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EDITORIAL

THE SUPREME ISSUE.

In a few weeks the American people will go to the polls and decide the issues that are now dividing them. The most conspicuous of these issues, the one about which there is more writing and talking than about all others, is the money question. But important as that question is, there is another incalculably deeper moment to this Republic. The supreme issue before the people is this:

Shall this nation be ruled by its money or by its men?
On the one side we have McKinley, backed by the concentrated wealth of the country. Every trust on which class legislation in the interest of the rich and influential confers the privilege of taxing the masses for private profit; every syndicate that has made, or hopes to make, millions by raiding the Treasury of the United States; every combination of capital that sees gain to itself in the contraction of the currency; every rich man who has come to think that the Government should be run for the benefit of himself and others like him—every one of these elements is striving for the success of the Republican candidate. The accumulated wealth of the country is working by every means, fair and foul, for the election of McKinley.

On the other side we have Bryan, whose only strength is his cause and himself. His appeal is straight to the people on the principles for which he stands. He asks no quarter from the trusts. He defies selfish wealth and challenges it to exert to the utmost its power to corrupt, to coerce and to confuse the issues by controlling the voice of the press. He begs for no man's vote who does not think it best for the country to give it to him. He urges the people to study the questions at issue and then vote as their knowledge directs. His is a brave, a frank, a rational, a manly and a truly American appeal.

Bryan speaks for the welfare of the industrious many; McKinley for the welfare of the opulent few.
Is there a thoughtful man in the whole United States who does not know that the greatest danger which is threatening this Republic is the steadily growing power of conscienceless money? Does not every thoughtful man feel that unless the grip of wealth upon our Government shall be loosened we must ultimately have a Republic in name and an oligarchy in fact?

Citizens equally honest differ sincerely on the currency question. Silver men think the single gold standard a potent cause of our industrial distress; gold men think that bimetalism would increase rather than lessen that distress. But honest Americans should be agreed in believing that a Presidential election carried by the trusts and syndicates, under the leadership of Mark Hanna, would be immeasurably more disastrous and dishonoring to the United States than the retention or introduction of any monetary system.

Four weeks from to-day every citizen before he goes to the ballot box will, if he be intelligent and patriotic, ask himself the vital question:
"Shall I vote for government by men, or for government by money?"—Journal.

PENSIONING of judges, increasing salaries, creating useless public offices, passing favored legislation and voting away large sums of money is the record of infamy left by the last legislature. In this Womelsdorf and Curtin always played their part. Should they be returned? We think not.

SET OF ANARCHISTS.

"We believe that we have a right to express a desire for an income tax; we believe that we have a right to express a hope that a future court will undo what the present court has done. (Applause). And in our expressing that desire we were not subjecting ourselves to any just criticism.

THAT INCOME TAX DECISION.
Let me show you what has been said in regard to that decision, and then I will tell you the name of the "Anarchist" who said it. Here is what some one has said:

The practical effect of the decision to-day is to give to certain kinds of property the position of favoritism and advantage inconsistent with the fundamental principles of our social organization, and to invest them with power and influence that may be perilous to that portion of the American people upon whom rests the larger part of the burdens of government, and who ought not to be subject to the dominion of aggregate wealth any more than the property of the country should be at the mercy of the lawless.

What man was it, do you suppose, said that the people "ought not to be subject to the dominion of aggregate wealth"? What "Anarchist" do you suppose that was? A republican judge of the Supreme Court and his name is Harlan! (Applause.)

Nothing in our platform is more severe than that, and yet, that is the language of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court in criticizing the decision of that court rendered by a majority of one. Let me read again:

"While I have no doubt that Congress will find some means of surmounting the present crisis, my fear is that in some moment of national peril this decision will rise up to frustrate its will and paralyze its arm. I hope it may not prove the first step toward the submergence of the liberties of the people in a sordid despotism of wealth."

A REPUBLICAN DANIEL.

Who is it that fears a submergence of the liberties of the people in a sordid despotism of wealth? What "Anarchist" said this? These are the words of a republican member of the Supreme Court of the United States—Justice Brown, in criticizing the decision of the Supreme Court! (Great applause.)

More than that, he added these words: "As I cannot escape the conviction that the decision of the court in this great case is fraught with immeasurable danger to the future of the country, and that it approaches the proportions of a national calamity, I feel it a duty to enter my protest against it."

If two republicans of that court can use the language which I have quoted against that decision, certainly the democratic party has a right to express the hope that some future court will go back to the precedents of a hundred years and refuse to be bound by an opinion rendered by a majority of one. (Great applause.)

So that, if our opponents are not willing to meet us on the money question, and desire to turn the fight on the income tax, I am willing to array the patriotism of the great masses of the people who are overtaxed against the patriotism of the few men of large wealth who enjoy the protection of government and yet refuse to bear its burdens.—From Bryan's speech, Oct. 3."

CENTRE COUNTY has been in good hands under a democratic board of commissioners. Economy is the watchword. Let it continue under Heckman and Meyer.

SOME of the students at Penna State College, regardless of politics, played horse with the political orators, on Saturday evening. College towns don't seem to take kindly to the money orators.

It pays for a farmer to take an active part in politics when an issue is before the public, by which his condition may be bettered. Every farmer should give the free silver question his serious study, and then vote for what he considers his best interests.

THE CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

We were promised at the close of the National Conventions that this should be a campaign of education. How is this?—Mr. Bourke Cockran, a member of Congress from N. Y. City, in his speech in Madison Square Garden, Aug 18th in alluding to the friends of free silver in the West declared them a set of "Professional farmers who labor with their jaws." And a little farther on in the same address referring to the South, which sent solid silver delegations to Chicago, he denounced them as "Unreconciled Slave holders who would like to pay no wages."

Hon. Marriott Brosius, M. C. from Lancaster County, Pa., in addressing an intelligent assembly of Pennsylvania Farmers at Mt. Gretna, Aug 20th is reported as saying, "Farmers don't understand this question. They are influenced by the Silver Kings and are mere idiots as to the proposition of free silver. The ultimate end must be that products of all industry must come down and labor go up so that people could labor less hours and have more recreation and a higher intelligence."

We confess we do not take to this style of education. Do you? Does it convince you, farmers, that free silver will ruin you? It don't us! If farmers are "mere idiots" they understand it requires twice as much wheat to buy a dollar as it did formerly.

A NOBLE APPEAL.

The State Executive committee, of N. Y. have issued the following address and it appeals to the nobler sentiments of all patriotic citizens:

Your party has been deserted by the men whom you have raised to prominence. Your treasury is empty and you and the interests of the great mass of your fellow citizens stand face to face with the tremendous money power, bent upon accomplishing by any and all means the perpetuation of unfair and dishonest privilege.

It is the people's fight! They must depend upon their own resources! It is the hour for those who love free institutions to come to the front. Victory can only be won by education, and there is need of educators.

A weak cause must be bolstered by expenditures. A bad cause can be won only by lavish payment. The people's cause should be won by the people themselves.

The example of our great leader, going without rest, untiring, fighting by night and day, what is, after all, our battle and our children's battle, should furnish supreme inspiration to every unselfish man. Not to men only, but women; not a man or woman but can render some service.

Those who have at heart the principles endangered in this contest must rise to the necessity of individual action to render futile the far-reaching organization of the trusts.

Who is it that we have against us? The world's monopolists, English and Americans, have united to make a campaign, the like of which has never been known.

On the one side stands every great trust that seeks those unfair, special privileges which can be obtained by the control of the Government. In their front is the great house of the Rothschilds, with its untold millions of capital, which, for more than half a century, has so dictated the financial legislation of Europe that the accumulated property enables it to rule nations.

DICTATING NOMINATIONS.

Behind come the railway companies, so many of which have been used as tollgates for the private gain of those in personal control. Shoulder to shoulder stand the telegraph and express companies, rather private perquisites than public carriers, whose leaders, grown bold with long successes, stand forward as acknowledged political bosses, not only preventing the extension of the postal service, but dictating nominations to the presidency itself.

Then the long list of insurance companies, mortgage companies and banks who are either officered directly by members of the great trusts, or are indirectly controlled by them.

Then the host of lesser city and country banks, who are in a measure dependent upon the great metropolitan banks, from whom they borrow in time of emergency and in acknowledgment, stand ready to take up any hue and cry their patrons may start.

Then a vast army of merchants and manufacturers, who see themselves threatened by the banks with the cutting off of those credits upon which the conduct of their business depends, if they do not give assent to the doctrines which are called by those, in highest financial authority, "sound" and "honest" and "opposed to repudiation."

A DANGEROUS ARMY.

Finally come those who are anxious for the good opinion of the rich, for social reasons; or are connected with them in confidential relations; or expect donations for religious or educational or charitable purposes; or are too slothful to inquire into the motives back of the gold declarations; or too careless to feel an interest in their Government; or to selfish to care what misfortunes befall their fellow men. Add to these, those who can be bought outright, and you have an army dangerous to free institutions.

Supporting these is a splendidly equipped daily press of the country, which is controlled directly or indirectly by the moneyed interests; and the ablest talent of the cities, consisting of bright attorneys, railway officials, corporation officers and professional ability of all kinds, including even some few ministers of the Gospel, whose loud outcry in the interest of "honest money" shows them not averse to pleasing their rich benefactors and obtaining notoriety at a single stroke.

Our opponents have, with the utmost effrontery, dressed their motives in the guise of virtue, appropriated to themselves all known symbols of honesty, defiled our national flag by using it as an emblem of monopoly, and unscrupulously sought to destroy the defenders of free institutions by applying to them the vilest epithets.

BRYAN STANDS ALONE!

What a tremendous array of the powerful! Let no one miscalculate its strength! And on the other side, a single intrepid leader, followed by those who are willing to sacrifice time, reputation and worldly advantage in behalf of the Republic.

If the trusts and their legions fail of their purpose, it will only be because the intelligence of the people is superior to the endless deception attempted to be practiced upon them! It will only be because after years of patient endurance the people are at last aroused to the fact that prosperity can only be obtained by defeating the combinations

which have so long possession of our Government.

Let us not underestimate those determined foes to our Republic and to the rights of men. They have at their call every loving of human action, except one—the love of liberty. They have seduced orators; they have intimidated business men who are compelled to borrow money; they have hired the employees of commerce; they have sought to scare or bribe workmen! They call "sound" that which is dishonest, in its power to rob. They use cries of "honesty" to cloak schemes of spoliation. They call those "repudiators" who would provide a safe, honest and sufficient currency, with which to conduct the business of the country and save its industries from bankruptcy.

FOR A REAL REPUBLIC.

This is a conflict between the powers of good and evil, so far reaching in its consequences that the happiness of our youngest children will be influenced to their dying days. It is a conflict between those who, on the one side, despise government by the people, having the purpose to substitute a strong central power for the Republic designed by Jefferson, and those who would uphold that government.

Nor is this merely an American contest. It is a fight to the death, upon which depends the happiness or unhappiness of the downtrodden world over. If we fail, selfishness will be rampant and human rights will be trampled under the heel of brute strength. If we win, "a new era of political economy will dawn which will perform as well as promise," which will give equal laws and exact justice and put a curb upon the greed of those whose rapacity seems without bounds. If we win, the world republic will take on a new significance, and we shall be an example to the peoples of the world, who are to-day groaning under oppression.

SCHOFIELD and Foster will be sent to Harrisburg. We have had enough of Womelsdorf and Curtin in the last legislature. The people will not approve such extravagance.

EVERY man who believes in free silver should vote for Col. Spangler for Congress. Bryan will be elected and must have a congress that is in harmony with him. Vote for Spangler.

PALMER ONCE FOR SILVER.

It is a curious coincidence that both McKinley and Palmer, who are running on gold platforms, were outspoken advocates of free coinage. McKinley's record in favor of free coinage is well known.

That of General Palmer is coming to light. On March 11, 1878, he wrote a letter to George Baber, which was published in the Louisville (Ky.) News on March 19, 1878, and later in the Illinois State Register, whose columns at the time were under General Palmer's control, in which he said on that question:

"My financial theories demand the free coinage of gold and silver by the United States, and the divorce of Congress and the Treasury from the control of currency."

DEMOCRATIC economy is what the tax payers want. Vote for Heckman and Meyer for commissioner.

If the people elect Mm. M. Cronister sheriff of Centre county, they will have a man who can fill the office in an acceptable manner. Efficient public servants are needed. The people should remember that point.

SOME of our republican friends are industriously circulating a number of small silly falsehoods about Mr. Cronister, the candidate for sheriff that are too insignificant for refutation. Certain vicious persons are trying to circulate a falsehood to prejudice a religious element, also. This certainly is contemptable and we do hope that no sensible person will give it any serious consideration.

It is very important for every free silver advocate to go to the election this year. While this state is considered republican, we should not fail to elect a free silver congressman from this district. Remember it requires a free silver congress and senate, as well as president to accomplish the reform. For that reason the election of Col. Spangler, from this district, is highly important.

Defective Sidewalks.

The complaint as penned in the following from Brookville Republican, can be made with equal force of a similar condition of affairs in this city.
The case of Harry Evans vs. the borough of Brookville, concluded in the common pleas court this week, imposes the burden \$1,000 on the taxpayers of our town, the third case of the kind within recent years, because of defective sidewalks. We believe it safe to say that there are to-day scores of places on side walks of our streets in a worse condition than where the plaintiff in this case was injured, and where accidents are possible any day, and the question that now arises is, are our town fathers going to permit this condition to exist, running the risk of being compelled from time to time to pay large awards of damages?

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The above is from the famous Hornet.

Not True.

The report that the Rev. G. P. Sarvis had died at his home in Fulton county, is not correct. He had been seriously ill for some time.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

cured. Mrs. N. E. Whitney, of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., was told by her physicians that she was in the last stages of Bright's disease. Receiving no benefit from them she was then used and she gained daily, and soon after doing her household work. She declares Favorite Remedy restored her to health and strength. All kidney, urinary troubles, rheumatism and dyspepsia, are cured by Favorite Remedy.

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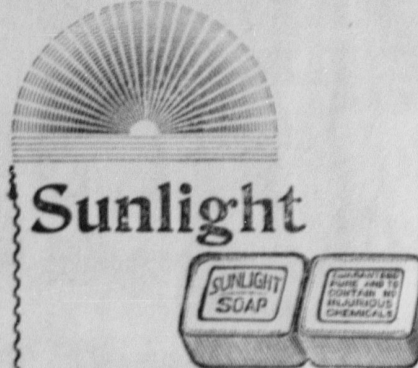
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