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THE PARAMOUNT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL ISSUE

The attempt to silence, or subordinate free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, as the main issue in the next Democratic National platform, is being kept up by well intentioned Democratic politicians and newspapers.

The purpose of this, however sincere and honest it may be, is probably to afford an opportunity at the next Democratic National Convention of all classes of Democrats getting together, making the gold Democrat welcome, where if the main issue, 16 to 1, and the Chicago platform, were to be offered there might be important absence of Democrats.

Imperialism and Trusts have been offered to lead, instead of free silver, but with the Philippine insurrection going on, the issue of imperialism would not have much force, while as to trusts the chances are that the Republicans will cry as lustily against them as will the Democrats.

William Jennings Bryan, declares daily, whenever he may be, that the silver question is to be the main issue of the Democratic party next year.

In North Carolina, Chairman Simmons declares 16 to 1 ought to be the main issue in 1900, and the News-Observer, the official organ of National Democratic affairs, declares for free silver as strongly as it did in 1896.

In the unofficial line, the free silver papers, those most ardent for 16 to 1, in 1896, are fully as eager for it as the chief issue in 1900, as they were in 1896.

With all this showing where the use for anything but public announcement, that so far as National affairs are concerned, W. J. Bryan is the Democratic nominee for President, and the issue is 16 to 1 in silver coinage ratio.

On this matter the Raleigh Post says, editorially:

"And we are frank to say, that with the sentiments prevailing among so very large a number of the people, especially as regards the silver question, a candidate standing the result of the last election, it may be well that the question should again come squarely before the country, and be settled.

But as to the fight, whether wise or otherwise, we are going to have it, with silver as the main issue."

And also the Charlotte News in this connection, says:

"Bryan is going to be the nominee, and it behooves every Democrat, regardless of his opinions on the money question, to bow to the inevitable and lend his influence for success of the ticket. It is time to stop lying about Bryan and platform Democrats. This is a free country and if a man does not like the platform of his party or its candidate he can go to another party, but Democrats are becoming disgusted with the fellows who claim to be Democrats and use the standard secured by this claim to disturb party harmony and compromise party defeat."

All this is a rather long notice for those Democrats who may wish to think or express themselves differently on the coming campaign, and is a decided cut off so far as discussions on Presidential nominees and platform are concerned.

As for the political aspirants for office it makes their work easy, they need fear no future crow eating but can at once about for Bryan and free silver.

The "handful" of gold Democrats were not considered in 1896, and very likely they will not be in 1900, so they will probably still associate by themselves.

And so with the danger of crow eating eliminated, let Democracy push along towards 1900, and have Bryan and silver to overthrow McKinley and Gold.

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, silver was one of the most indispensable elements of the army and the navy. In many instances it was the only thing that kept the soldiers still under arms. Mr. David Taylor of Wadsworth, Green Co., Va., is one of these.

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