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**EDITORIAL**

**CAN'T RUB IT OUT.**

This year republican, democratic, prohibition and all other kinds of people—who are engaged in farming, will go to political meetings. At these places they will hear much about "primary money," "intrinsic value," "legal tender," "demonetization," "subsidiary coin," "sound money" and such like. Great orators, big men and little men with much to say, will tell you of different highroads to prosperity and happiness. They will quote figures to you that are in the millions and billions, until the intellect becomes confused. Compilations of statistics from all sources will be heaped upon you until the mind becomes dazed and confused, lost in the great mass of argument and meaningless figures. That has been the experience of many farmers and others who have attempted to make a journey through the great and varied labyrinth of monetary science and investigation. Like a weary worn traveler, lost in the forest, they frequently keep on and on in their exploration and finally come back to the original starting point, dazed and confused.

For all such we wish to give a few suggestions, which may serve as pointers to direct them through the present campaign, so that they may arrive at a clear understanding of their position and gain an idea as to what will serve their best interests when they come to vote in November:

1ST. This is an important election. If it were not, the public would not be so intensely excited. If large interests were not at stake, there would not be such a struggle.

2ND. The proposition is to have the free coinage of silver, as well as gold. That means that we favor the use of both metals as primary money, which would give us more money in circulation. When money is plenty the credit system disappears and a cash basis follows. That means less failures. More money in circulation means higher prices. With a rising market everybody is eager to invest. Activity follows in all lines of business, and employment for workingmen follows. And the more men employed the higher will be their wages.

3RD. Every reader of this paper will know, from experience, that we have been on a declining market. Money has been scarce, prices of everything have been going down and down. Laboringmen can hardly secure employment at living wages. There is more idleness among our industrial enterprises than was ever known. There are more mortgaged farms in Centre county than ever heretofore. Farmers are discontented because they become poorer and poorer each year from raising 60 cent wheat, 30 cent corn, 15 cent oats, 12 cent potatoes and other products at similar prices.

4TH. Our statesman have argued, discussed and "cussed" the tariff. We have had high tariff and a reduction in the tariff, but the situation keeps growing more deplorable. We have experimented in that line, but it does not seem to go to the root of the evil. Something else must be wrong.

5TH. From the foundation of the government until 1873, we had the same money laws—the free coinage of gold and silver. After that we demonetized silver, which left only gold as our primary money. Since then we had bad silver legislation (not free coinage) which almost depleted the treasury and caused the panic of '92 and left us at the mercy of the bankers on Wall street, who skinned the government continually by con-



THEY'RE OFF!  
 —Rocky Mountain News.

**OUT FOR BRYAN.**

On Saturday The Bituminous Record, of Phillipsburg, boisted its colors for Bryan and free silver. This paper is published in the interest of the miners and labor organizations in the bituminous coal regions and circulates largely among those people. That it speaks the sentiment of the miners and laboringmen is evident. It insists that free silver coinage is the only hope of the country from the present depression, and urges all its readers to vote for their emancipation from the money kings of the country.

The following are a few extracts from the last issue that are significant:  
 "In his speech Friday evening last Republican county chairman Gray opened with the declaration 'that Bryan, that Nebraska blatherskite had forced the Republican party to abandon the tariff issue and discuss the more important question of money.' Give us argument, gentlemen, or else confess you are already defeated."  
 (The above gives our readers an idea of the calibre of Mr. Gray. Common decency and courtesy would not permit such gross language. The reader can judge for himself who is, and who is not a "blatherskite," from the above.—Ed. DEMOCRAT.)

"Col. Spangler began his campaign only last week, and already Arnold is sick—too sick to have filled several engagements he had to speak in this section. What will his condition be in November?"  
 "The bankers say we must have confidence. The laboring men say we want more money and more work. Suppose we split the difference and let the bankers have the confidence and let labor have more work, and more money."

"Mark Hannah is a labor-organization crusher, and that's what's the matter with Hannah, and let no workingman forget it."  
 "Five weeks ago the Record made the promise that in this campaign it would support that party whose principles it adopted gave the most assurance of bringing a return of confidence and restoring prosperity. We now say, that the only party which promises necessary legislation in the matter of finance and in other almost equally important matters, is the party which placed Bryan and Sewall in nomination, and to that party we pledge the hearty support of this paper."

It is from labor centres and farming districts that Bryan will receive his support. The "Record" is only an indication of what is coming. Laboringmen, get in line.

REPUBLICAN orators can learn a good lesson from Judge Furst's experience at the Grange Picnic. It don't pay to deceive the public. It will prove a boomerang.

BILLY GRAY and his Grange picnic adventure, on Thursday evening, has caused many republicans to swear violently. They did not pity Judge Furst, but it injured their prospects in the county considerably.

**"CALLED DOWN AGAIN"**

Our contemporary, the Gazette, is rapidly attaining a reputation for unreliability that is indeed undesirable. Whether it is due to carelessness or wilful cussedness we cannot say. Almost every week it contains some gross misrepresentation. The last issue of the Millheim Journal puts a bad eye on the Gazette in the following:  
 "One of the abominable features of the campaign is the distortion and misrepresentation (commonly called lie) which certain republican papers resort to, likely for want of better material. We notice in last week's Bellefonte Gazette an article headed 'Spangler and Free Coinage,' in which Harter, the editor, makes Millheim Journal say what it never said. Whether the article was clipped from some other paper and erroneously credited to the Journal, or whether it was the Gazette's own fabrication we do not know. But we do know that the sentiments expressed therein were never written or published by us, nor do they represent the democracy in this end of the county in their proper light. Will the editor of the Gazette be manly and fair enough to confine himself to the truth and make a retraction?"

"As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war."—Abraham Lincoln.

**THAT 8 MILLION LIE.**

Major McKinley says in his letter of acceptance that prior to 1873 "there had been much less than nine millions of silver dollars coined in the entire history of the United States, a period of 89 years"

If the distinguished gentleman means silver that was coined into dollars, the statement is one of fact, but if he seeks to make the impression that this was all the silver used as money, as many Republican speakers try to do, then his statement is misleading, and is far from truth as all understand the facts.

There was, in addition, to the sum he names, about \$76,000,000 of silver in subsidiary coins—25 cents, 50 cents and smaller pieces—which prior to 1853 were legal tender.

The following table, furnished by the Treasury department, (circular 123) shows the silver coinage prior to 1853, all of which was legal tender in unlimited amounts.

Coinage of silver coins, denominations, from 1792 to 1853:

Denominations.	1792 to 1853.
Dollars.....	2,506,890 00
Total dollars.....	2,506,890 00
Half dollars.....	66,280,640 50
Quarter dollars.....	3,994,040 50
Dimes.....	3,899,230 10
Half dimes.....	1,835,126 40
Three-cent pieces.....	744,927 00
Total subsidiary.....	\$76,734,964 50
Total silver 1792-1853.....	\$79,241,854 50
Dollars coined 1853-1873.....	5,524,348 00
Total.....	\$84,766,202 50

By various acts of congress the foreign coins from Mexico, Spain, South America, all were made a full legal tender and large amounts of these were in circulation, and served the same capacity as our own coined silver. They were in actual circulation and doing the same functions of money. The amount of this silver can not be accurately ascertained. But taking the various estimates of political economists and statisticians it is safe to estimate that it was at least over \$100,000,000. Most of this coin came from Mexico through the war, and was in circulation in the territory acquired from them.

Adding together the..... \$84,000,000  
 And the foreign coin(over)..... 100,000,000  
 \$184,000,000

We had about \$200,000,000 of full legal tender silver in the country prior to 1873. If we say legal tender money it means 200 million, instead of about 8 or 9.

This is one of the untruths that Judge Furst gave out at the Grange picnic, and upon which he was shown up as attempting to impose upon his audience, or was ignorant of his subject. Other republican orators are peddling and preaching the same doctrine and statements as McKinley. Some of them never were suspected of knowing any better, others are of known, vicious disposition to deceive.

Thus far the Gazette has not had the manly fairness to tell its readers that the article published in the "Lobdon Financial News" saying that free silver would injure England, and reprinted in this paper, was genuine. It pronounced the article a complete fabrication and said democratic papers should retract. The Gazette knows it was wrong, the proof was given them. Will they tell the truth about this matter?

Three of a Kind.  
 The republican party is getting some notable accessions to its ranks this year. The announcement that Herr Most, anarchist, is for McKinley, is followed by the story of how Li Hung Chang, the most powerful monopolist in the world, is also for the Canton man. These valuable recruits should bring much joy to the heart of Commander-in-chief Hanna.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS.  
 Dr. M. Salm, the well-known specialist, who has succeeded in effecting so many wonderful cures in this and surrounding counties, will be in Bellefonte, at the Brockerhoff House, on Saturday, October 3, and at Centre Hall, at Ruhl's Hotel, Monday, October 5, and every four weeks thereafter on the same days. Those suffering from any kind of Chronic, Private or Nervous Disease, Catarrh, etc., had better call on him on the above days. Consultation and examination free.

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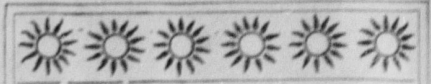
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