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JUST LIKE BRYAN.

An Underhand Way of Helping Himself and Working Against Republicans.

The shameful attempt of W. J. Bryan, late populist and free-silver candidate for the presidency, to use the present grave crisis in our national affairs for his personal advantage and to benefit the cause of the financial policy of which he is the high prophet is characteristic of the man.

AN UNSAVORY LOT.

Free Silver Senators Bar Legitimate Means of Raising Money.

Now that war is on—egged on to no little extent by the silverite party in congress—we would like to know if that party is still going "to play politics" with the question?

It looks like it. Here we are on the verge of a war, the immediate future of which no man can forecast, when the whole nation should be animated by a single thought, but when the administration asks for the means to carry on the war it is at once met by caviling and by obstruction from the free silver senators.

In our present situation there is any body who will deny that the government must have large and instantaneous means for carrying on the war? And how are they to be obtained, we would like to know, unless by borrowing?

And yet the silverite senators stand up in the senate and threaten to block all bond issues and all other legitimate means of raising money until the surplus in the treasury is used up, and the silver bullion owned by the government, foolishly called the seigniorage, is coined into silver dollars!

They thus show that under the pretense of humanity and the independence of Cuba they have plunged the country into a war for free silver and a dishonest dollar. Under the plea of patriotism and humanity they are working for the silver mine owners and for national dishonor, and they apparently care not what the outcome of the war may be if they can by means thereof establish their rotten and degraded currency.

At this very moment, when the nation is on the eve of a war, the extent of which no man can foresee, and which will cost an enormous outlay of blood and treasure, the Tellers, Morgans, Pettigrews, Chandlers and Joneses are all gleeful because they see in this a possible way for bringing the country down to the degraded monetary standard they have so long advocated.

These obstructionists should not be suffered to have their way for a moment, but be stamped out by the iron heel of public opinion. This is no time for playing politics. The nation is at war and every energy of the people must be devoted to making that war as short and as decisive as possible with the least injury to the people of the United States. To debate the currency at such a time is a national crime.—Chicago Times-Herald.

BILL FOR WAR REVENUE.

A Republican Measure Which Will Tax the Rich and Spare the Poor.

The proposed bill for revenue to defray expenses of the war will be sure to meet with opposition from the democrats. Yet it must excite general derision when the gentlemen who have posed so long as "friends of the poor man" and "foes of the corrupt money power" are heard as advocates of revenue from taxes on tea and coffee, and from increased duties on sugar, all of which are necessities of civilized life, in preference to a great aggregate revenue derived from stamp duties that will be payable almost exclusively by the so-called creditor class.

Mr. Bryan's mind, ever intent upon securing some advantage for himself, no matter what the cost, evidently is unable to grasp the temper of the public, but the public will set upon him, for his unpatriotic action, the indelible seal of their indignant disapproval.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Nature has kicked to death the theory that prices of commodities fall with the price of silver.—Chicago Times-Herald.

William J. Bryan goes right on lecturing for free silver in spite of the war. He is going to make hay even while the clouds overcast the sky.—Iowa State Register.

Full of years and honors, yet still not honored so much as such a man deserved to be, John Sherman has come to the end of his career as a public man. He will take with him into his retirement a satisfying sense of duty well done and the lasting esteem and affection of the people he loves.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

With a good gold bottom to our finances we can now issue \$500,000,000 of bonds at a low rate of interest and need not even utilize Europe's kind offer to take them. The government can place all the honest money bonds it needs right here among our own capitalists. But if it were a Bryan instead of McKinley calling for a loan the bonds would be going begging in every market of the world. Honesty is the best policy for nations as well as for individuals.—Chicago Tribune.

One of the oddest pieces of news from Madrid is that the financiers of Spain have come out in favor of the free coinage of silver. Of all nations, Spain just now is the one in the greatest difficulties, and it turns to a 40-cent dollar to pull it through. Creditors will lose 60 per cent., but perhaps should be glad to save anything. Now we shall see if free coinage, which was recommended by Mr. Bryan as the only salvation for this country, will serve as the instrument to turn the fortunes of war against us. Spain and free coinage will be the Castilian war cry. But it will take nearly three of the Don Quixote silver dollars to buy a bushel of American wheat, even though they are issued without the consent of any other nation on earth.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Erie canal, on account of its situation and length, of course, transports the greatest amount of freight. On this canal, which is owned and kept up by New York state, the boats, which are worth from \$2,000 to \$3,000 each, are owned entirely by the canalmen. The cabins of some of the boats on this canal are comfortably, almost luxuriously, furnished. One canalman, who is known to be worth over \$100,000, lives with his family on one of his boats, the cabin of which is furnished with taste and has every convenience and comfort which money can purchase.

THE WORD OF GOMEZ IS LAW.

An American Tells of a Visit to the Camp of the Insurgent Leader.

Haverhill, Mass., May 3.—William C. Frost has returned to his home in this city after a six months' visit to Cuba. During that time he was engaged in filibustering, was twice arrested and confined in Morro castle, and also spent two weeks in the camp of Gen. Gomez, of the insurgent army.

In speaking of the insurgents Mr. Frost says: "Gomez is king. His word is law, and it is enforced with an iron hand. The old general who fought through one war, a natural leader of men, able though not educated, is all the law that these men have. With him are several Americans.

"In spite of all reverses Gomez is still confident, and his faith inspires the men under him. They are looking to the United States for help, and believe that the day of their deliverance is near at hand."

It was previous to this visit to Gen. Gomez that Frost was arrested. He was put under guard at Matanzas and tried before a drumhead court-martial. He was convicted and sent to Morro castle at Havana with 40 other prisoners, but was released three days later through the efforts of Gen. Lee. He was a few days later again arrested and confined three hours in the guard room at Morro, until word was sent by Gen. Lee to release him. During his three days' confinement, he says, many prisoners were shot, and he and his companions momentarily expected to meet the same fate. After that he was constantly under surveillance while in Havana.

Mr. Frost was in Havana the day of Gen. Lee's departure, and went out of the harbor on the same boat, although he returned a few days later to visit Gen. Gomez. Since the departure of Gen. Lee the "lives of Americans in Havana, he says, have been in constant danger.

Up went every hand except one. Sternly eyeing the delinquent, the superintendent solemnly observed: "Why, young man, I am horrified—absolutely horrified—as well as astonished at your behavior. Don't you wish to raise your hand and put yourself on record as being willing to respect the gray hairs of your father when you grow up to be a man?" "No, no use tryin'; can't do it now," unflinchingly responded the lad.

A GREAT OBJECT LESSON.

European Powers Must Revise Their Opinion of the Fighting Strength and Ability of the United States.

Washington, May 3.—There is no talk yet of European intervention, but one of the most beneficial results of Commodore Dewey's victory is that a deep impression has been made upon the European powers, who can no longer afford to blind themselves to the fact that, man to man, the American navy is equal to any in the world. There was no exhibition such as was sneeringly predicted in the European press of weakness in the American fleet, caused by the fact that it was of heterogeneous composition.

It is safe to say that after the battle at Manila the European powers will conclude that the American flag always floats over an American crew, regardless of the nativity or racial descent of the men who fight the guns. The impression produced is likely to deter the European powers from hasty intervention, and the present indications are that we shall be left to settle our affairs with Spain at our own pleasure, always providing we do not get involved in the eastern question through obtaining possession of the Philippines.

THE ACT OF AN ENEMY.

Illinois Militiamen Narrowly Escape Being Blown to Pieces by a Package of Dynamite.

Springfield, Ill., May 4.—Experts who have examined the contents of a package found in one of the company's boxes of the Third infantry, Illinois national guard, pronounce it undoubtedly dynamite. A rigid examination was made yesterday of all equipment and baggage in the exposition building, where the regiment is quartered, but nothing else suspicious was discovered.

Investigation has so far disclosed no clue as to the identity of the person who placed the infernal thing. Besides the Third infantry, the Sixth regiment is also quartered in the building, 2,000 men in all. Many of the men believe they narrowly escaped the fate of the sailors of the Maine.

Gen. Barkley, commanding the camp, held a conference with his officers regarding the matter. As a result of the conference guards have been placed at every door and other entrance to the buildings, and only persons having passes are allowed to enter.

Cannot Borrow a Peseta.

Washington, May 3.—Spain's financial condition is a matter for worry in Madrid, and a matter of satisfaction in Washington. Official information has reached the state department from its representatives in Europe that, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts made by the Sagasta ministry to negotiate a loan, absolute failure has been the result. Furthermore, the officials have been informed that Spain can get no credit, although she has endeavored to buy supplies on time. This information is of the utmost importance, and the poverty of Spain will undoubtedly have a great effect in hastening the end of the war.

Their Troubles Multiply.

New York, May 3.—A dispatch to the World from London says: H. W. Harrison, commercial attache of the British embassy at Madrid, reports to the foreign office: "Statistics of the trade of Spain show that trade is depressed by difficulties and dread of the future. Manufacturers, merchants, workmen, all suffer directly from the troubles of their country, and accumulations of misfortune exercise a national influence on commerce."

Tornado Kills 13 Persons.

Humansville, Mo., May 3.—At Jerico, in Cedar county, 20 miles from this place, a tornado killed 13 persons outright and fatally injured five or six more. The Methodist church and several other houses were totally destroyed. Twelve houses were blown over at Walnut Grove, 25 miles south of here, and one lady fatally injured.

The Yale Goes on a Cruise.

New York, May 3.—The steamship Yale, formerly the Paris, left her dock last night under sealed orders. The Yale carried a full supply of stores for an extended cruise and had 5,000 tons of coal aboard.

GLASS SKATES.

They Are the Latest Feature in Ice Rinks This Winter.

The newest feature of interest in the New York ice rinks is the use of glass skates. It is found that skates with glass runners are far better, both for speed and ease in gliding for pleasure, than are the skates with metal runners, and several pairs are now being used in one of the metropolitan rinks.

The inventor has succeeded in reducing the glass to a hardness that insures an edge which practically never becomes blunt. The tempering process remains a secret, but it is a fact that severe contact with hard ice does not fracture the glass. To look at these skates one would not suppose they were made of anything else than metal, for the runners are always colored in order to disguise the substance of which they are made. The coloring process is arbitrary, and tints in the case of ladies' skates are always made to correspond with the colors of the wearer's costume. The runners of these glass skates are attached directly to an especially made shoe which lies from the heel up the back. The combination not only gives a skate which is perfectly easy in motion, but the high shoe stiffens the ankle to an extent which greatly aids in the enjoyment and adds to the safety of the exercise.

COULD NOT BE DONE.

It Was Utterly Impossible for That Boy to Respect His Father's Gray Hairs.

"Boys," began the Sunday school superintendent, impressively, "I hope none of you will ever get into the reprehensible habit of alluding to your father as 'the old man.' When you grow up, no matter how big or old you may be, you should always look up to and respect the silver hairs of your father, who has grown bent and gray working for you in your helpless infancy. Now, all of you who think you can do this please raise your right hands."

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"Why not, sonny?" "Cause he ain't liable to have no gray hair. Dad's bald," chirped the youthful philosopher, triumphantly, and amid a general titter the discomfited superintendent gave it up and passed on to something else.—Tit-Bits.

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Fabulous Wealth.

The "incalculable mineral wealth" of newly found mining regions largely run by syndicates and promoted by transportation companies is in too many instances really a fable. The products of industry in legitimate fields of enterprise nearer home are far surer and promise more stable rewards. No one will go unrewarded in the matter of improved health who uses regularly Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, &c.

Course Bad Brutal.

History states that a certain Roman official of some importance was killed one day by a falling tile while indulging in a parade. A young man of the family of Hur was charged with his death and brought into court. The judge, after hearing the case, turned to the prisoner and said: "I sentence you to the mines for life." "To the mines?" echoed Ben Hur. "Yes, to the mines," retorted the facetious magistrate; "there are great mining facilities on the Mediterranean. You will find all the ore you want in the galleys." At this brutal jest it is said an attorney for the prosecution laughed long and loud, but Ben Hur saw no joke in the galleys—he was not a prisoner.—Detroit Free Press.

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