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of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT
ARTHUR SEWELL,
of Maine.

Democratic State Ticket.

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For County Surveyor—J. H. WETZEL.

For Coroner—W. U. IRVIN.

It Would be Folly.

Democrats don't trade. There is no occasion for it. Every candidate on the county ticket will be elected and all that is needed is the straight vote for them. Don't listen to the stories that will be told you, at the last minute, about imaginary slashing that there will be done in this or that place. There will be no occasion for cutting anyone. All of the men are good and thoroughly competent for the office. See to it that you vote for them and watch out for stories.

There will be all manner of tales afloat on election day. Pay no attention to them but get a move on and don't stop until every voter has been gotten to the polls. Let us warn you against a slump. If there should be any stay-at-homes among the Democrats there will be defeat sure. No matter what the condition of the weather turn out and get your neighbor out with you. Remember that the large percentage of the opposition is centered in the towns and in districts where they will be gotten out under any consideration, so you must do your part. The country precincts are the ones in which the greatest work will have to be done. The distance to the polls is greatest and it is most difficult to get the voters out. Leave no obstacles unremoved this time. Let us show the world where Centre stands.

Above all things don't trade and don't let yourselves be deceived by those who will try to make capital out of everything. It will be folly, it will be disastrous for you to trade or cut. If every Democratic vote in the county is polled, and polled straight, we will have a wonderful victory to record next week.

Don't let Centre fall behind in the monstrous sweep that is going to make Mr. BRYAN the next President of the United States and that is going to make the rights of the people triumphant.

Look Out for Him.

We would ask the voters of this section of the State to keep their eyes open for an individual known as the Rev. W. H. GURWALT, formerly of Haines township, this county, at present said to be a resident of 309 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C. What Christian denomination he is now disgracing, we do not know, but we are told that while he is paid by a congregation on C. Street, South West, Washington, for preaching the gospel, that he is putting in his time out in Clearfield county electioneering for McKINLEY and tighter times, and trying to organize "A. P. A." societies. A minister who will descend to this business is a man who needs watching closely. Needs to be watched morally, financially, politically. Keep your eye skinned for GURWALT and don't have too many things around loose when he is about.

—If "there is no honor in politics" why are you a candidate, Mr. FISHER? Are you doing dishonorable things to secure your election?

Equal Rights to All and Special Privileges to None.

FRANK BURKET TELLS WHY HE ESCHEWS MCKINLEY—HIS MANHOOD COMPELS HIM TO DO IT.

Candidate Fisher Says "There is No Honor in Politics."

Voters of Centre County Will Read what One of Our Former Neighbors Has Concluded!

29 EUCLID AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Oct. 27th, 1896.

Dear Sir:

Two immense Bryan meetings were held here last night. Not since the great outpouring of the people to hear Wm. J. Bryan has there been such crowds as greeted ex-Congressman and present Democratic candidate for Governor, the Hon. George Fred Williams, of Mass.

Thousands were turned away from Musio Hall where seven thousand eager listeners cheered the champion of the people's cause from the Old Bay State.

Another audience of like size was assembled at Haltnooth's hall, and four overflow meetings were held in the streets. Many a heart beats for Bryan beneath a McKinley button.

Owing to the demands made on the speaker his time was not long at one place, but during the half hour I listened to him I never heard a clearer and more concise outlining of the so called "Articles of Anarchy" as laid down by the people in the Chicago platform.

There is not a flaw in a single one of them; and the enfranchised citizen of this country, that is convicted and has honor and backbone enough to assert those convictions at the polls, will cast his ballot for William J. Bryan, the upholder of "equal rights for all and special privileges to none," and the enemy of the existing gold standard and the money sucking syndicates.

Let me quote you the first paragraph of Mr. Williams' speech.
"My Fellow Citizens.—I cannot stand before you as an honest or even a respectable citizen. There was a time when I was both honorable and respectable * * * Why has this change come about in so few months, why has this honor and respectability been turned into dishonor? Perhaps it is because I have left a past of honor, in the service of the dollar, for a place in the ranks of humanity."

Many of the citizens of Centre county with whom I came in contact during my annual visit in that section were apparently shocked at the position I assumed in this campaign and not a few considered me as reflecting upon my early training. I can disprove the latter by calling attention to the fact that the G. O. P., ever since its organization, up to the time when its present platform was dictated by trusts, syndicates and the operators in Wall street, has been in favor of a double standard. In fact it still believes such to be right, but we must have the consent of foreign nations. Such is as absurd as it would have been for our forefathers to have elected a President and then sat down and waited for England to announce to the world that a new and independent nation, known as United States of America, would now do business on their own account.

All honor to the men who have espoused the cause of the people, and have taken up the fight because it is an honorable one.

Politics is honorable, but it is the dishonorable politician that causes the shadows. If I mistake not I overheard, during my stay in Centre county, a remark made by a leading Republican candidate for county Commissioner, and he does not live a thousand miles from Unionville, that "there is no honor in politics." Now if he is in a business, which he deprecates in such a manner, it were better for his own conscience and that of the public at large that he withdraw before it is everlastingly too late, otherwise, if elected, he may be compelled to draw three dollars a day from the county treasury while engaged in budding blueberry blossoms on his blackberry bushes.

F. S. BURKET.

An Outrageous Insult.

The American people were never subjected to such an insult as has been offered to them by MARK HANNA's direction that on a certain day previous to the pending election the American flag, the emblem of this free nation, should be unfurled in the interest of a party that would subordinate the will of the people to the power of wealth in the government, and would convert the republic into a plutocratic oligarchy.

This black-guard labor smasher and heartless oppressor of the working people, who owes his position as a ruffian millionaire to the brutal manner in which he has trampled upon the rights of the sailors on the lakes and the coal miners of Ohio and Illinois, makes the astounding proposition that the flag of a free country should be used to cover the conspiracy of a set of plutocrats like himself to put in presidential office a man upon whom they have a mortgage and who would serve them as a tool for the promotion of their schemes of monopoly and usurious control of the currency.

Is it possible for the American citizen to think of the flag of his country being put to such use without his disgust and his anger being equally excited? Is it not absolutely shocking that a bloated plutocratic ruffian, who has no other interest in his country than the money which he and his rapacious class can make out of it by subjecting it to the pillage of trusts and money lenders, should propose to desecrate the stars and stripes by employing them for a political purpose in a campaign in which he is striking at the very heart of the free institutions which that flag represents, by his deliberate use of the most colossal corruption fund that the Republican party has ever employed for the debauching of the ballot, and by measures of intimidation and coercion that are intended to retain the suffrage of a large class of citizens?

It was a patriotic American statesman who advised the shooting of any man who should dare to haul down the American flag. What should be the treatment of a character like HANNA who would disgrace the flag of the free by using it in the base service of the trust monopolist and Wall street money shark?

GET OUT THE VOTE!—This is the important thing to see to now, Democrats. Let other districts and sections attend to themselves. You attend to matters at home. Remember that a full vote means a glorious Democratic victory.

—Remember to vote as early as you can. It is the best plan to get to the polls early, for then you can turn in and help get some one else there.

—Farmers vote for your own interests this time.

Vote for Yourselves Once.

Farmers and laboring men it is about time you are voting for yourselves once. For a great many years many of you have been voting to protect other's interests, and while men engaged in manufacturing and other enterprises have grown wealthy and can give thousands of dollars yearly to buy votes to continue conditions most favorable to them, you have made barely enough to pay your taxes and school your children.

You may call it calamity cry or whatever you please, but to-day there is not one of you who reads this article who can sell your farm, its products or your labor for half what it would have brought fifteen years ago. With all your work and the saving help of your families, with all the skimping you have done you have not made as much money in ten years as one of these goldite manufacturers or bankers will give to the MCKINLEY corruption fund.

Had you not better try to vote for your own interests once? And when some devoted goldite tells you that a vote for BRYAN and free silver will hurt the manufacturer or the banker, just tell him that if these classes have to rob you to keep from getting hurt, that hereafter they will have to take just what they get, that you propose taking care of yourself and family first.

The Word Has Gone Out.

The last issue of the Phillipsburg Ledger, now a working Republican organ in the county, contains the following:

When the chief executive of the State stoops from his high position to coerce candidates for public office by threatening to use the party machinery to defeat them unless they become his tools, it's high time that independent voters should rally to the support of the man who refuses to be bought or bullied. WOMELSDORFF is that man. Vote for him.

There can be but one conclusion drawn from the above and it is that the HASTINGS people have declared war on WOMELSDORFF and his friends, in turn, are renewing their fight against him. On this side of the mountain the word has gone out that WOMELSDORFF must be slaughtered and on the other side CURTIN has been ordered for the slaughter. There is no denying that such a fight is on when a Republican paper openly asserts it.

—HECKMAN and MEYER are the men you should vote for for Commissioner. Don't desert either one of them. They are both honest, practical farmers and can be depended upon to look after the county's finances with that economy that has characterized past Democratic administration.

—SCHOFIELD and FOSTER are gentlemen. Neither one of them have offended a soul in this campaign and both should be elected.

Goldbug Impudence.

Among the many false charges made by the minions of the gold interest none is more false and impudent than their charge that the free silver movement is an attack upon "national integrity" and the "public faith."

This is repeated with parrot-like iteration, but is backed by nothing stronger than mere assertion. They fail to show in what way the gold standard is necessary for the defence of "national integrity." They are unable to give a single reason why the "public faith" is involved in the maintenance of gold monometallism, or to prove that it would be violated by the bimetallic policy that would include the free coinage of silver.

The double standard, gold and silver on an equality, was in force from the beginning of the government until twenty-three years ago. In all that time there was no "national integrity" to be defended. Silver was recognized as the equal of gold in our monetary system, and its coinage was free, for more than three quarters of a century. Was there no "public faith" that required protection during that long period?

These gold impostors talk as if the coinage of silver was a novelty, a revolutionary project, an experiment fraught with danger, instead of its having been a coequal part of our original monetary system and a source from which the country was supplied with a large portion of its currency under provision of the constitution. They talk as if the gold standard had been the exclusive measure of value from the foundation of the government by which the country has been insured continual prosperity, instead of its having been smuggled upon the American people, less than a quarter of a century ago, by a sneaking legislative trick, with the gradual decline of the country's prosperity as a consequence.

Nothing could exceed the rascally impudence of the goldites in their bellying for the preservation of the national integrity and public faith by the gold standard. There was never a pledge of the "public faith" that requires the exclusive gold system of currency, and there is no promise or obligation of the nation, involving "national integrity," that will be broken by restoring the full monetary power of silver and the employment of that kind of coin in the payment of the government's debts. The government of the United States never bound itself to pay in gold, but it promised to discharge its obligations with "lawful coin," and in order that there might be no misunderstanding as to the meaning of its promise to pay in "lawful coin" the nation's Legislature, by a joint congressional resolution, declared that payment in silver would be a lawful fulfillment of its obligations.

In the face of these facts how brazenly impudent is the goldbug contention that the free silver movement is an attack on "national integrity," and that the "public faith" and credit of the government require the maintenance of the SHYLOCK gold policy of the Wall street bankers.

Senator Cameron and Free Silver.

There can be no question as to the sincerity of Senator DON CAMERON's belief in the great benefit the country would derive from the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. He certainly has not adopted his news from political expediency, for he openly expressed himself as in favor of free silver long before it had crystallized into a political question, and when he met with nothing but opposition and condemnation on account of it from his gold-plated associates in the Republican party.

His position in favor of free silver coinage is unquestionably the result of his honest and sagacious convictions. For the past ten years he has consistently and earnestly advocated that monetary policy and stood up for it bravely in opposition to his own party, whenever the question was brought up in the Senate.

Those who misunderstand Senator CAMERON, and we admit to being among the number, thought that he had some sinister motive and was trying to serve some temporary expediency by adopting so anomalous a position on this question for a Republican Senator; but the steadfastness with which he has adhered to it, is evidence that he has taken his stand in consequence of an enlightened and firm conviction of the benefits which the country would derive from the remonetization of silver and the enlargement of our circulating medium that would result from it.

It is not often that Senator CAMERON expresses himself oratorically on the floor of the Senate, but he had occasion to make a speech in favor of a more liberal treatment of silver in our monetary system, which attracted the attention of the London Financial News, and that paper commented upon it in these words: "Senator CAMERON points a plain moral when he remarks that if the United States would venture to cut herself adrift from Europe and take outright to silver she would have all America and Asia at her back, and would command the markets of both continents. The barrier of gold would be more fatal than any barrier of a custom house. The bond of silver would be stronger than any bond of free trade. There can be no doubt about it that if the United States were to adopt a silver basis to-morrow British trade would be ruined before the year was out."

This coming from such a source is a great tribute to Senator CAMERON's financial sagacity, and it is decided concession to the wisdom of the position taken by the Democratic party on the silver question, which proposes to recover the advantage which this country has lost by becoming subservient to England's gold policy.

MR. BRYAN ON THE RELATION OF THE DOLLAR TO WAGES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Will the purchasing power of the working man's dollar decrease? William J. Bryan, in response to the *Journal*, answers the question, so important to all wage-earners, and points out the fact that, instead of becoming smaller, the fruits of labor will be greater and of more value to the laborer.

Question—"Is it true that as soon as we get free silver the purchasing power of the workingman's wages will decrease?"

Answer—"That is a question that is propounded by the manufacturer-employer, who seems to be terribly afraid that under free coinage he will have to get his men for less wages than they are working for now. I want to say that, in the same sense in which the words are used, I reply NO! There are two things to be considered.

"If you take the purchasing power of a single dollar, it will be less; but at the same time a great many workmen are working on half time and many are not able to find work at all, and you must remember that when you decide whether the purchasing power of the workingman's wages is decreased you must take what the workingman will receive in dollars under free coinage and compare it with what the workingman receives in dollars now under the gold standard.

"More than that, you also have to consider that under the present conditions, when a man loses his job, it is hard to find work again, and that every man who finds employment is menaced by idle men increasing in number, who stand ready to take his place on a moment's notice.

"We insist that the conditions that will be brought about by the free coinage of silver, the increased demand for work in order to supply the goods which will be consumed when the people are prosperous under bimetalism, and the increasing wages which will come with a greater demand for labor—we insist that, when these things are considered, the workingman will receive more dollars, and that he can buy more with the larger wages which he will receive under free coinage than he can buy now with the few dollars he receives under the gold standard, and then his employment will be more permanent.

"Let me give you a test. I challenge you to find an instance where the laboring man ever suffered because of the bimetallic standard. They tell you that prices will rise. I believe that general prices will rise. They tell you that that means suffering to the workingman. I want you to look back over the period when we had rising prices, and you will find that those times were the best times that the working man ever had, because he not only had more steady employment and better wages, but the property that he had also rose, whereas to-day if his wages buy more per dollar the property that he owns goes down in value as the dollar goes up.

"Remember that the laboring men have never indorsed the gold standard in any nation that has had it; and when you see the beauties of the gold standard presented to laboring men by people who do not labor; when you find that the blessings brought by the gold standard are so disguised a financier has to spend all the time during the campaign pointing out those blessings to the laboring man, who cannot discover them when they are pointed out, you will understand what the gold standard has done for the laboring man."

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Three Cheers for John Bardsley

The Republican convention in Philadelphia assembled to nominate a substitute for JAMES L. MILES, who was forced to withdraw as the nominee for sheriff by the decent sentiment of the city, proceeded to nominate another tool of DAVE MARTIN in the person of coroner ASHBRIDGE, who as a member of the combine, is but slightly less objectionable than MILES.

The character of the convention that nominated ASHBRIDGE was quite clearly indicated by its giving "three cheers for JOHN BARDSLEY" after it had completed the work for which Boss MARTIN had called it together.

Nothing could indicate a lower degree of political degradation than such an open demonstration in honor of a public thief to whom ten years in the penitentiary would yet be due, and which he would righteously have to serve, if had not been for the sympathy of a Republican board of pardons and Governor.

Honest people of Pennsylvania, think of such a character receiving an ovation from a political convention! When theft is thus honored, what may not be expected in the way of public robbery from such a party? If JOHN BARDSLEY, who robbed the

treasuries of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania of nearly a million dollars, is regarded as a proper character to be cheered by a Republican convention, will not the Legislators and public officers of that party have reason to conclude that they will receive the approval and cheers for their party for any act of profligate expenditure or pillage they may commit.

Cheers for JOHN BARDSLEY can be logically construed as approval for any acts of wasteful extravagance and pillage which the next Republican Legislature may perpetrate. A party that can make such a demonstration over a pardoned thief, could easily condone and approve the stealing of \$100,000 from the state treasury, through the form of an appropriation, to pay the alleged expenses of boss QUAY's sham senatorial investigating committee.

This is the moral that can be drawn from Republican cheers for JOHN BARDSLEY, and if the people would protect themselves from the effects of such demoralization they must wipe out the Republican majority in the Legislature.

A vote for CURTIN or WOMELSDORFF is a vote to endorse the pardon and profligacy of JOHN BARDSLEY and to place the Legislature at the mercy of the ring that cheers his name.

WHAT THE ELECTION OF BRYAN WILL BRING ABOUT.

An Ohio Firm Will Advance Wages if Silver Wins! Republican Manufacturers Who Will Vote for William Jennings Bryan.—Their Remarkable Action.

Newark, Ohio, has a company employing labor that, instead of attempting to coerce its employes or trying to induce them to vote for McKINLEY, is generous enough to admit that, under the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold, WAGES WILL GO UP, not down.

This company has posted a promise at its factory. The company is the Central City stove works, the following being a copy of the bulletin:

To Employes: Notice is hereby given that in case of William J. Bryan's election as president of the United States on November 3, 1896, this company will immediately thereafter give the employes in every department an advance of TEN per cent. in their wages.

C. W. CUNNINGHAM, President.

C. W. Cunningham, president and manager of the company, said that he and nearly all his employes have been life-long Republicans, but that they are for BRYAN AND FREE SILVER.

The heaviest stockholder, W. N. Fulton, although a banker, is an enthusiastic silverite. Mr. Cunningham said that the notice had been posted because the company realized that UNDER FREE COINAGE INCREASED BUSINESS WOULD JUSTIFY INCREASED WAGES.

President Cunningham, who is a practical molder, then went on to show how molders' wages prior to 1873 were 50 per cent. higher than they are to-day; how, after silver was demonetized, there was a gradual decline until the passage of the Bland Allison act in 1878, which revived the west, increased demand for molders' products and resulted in increased wages. Business depression six years later caused another decline. In his opinion nothing will restore permanent prosperity but the RESTORATION OF SILVER. In concluding Mr. Cunningham remarked:

"Do you know of any factories offering increased wages if McKINLEY is elected? I don't."