can make that much money honestly in a life time.

Please send in what you owe THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

WATSON, SEWALL AND HARMONY.

The Denver Daily News, a red hot Bryan and Sewall organ, though it has been a Populist organ for two years, is not at all pleased with the outlook. It begins to see as how Mr. Sewall will never be Vice President of the United States. The News says:

"Developments from day to day go strongly to prove that the Populist delegates in St. Louis who held that it was better to nominate a straight middle of the road Populist national ticket than to endorse Bryan and nominate a Populist Vice Presidential candidate as his running mate, were right. The ready withdrawal of one or the other Vice Presidents which optimistic Populists saw in the near future for the sake of harmony hasn't come to pass, and it is now very clear that it never will.

In Thursday's dispatches came a signed editorial by Tom Watson, printed in his own paper, declaring in a manner not free from acrimony that nothing could induce him to withdraw, and practically insisting that Mr. Sewall must withdraw or the Populists may not support Mr. Bryan. This was met in yesterday's dispatches by Mr. Sewall, who, in an interview, also tinged with acrimony, says that anybody who entertains the idea that he should withdraw "is not worthy of an answer," and Senator Jones, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, follows this up with a dispatch to the Atlanta Constitution in which he says: "I cannot consider any proposition for the withdrawal of Sewall." It may be accepted as an accomplished fact that neither Sewall nor Watson will withdraw, and the campaign must be fought and the election held with these two gentlemen candidates for Vice President, each on a ticket with Mr. Bryan.

"The one ray of sunshine coming from any of the national managers is the statement of Senator Jones, coupled with his refusal to consider any proposition for Sewall's withdrawal, that 'I will entertain as far as I have power, and promote to the best of my ability, any just and fair proposition for fusion on electoral tickets.' If Senator Jones should be met in the same spirit by the Populist managers it is barely possible that there will be an harmonious and satisfactory outcome; but Senator Jones may be opposed by Mr. Sewall, and, judging from the tone of the Watson editorial, the Populist managers will not act along Senator Jones' lines with the approbation of Mr. Watson.

"With both candidates in the field, there seem but two methods of compromise that will work out good results. One of them is to compromise on State tickets - Democrats allowing to Populists the lion's share of State nominations and Populists accepting straight Democratic Bryan and Sewall electors. To this Mr. Watson and the Populist Executive Committee are not at all likely to agree, for it leaves Watson altogether out in the cold. He could receive no benefit from such an arrangement.

The other is, and it may be the one that is in Senator Jones' mind, to divide electoral tickets between Democrats and Populists, either upon arbitrary lines or in proportion to Populist and Democratic strength in the several States. This looks fair enough upon its face, but a little reflection will raise serious doubts as to its feasibility. Sewall would probably object to it, for it would, in the very nature of things, result either in the defeat of Bryan and Sewall, both, or in the election of Bryan to the presidency and Watson to the vice presidency.

"The following considerations will show that, logically, one or the other of these results must flow from fusion tickets. If, say, fifty Bryan, and Watson electors are elected, and it will require say thirty five or forty of them with the Bryan and Sewall electors to give Mr. Bryan a majority in the electoral college, which he must have to be president, the thing that the Watson electors are quite likely to do is to make certain of Watson's election, for, their vote being necessary to Bryan's election, they can force terms with the Bryan and Sewall men for Mr. Watson or, if refused, they can defeat Mr. Bryan.

The election being over, and a majority of the electoral college consisting of Bryan and Sewall and Bryan and Watson electors, fifty of them being of the latter class, is not the following not only possible, but it is not probable: The Bryan and Watson electors will inquire of the Bryan and Sewall electors whether they intend to vote for Mr. Watson for Vice President? The Sewall electors will reply, 'No, we were elected to vote for Sewall for Vice President and we will so vote.' 'Very well,' reply the Bryan and Watson electors, 'if you will not vote for Watson we will not for Bryan.' The outcome of course would be either that Bryan would be defeated or

Watson with Bryan would be elected. "The above supposable case is not altogether imaginary. In a conference at St. Louis between three Bryan and Sewall Populists on the one side and a middle of the road Populist on the other, the subject being an amicable arrangement for just such fusion tickets, the middle-of-the-road Populist was asked the plain question whether Watson electors would not insist in the electoral college upon Bryan and Sewall men voting for Watson in return for their votes for Bryan, and he frankly replied: "It would be human nature that they should, and I expect that they would." The News coincides with that conclusion, for it is in line with human experience, and particularly with political experience, that men of one political party will insist upon a consideration for favors granted to those of another. And every day is establishing that political advantages, real or supposed, have far greater influence over the actions of politicians than mere public advantages, however great such advantages may be. Mr. Sewall must comprehend at the very outset that all fusion electoral tickets are stabs at the ambition. He is wise enough to know that every Watson member of the electoral college will very likely insist that Sewall electors shall vote for Watson, and that they will possess the power to enforce the demand. This being so, will he be likely to consent that Senator Jones should, though Populists meet him half way, promote any proposition for fusion tickets? He may from one consideration. He and the Democratic managers may conclude that while it would be highly impolitic for him to withdraw, he should for the sake of the success of Bryan acquiesce in the formation of the fusion tickets and to Watson's election by means of them and look for his compensation to a cabinet or other high appointment from Bryan in case he becomes president. Will he? That's the question. The signed editorial of Mr. Watson bristles all over with very plain threats to be executed in the event that Sewall refuses to withdraw. These, coupled with the difficulties attempted to be explained in this article, show that there are breakers ahead and that the optimism of sanguine silver men, which bubbled up so finely immediately following the St. Louis convention, is liable before long to receive a rude shock. However, let us all hope for the best and do what we can to promote the harmony which at this time seems to be sorely threatened."

THE SECRET OUT.

A dispatch from Hutchinson, Kansas, dated July 28th says:

"Jerry Simpson was taken to task last night by the Democrats when he arrived here, on account of the nomination of Watson, and the withdrawal of their support in his race for Congress was threatened, but Simpson assured them that Watson would be taken off the ticket just as soon as the national committee thought it advisable to do so.

"It is only a scheme," said he, "and you may rest assured that Watson's name will be withdrawn in plenty of time to get the two parties united on Bryan and Sewall."

When asked if he spoke authoritatively he replied that he knew exactly what he was talking about."

If that dispatch contained the truth, and we have many reasons for believing it is true, Jerry Simpson's part in the St. Louis convention is laid bare. He was for Bryan and Sewall because he had a promise of support in return which will probably place him in Congress again.

The writer had it from the lips of delegates at St. Louis that trades had already been made in some of the North-western States by which leading Populists are to go to Congress and others to the United States Senate. There have been trades also for State and other minor offices. Such influence probably caused the National Populist Committee to fritter away the most magnificent chance a party ever had when it decided to delay the National Convention and simply turn it into a ratification mass meeting.

Some of the delegates to St. Louis doubtless were actuated by the best of motives when they opposed a straight ticket. But it is apparent that certain ambitious leaders were induced to work and make speeches against such a course for office considerations.

Now the question is: Shall we as avowed reformers submit to this corrupt sell out or shall we rise up and take our original stand for reform by repudiating the work of this horde of trading Statesmen who are preparing to get "relief" regardless of the fate that awaits the reform movement? Shall patriotism or fraud triumph? A choice must be made. Which side are you on?

The trouble with the Democrats is that they are better reformers out of office than in office. - People's Pilot.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers.

Bryan may be a very good man, but he belongs to a party whose record won't bear investigation. - Ohio Populist.

We must educate. We must educate. If the Democrats steal us out every four years, we can submit for the sake of country. - Alliance Vindicator.

It seems that the intrinsic value dollar has not yet played havoc enough with the people. It is wonderful what a "free" people will bear. - Advance Guard.

Senator Teller has declared in favor of Bryan, and joined the Democratic party. Senator Teller did not make or lose much by this trade. - Southern Mercury.

Say, you "intrinsic" money man, have you noticed any gold or silver metal passing around as money that did not have Uncle Sam's dollar stamp on it? - Ohio Populist.

What this country needs is a government that does not ask the consent of England or any other country on earth how it shall run its own business. - Glens Falls Investigator.

Lin Livingston is said to be over in Alabama making Johnston speeches at fifty cents a day and his dinner. The services of this old fraud comes mighty high these days. - Advance-Courier.

The Union News Company, which controls the sale of books and papers on trains and depot stands is boycotting silver books. Coin's books are barred entirely. Do you see the point? - Saturday Critic.

The reformers of the country cannot be convinced that there is any good, present or prospective, in the Democratic party. Its record is so infamous that honest men turn from it with loathing. - Southern Mercury.

If Bryan will not accept a nomination on the same ticket with Watson it means that for party success he is willing to press the crown of thorns upon the brow of labor and crucify his country upon the cross of gold. - Augusta, Ga., Daily Tribune.

This year Wall street is favoring the Republican party; by 1900 the people will be disgusted with the Republican party, then Wall street will favor the Democratic party. Between this game of sea saw the people are continually robbed. - Columbus, Ohio, Populist.

When politics make a sudden lurch to one side and the ship of state seems liable to capsize, don't fail to keep in mind the fact that every hope of better laws must come through the agitation of the reform press. Stand by your papers, however dark the political horizon may appear. - Chicago Express.

In round numbers the political parties spend about twenty million dollars, directly or indirectly, in electing the President. That is little more than a dollar and a half for each voter in the land. When the campaign is over we poor, idiotic citizens of the United States wonder why the country seems to belong to the plutocrats. The country belongs to the plutocrats because they have bought and paid for it. - Topeka Co Operative.

THEY WANTED "SOUND MONEY."

Dreyfus, Kohn & Co., New York, the largest silk importers in this country, have just failed because the \$40,000 sound dollars they couldn't get were lacking to pay their debts.

A. G. Elliott & Co., paper manufacturers, Philadelphia, Pa., have assigned.

The Columbus Buggy Co., Columbus, Ohio, has failed. Liabilities \$200,000 (sound).

The Emmerson, Fisher Carriage Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, has failed. Liabilities about \$370,000 (sound).

The Garden City Foundry Co., Chicago, Ill., has assigned. Liabilities \$200,000 (sound).

A half dozen bank officials at Newport, Pa., have been indicted for receiving money on deposit after they knew their bank was insolvent.

Moore Bros. Chicago, Ill., owners of the Diamond Match Company, failed last week. The liabilities are \$3,000,000 (sound). The firm were large operators on the Stock Exchange in Chicago and the Exchange was closed in consequence of the failure.

The American National Bank, New Orleans, has closed on account of dull business via the gold standard.

The Johnston Steel Works, Loraine, Ohio, closed Tuesday. Lack of orders was the cause, and eight hundred men are out of work.

The Ingham Savings Bank, Lansing, Mich., failed to open its doors Friday morning. Lack of "sound dollars."

C. H. Fargo & Co., wholesale dealers in shoes, Chicago, have failed. Liabilities over \$200,000 (sound).

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