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"Lincoln was a fool."—Hanna.

Came increases with poverty.

The gold standard is the whipping-post of white slavery.

Even robber England limits the justice of an income tax.

Watson's western tour will do much to strengthen the populist cause.

Of course the yellow-hammer demagogues spin the charge of being bolts.

The corporation thieves are all for McKinley this year. They don't want to go to jail.

Campaign lies are so common that even the truth has a hard struggle for recognition.

The man who says that all we need is confidence is trying to steer us into a lunatic game.

Poverty cramps and smother the noblest sentiments and aspirations of the human race.

H. C. Frick, the Homestead oppressor, to his employees: "Vote for McKinley or quit."

Silver "purchase acts" do not put the silver that is coined into circulation. Free coinage would.

Bourke Cockran appears to have struck his escape valve and let out all the wind at the first exhibition.

Going into debt to maintain a system of robbery is not so much compounding a felony as it is utter foolishness.

The most absurd thing in the present campaign is the great (apparent) solidarity the goldbugs manifest for the World's Fair.

Why don't somebody mention the big gold mining syndicates that profit by the mining of gold, at a cost of from six cents to fifty on the dollar?

The bankers are very much concerned over the possibility of having to pay their depositors in 50-cent dollars; but none of them have died yet on account of it.

"The silver wins every corporation in the country will bust—put up or we are lost." Hanna's appeals to corporations.

Both McKinley and Bryan continue to make iron four to six speeches each per day; but Tom Watson is satisfied with one or two, in which he always makes the fun fly.

Every increase in the price of gold under a gold standard increases the debts and decreases the prices of the produce upon which the debtor depends for paying the debts.

A two-hundred cent dollar has no charms for the man who is out of a job on account of two-hundred cent dollars being too scarce to keep the wheels of trade and industry moving.

We hope the money question will be settled by the coming election. There are so many other things we are anxious to work on—and so many people who are anxious to get work of any kind.

Our foreign trade is about 4 per cent and our domestic trade about 96 per cent of the whole. We need money good in America about 24 times as badly as we need money "good in Europe."

Silver did not depreciate in price until it was made a commodity by demoralization. If the principal nations had demoralized gold, instead of silver, do you suppose gold would not have fallen in price?

And now we put the plain question: How can the producer be benefited by low prices when he himself is the recipient of the prices for that which he produces, whether it is his labor direct, or the products of his labor?

Lincoln to his party in 1860: "We are opposed by the corporations and the money power of the north and the slave owners of the south." Bryan to his party in 1896: "The corporations and money power are solidly arrayed against us in this campaign. Thank God, there is no slave power to aid them."

Aggregated wealth enjoys a monopoly of government protection, but the poor man foots the bill. Wealth and aristocracy have nothing to do with such vulgar transactions as paying taxes. The taxes are all for their benefit. Surely you cannot expect them to worry about the fellows who pay them.

Oh, beware, my fellow citizens, of stockjobbers or banking institutions, who have an interest as distinct from that of the community as that of drones from working bees. Oh, beware, ye legislators, how you create a moneyed aristocracy, as dangerous to the government as Praetorian bands in Rome.

—Thomas Jefferson.

Salaries of public officials have not declined with the price of commodities—that is one reason the fellows like John Sherman, who have held office nearly all their lives, proclaim that times are better than ever before. They can buy more with a dollar than ever before—and they get just as many dollars for their work as they ever did.

Vote for Bryan.

Vote the national ticket straight.

David B. Hill ought to be treated for lock-jaw.

Remember all the enemies of labor are for McKinley.

Had McKinley stuck to silver he would be a happier man to-day.

It is now in order to raise the black flag of anarchy over Yale college.

If the banks were allowed to coin the silver they would consent to free coinage.

Uncle Sam will be married to prosperity without asking the consent of England.

It cannot be properly said of the yellow-banner ticket that it is "running" for office.

The goldbugs will discover in November that New England is not all of the United States.

The honest man fears the rage of the common people. They do not become enraged except at dishonesty.

If you are hungry and want something to eat just take a meal of confidence and you will feel all right.

It don't sound well to call the men who are standing by the action of the populist national convention traitors.

The most prosperous times this country ever enjoyed was when it had neither gold nor silver in circulation.

All professional republicans are not rascals, but all professional rascals will vote for McKinley and the gold standard.

The banks are opposed to any system of finance that contemplates the circulation of money without paying them interest on it.

When fifty men can stop every wheel of commerce it is about time we had a few more "cart-wheel" silver dollars to keep things moving.

As long as the poor do all the work and pay all the taxes the rich will have troubled dreams while tossing on the stolen feathers of the poor man's goose.

The only class issue in the present campaign is the workers against the drones. It is not east against west, but labor against plunder without regard to geography.

There is no gold in circulation. The banks are refusing to pay it out, even when gold has been deposited. If this is the "existing gold standard" let us have something else.

Whenever the plutocrats indicate so much concern for the interests of the poor laboring man it will do to look out for anything that may happen to remain in your pocket-book.

The railroads seem determined to go into politics this year. Well, let 'em get their hand in. Their turn comes next. The people propose to put them under government control soon.

Even though a protective tariff should help the eastern manufacturers, a gold standard will ruin their western and southern market for manufactured goods. The two do not work well together.

How do you like the present good times? A continuation of the "present good times" is what the gold standard means. Some people talk about voting for a change. Do you think they are lunatics?

The man who makes a private contract, discriminating against any lawful money of the United States is not loyal to this government, and is a dangerous character who should be decorated with a ball and chain.

The Rev. D. L. Moody, evangelist, suggests that the people fast and pray for the deliverance of this country from great danger. Some one ought to inform Mr. Moody that many people in this country are fasting every day.

The goldbugs talk as if the free coinage of silver were a new idea in this country. On the contrary, no political party in the United States ever before this year declared for the maintenance of a single gold standard—while the constitution of the United States made the silver dollar the unit of value.

Silver bullion will buy as much of the products of the farm per ounce now as it would in '73. Well, if the free coinage of silver will increase the price of produce as the goldbugs tell the laboring men it will, the bullion owner will be unable to buy any more wheat, cotton, corn or other product with his bullion than he could before the increase of money increased the prices of produce.

A metropolitan paper, speaking of the anarchistic conduct of the Yale college students in howling down Mr. Bryan, terms it "the ineradicable spirit of juvenescence." Had this occurred on any occasion when McKinley was speaking, and the mob composed of workmen, it would have been called "the mob-like conduct of anarchists." It makes a great deal of difference whose ox is being gored. The true American spirit is to give everybody a fair show and the students' treatment of Bryan is wholly un-American.



A FABLE.

A wolf meeting with a lamb astray from the fold, resolved not to lay violent hands on him, but to find some plea, which should justify to the lamb himself his right to eat him. He thus addressed him: "Sirrah, last year you grossly insulted me." "Indeed," bleated the lamb, in a mournful tone of voice,



"I was not then born." Then said the wolf: "You feed in my pasture." "No, good sir," replied the lamb, "I have not yet tasted grass." Again said the wolf: "You drink of my well." "No," exclaimed the lamb, "I never yet drank water, for as yet my mother's milk is both food and drink to me." On which



the wolf seized him and ate him up, saying, "Well, I won't remain supperless, even though you refute every one of my imputations."

Moral—The tyrant will always find a pretext for his tyranny.

When you go to the polls Nov. 3 be sure and vote for Bryan.

JOHN BULL FOR WAR.

THIS IS THE BLUFF WHICH ENGLAND PUTS UP NOW.

If We Vote for Silver He Will Fight—If John Wants His Lion's Tail Twisted Again Let Him Trot Him Out.

From Silver Knight:

The news from London, where the czar of Russia is in consultation with other monarchs of Europe, shows who the enemies are with whom the American people are contending. The press of Great Britain declares that an attempt on the part of the United States to restore the coinage laws of the better days of the republic would practically mean the repudiation of their debts, and that this would lead to the withdrawal of envoys and declarations of war. We knew that the monarchs of Europe were aiding the Rothschilds to corner the gold of the world for the purpose of destroying democracy in the United States; we knew that the goldites of New York and their representatives at St. Louis and Indianapolis were acting under orders from Europe to suppress "anarchy" in the United States by starving the people into submission; but we were not prepared for an open declaration on the part of the London press that if the American government dared to readopt the coinage laws of Jefferson and Jackson, which have been surreptitiously eliminated from the statutes, envoys would be withdrawn and a declaration of war made. We do not now know whether Great Britain, although she may have the proffered aid of every monarch in Europe, will or dare provoke war with the United States. It is true that she made war in Egypt for the same cause that she now alleges against the United States, and enslaved that people. It is true that she has robbed and plundered every weak people who had anything to steal. But she has tried war with the United States twice and lost the game each time. She is now practicing a different method. She has control of our financial system whereby she is sapping the foundation of republican institutions. She obtained that control by fraud and bribery and expects to continue it by the same means. The tens of millions at Hanna's command are contributed through the agencies of Lombard street, although Pierpont Morgan and the Belmonts may deliver the money. The forces England is now using against the United States are of the Hessian stripe. They sell their country and do battle against their own people for English gold.

The London banks command the New York banks to inaugurate a squeeze and bring the masses to terms, and the New York banks extend the command to every banking institution in the land—all combined make war upon the industries of the country. Merchants, manufacturers, railroad corporations and all others employing labor are told they must vote with their employers for gold or prepare for bankruptcy. The employers of labor throughout the United States as a rule are now engaged in coercing labor to avoid the punishment which the banks threaten. The English combination are confident of their ability to purchase, corrupt and coerce the American people, to place in the white house an executive who will use the armies of the United States to suppress the democracy which they now call anarchy, and save England from the humiliation of defeat in another open conflict. They expect to subject the American people this time with the hired Hessians of America, and not in the manner which they attempted in the revolution, when they brought the Hessians of Hesse-Cassel to this country to carry on a barbarous warfare with the patriots of America. The threat of war is in earnest, but the expectation is to use subsidized Americans to fight the people of the United States, if they insist upon their constitutional rights. The following is a dispatch from London which is a specimen of the manner in which the press of Great Britain discusses American affairs. It is quoted from the London Telegraph, the daily which has a larger circulation than any other in England, and is as follows:

"English capitalists will never take their interest from the United States in depreciated currency. The adoption of bimetalism, or, as it would become later, the silver standard in America, would practically mean the repudiation of their debts; it is generally accepted, and it is this sort of thing which leads to the withdrawal of envoys and declarations of war."

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Flashes of Thought Inspired by Passing Events.

The constant charge iterated and reiterated by the sound (rotten) money press, that the silver mine owners will be the sole ones who will be benefited by free silver, is not only inconsistent, but from their standpoint absurd. They deny that the free coinage of silver will add anything to the value of silver bullion. If it does not increase the value of silver, how, then, can it enrich the mine owner?

On the other hand, if the charge is true, will it not apply to the owners of gold mines as well? If giving both metals free access to the mints is a good thing for the mine owners, then certainly giving but one metal that privilege would be a much better thing for the mine owners interested in that one metal. But as we view it any such argument is only a flimsy pretext and indicative of the lack of a better one. As long as we have commodity money, the men who own and control the commodity will profit by it.

One of the strongest arguments with which Mr. Bryan has had to contend in all his travels was that put up by the young men of Yale college at New Haven. Mr. Bryan himself is no spring chicken when it comes to an exhibition of lung power, but when he came in contact with the Comanche-like yells of 500 lusty pairs of lungs, trained in the ethics of college yells, and supported by a brass band at short intervals, the "Big Oration" was "it." Nothing less than a fog-horn could have been heard above that din, and as Mr. Bryan could not make himself heard it disposed of the plutocratic charge that he is a fog-horn.

David B. Hill's declaration that he would "see the democratic party in hell before he would endorse some parts of the Chicago platform," is in keeping with the character of the man and recalls to our mind the little controversy he had in the senate last spring with Senator Tillman. Mr. Tillman had threatened to bolt the national convention if a free silver coinage proposition was not incorporated in the platform. Hill declared that he was going to the convention and was going to abide by his action, no difference what it was and insisted that Senator Tillman should pledge himself to do the same or not be allowed to participate in the convention. Of course Hill thought that the convention would be dominated by the eastern end of the democratic party, as it always had been done.

Under the gold standard the post-office department has had no reason to complain, the number of postoffices having doubled since the crime of 1873. There were 34,294 offices in 1874, as compared with 70,360 now.—Globe-Democrat.

No better argument could be offered for government ownership and control of public utilities. The same can be said of the army, the navy, the public schools and the public roads. In spite of the hard times they have gone steadily on improving each year. And the question arises, why? Because the profits are left in the hands of the people, the benefits accrue to the whole people, and are not absorbed by private greed. Had the millions of dollars of profits that have gone to make millionaire railway kings gone instead into the hands of the people, or rather have been left there, there would not now be such widespread distress in the land.

It is impossible to find in the record of any great American statesman a word in favor of the cheating of creditors and the wronging of wage-earners in the way proposed by the free silverites.—Globe-Democrat.

On the other hand there never has been a time in the history of this government when the money question was not one of the important problems, if not the issue, before the people. The law of 1834 diminished the amount of gold in our gold coins, yet debts that had been contracted before the law were paid afterwards with the diminished coins, and the supreme court decided it constitutional. A debt contracted in coin, but not stipulated prior to issue of the legal tender treasury notes or greenbacks, in 1862 and subsequently, was declared by the United States supreme court to be payable in paper money that, at the time of the decision, had no time set to be redeemed.

The national democratic managers are issuing a circular relating the facts that one Father Kelley deposited, for

STREET CORNER TALK

ON THE LEADING QUESTION OF THE DAY.

The Same Arguments That Apply to "Silver Mining Syndicates" Apply with Equal Force to Gold Mining—The Cost of Mining.

What do the gold-bugs want this year?

Nothing but a maintenance of the existing gold standard, which means a continuance of present conditions generally.

Are they satisfied with present conditions?

They seem to be.

What do they mean by "international bimetalism?"

They mean that we must ask the consent of England to coin silver—or rather, they don't mean anything, but merely use this as a cowardly way of declaring for a single gold standard.

Does the government coin gold free? Oh, yes.

Is gold really worth as much in bullion as it is in coin?

I really don't pretend to know what it might be worth if it did not enjoy the privilege of free coinage—but the price is the same under present conditions, which create an unlimited demand for it at a fixed price.

Does the bullion ever go above that price?

Yes, when the speculators are buying gold.

Now, I've got you. What do they buy gold with when gold is the standard of value?

That's easy. They buy it with paper. How does the paper get its value? It is based on gold.

Then if the man who sold the gold wanted his paper redeemed he would have to accept gold at a premium, and really wouldn't have any more gold than he started with to show for his premium?

Yes, but the government would redeem his paper in gold at its face value.

Well, why shouldn't the other fellow go to the government, instead of the broker, when he wanted to buy gold and save the premium he paid?

Lots of them do—but the main object is to corner gold and force the government to issue interest-bearing bonds to buy gold. Then the men who have gold cornered can sell it at their own price. Thus you see the object in buying up the gold held by other brokers, so nobody else is able to furnish the gold to buy the bonds.

But say, isn't that robbery?

Certainly.

All the way from 4 cents to 60 cents a dollar's worth.

Why not coin it into money at the true cost of mining?

Oh, the price of gold is fixed.

Well, doesn't that make the gold dollar flat?

It does.

Does it cost any more to mine a dollar's worth of gold than a dollar's worth of silver?

No, usually less.

Who own the gold mines?

Big syndicates of capitalists in this and foreign countries.

And they get about three times as many dollars for their gold bullion as they pay out for labor?

Yes.

Then they can put two dollars in their pockets to do as they please with, eh?

Yes.

And one dollar out of three is all they put in circulation?

That is true.

Must be a big profit in gold mining?

Appears so.

Well, in case of free coinage of silver, wouldn't there be a big profit in silver mining, too?

In some mines, yes. Fact of the matter is more money has been spent in mining both gold and silver than is made out of them. Some mines pay some don't. It costs the unlucky prospector as much to pay for labor as the one who strikes "pay dirt." Thousands of men are given employment and practically all the money taken out of the mines is put into circulation prospecting. The gold-bugs say great syndicates of capitalists would profit by the mining of silver, but they try to make it appear that there is no profit in gold mining. There is no more room for speculation in the one than the other. The men who do the speculating are fellows who don't know a prospect hole from an ore crusher. They gamble in mining stocks, just as they do in railroad stocks, waterworks bonds or any other kind of paper that promises interest. Silver bullion buys as much of the products of labor at present prices as it did in 1873, while gold buys twice as much. The remonetization of silver, by increasing the amount of money, increases prices of produce. Then an ounce of it would buy the same it does now, while an ounce of gold would be reduced in purchasing power to the same level it held before silver was demoralized. Thus gold would be forced to restore what it had stolen by appreciation, while silver would be simply restored to its own.

You Find It Scarce.

Doctors, don't you find money scarce among the people?

Of course you do—especially if yours is a country practice.

Don't you think there would be more money among the people if more money were coined for circulation, and the power to control the paper currency taken from the banks?

Of course you do—then why not vote with a party that advocates such wholesome measures—Free Republic, Louisville, Ky.

The more the New York democracy tries to straighten itself out the more crooked it gets.

The national committee emphasizes the fact that Watson is the people's party candidate.

Repudiation of injustice is no crime.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

NOT A CATHEDRAL.

The Episcopal Church Will Devote All Energies to St. Mary's School.

At a special meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, held at the Bishop's house, October 9th, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, In the opinion both of the Bishop and of the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, it is impracticable at this time to develop and carry out a Cathedral for this diocese, as for other causes, so especially because the efforts of the churchmen of North Carolina should be concentrated upon the permanent establishment of St. Mary's School therefore,

"Resolved, That in the judgment of the standing committee, acting under the sanction of the resolution adopted by the convention of May, 1896, the action of the Bishop, and of the convention of 1895, in accepting the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, as the cathedral of the Diocese, should be rescinded, and by the authority reposed in the Bishop and Standing Committee, said action is hereby rescinded."

The Bishop assents to and joins in the above action.

Fusion Is Complete.

At a full meeting of the Democratic central committee in Raleigh Monday night it was decided to make a proposition to the Populists for fusion on congressional, State and county matters. The decision was unanimous. The committee was in session from 10 o'clock till 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. Chairman Manly Tuesday said this statement: "The negroes have all gotten together and it is time for the white people to get together for their protection and for the accomplishment of the free coinage of silver, and to the end we have made a proposition to the Populists for complete fusion." The proposition was not made public until Tuesday which was too late for these columns. It is understood to yield five Congressmen and give the Populist choice of Governor or Senator with an equitable division of other offices.

The Debt Statement.

The State debt statement has been made public. The 4 per cent consolidated debt is \$3,360,700. To complete the taking up of all outstanding bonds requires only \$255,000 more of 4 per cents. The 6 per cent debt is \$2,720,000. This is for bonds issued in aid of the construction of the North Carolina railway. The State receives from the Southern railway, for the use of the road \$195,000 annually and six years later is to receive \$210,000 annually under the terms of the ninety-nine year lease.

Presentation of the Punch Bowl.

Wednesday Governor Carr and staff, with the presentation committee, accompanied by prominent judges and gentlemen from all over the State, went to Southport, a few miles below Wilmington, to present the Battle Ship Raleigh, of the United States Navy, named after the capital of this State, and one of the finest war ships afloat, the beautiful punch bowl presented by the people of North Carolina. A night royal reception was given to the officers and visitors.

Boy Sent to the Penitentiary.

Marion Ring, a young white boy, who poisoned his father, Dr. Ring, and his family last March in Surry county, and who was sent away to the West, returned home recently and was instantly arrested, jailed, tried and convicted and has been taken to the penitentiary to serve five years. The crime nearly cost the lives of his entire family.

Adjutant General Cameron has received a letter from C. S. Merrill, of the Cuban Relief Corps, New York, asking him to send, at his earliest convenience, a roster of the State troop and his latest report of their efficiency.

Clerk Brown, of the Railroad Commission, is now busy preparing and reading the proof of the report of the Board of Commissioners, which is now in the hands of the printers and will be issued about the first of the next year.

Requisition has been made to the Secretary of War for fifty more rifles for the A. and M. cadets at Raleigh. The number of students exceeds any former record.

Fire at Murfreesboro last Saturday swept away an entire block. The total loss is estimated at about \$10,000. Insurance very slight. Among the burned buildings was the Episcopal church.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction has sent \$1,000 to the State Industrial School (colored) at Winston. Winston also raised the same amount.

Chairman Holton says the official Negro vote of this State is 120,000.

Some sympathy is expressed in certain English circles over the fact that the allowance of Princess Haud is not large enough to be really and truly royal. As she will receive about \$80,000 a year out of the sum granted the Prince of Wales by Parliament it is not likely the young woman will suffer. If the royal worshippers in England are really sorry for the Princess there is nothing in the world to prevent them from adding to her income by contributions from their own private purses.