

BRYAN'S SPEECH.

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standard to be good and a ticket was nominated on that platform and every man who believed that the gold standard was a good thing had a chance to go to the polls and register his desire, and so they tumbled over one another to get a chance to declare that the gold standard was a good thing that they actually polled 1 per cent. of the vote of the United States. (Applause and laughter.)

Called it a blessing. The bolting Democratic party was the only party that ever in the history of the United States declared the gold standard to be a blessing, that is, did it in a national convention—the only party that in all our history has ever advocated the gold standard upon its merits. I don't like to take from them any of the little credit that they may claim, but I want to suggest to you that even the bolting Democrats didn't find a good thing that the gold standard was until after they had left the Chicago convention. In the Chicago convention the men who afterwards formed the Indianapolis convention signed a minority report, and in that minority report they were pleading for international bimetalism. They were saying that every effort should be directed towards securing international bimetalism, and they opposed the free coinage for fear it would prevent international bimetalism. Now, my friends, I will leave it to you to decide whether the men who declared for the gold standard at Indianapolis were in favor of the gold standard at Chicago, then they deliberately tried to practice a fraud on the rest of the convention when they said they were in favor of international bimetalism, and said that they were afraid that the free coinage would prevent it. So, you can take your choice: you can either decide that they were for international bimetalism at Indianapolis, or they were opposed to the gold standard at Chicago, or you can decide that they were for the gold standard at Chicago, but were practicing deception upon their brethren. Now, my friends, that is the history of the political parties. Why, there is no center to the gold standard sentiment in this country if you can take the votes cast for the bolting Democratic ticket, because they only carried one precinct in the United States. (Laughter.) The only party that ever declared the gold standard to be a blessing, carried just one precinct in all the Union, and that was in western Kansas, and there were only six votes in the precinct, and they only got three out of the six. (Loud applause and laughter.)

But my friends, I am not going to stop here. (Cries of "No go on.") I want to say harder things than that against the gold standard. (Cries of "Hit 'em again.") You can say what you want against the gold standard—it is the one thing in American politics that you can kick without fear of anybody standing up to defend it—it is the yellow dog—it is nobody's dog. (Applause and laughter.)

Now, some might say that the Republican party adopted its platform just to catch votes; but I am not going to allow you to get out on that kind of an argument, because after the election was over and you had caught the vote, Mr. McKinley asked a party to send a commission across the ocean to carry out the platform. And now, my friends, if that was put in there just to catch votes, then it ought to have been dropped when the votes were caught; but the first thing that Mr. McKinley did was to sit down, take his pen in hand and write out and sign a confession that the gold standard was a curse, and that we ought to get rid of it as soon, as quickly as possible. (Applause.) His message is a matter of record. Why would he have asked congress to authorize him to send a commission to Europe to ask Europe to help us get rid of the gold standard, if it was a good thing for the people of the United States? (Applause.) No man can claim to be a Republican and declare that the gold standard is a blessing without going against the administration, because the administration is doing all it can to bring bimetalism about by international agreement; that is one part of the administration.

But now there may have been some who have been disappointed in their desire for office, who would lay the blame on Mr. McKinley. There is no reason why I should defend him except I want to see justice done, and you disappointed Republicans shall not make Mr. McKinley the scapegoat. I want to tell you that he is carrying out not only the platform, but he is carrying out the ideas of your Republican congress, because the Republican congress, with scarce a dissenting voice, appropriated \$10,000,000 of the people's money to pay the expenses of a commission while it was going through Europe, crying "Help! help!" (Applause.) Do you Republicans believe that your congress would squander \$10,000,000 of the hard earned money of the people, trying to get rid of a thing they wanted to keep? Oh, no, my friends. Why would the Republican party try to get rid of it if it is a blessing; why would a president, elected by the Republican party, send a commission abroad to get rid of the gold standard if it is a blessing; why would a Republican congress appropriate the people's money to pay for the expenses of a commission in trying to get rid of the gold standard, if the gold standard is a blessing?

of international bimetalism met with the solid opposition of the British financiers. And then what? We waited and listened and finally, on the 22nd day of September, they had a meeting in the clearing house. The London bankers met, so few of them that they could meet in a clearing house, and they pledged themselves to secrecy and passed a resolution protesting against any concessions to bimetalism. And then in a little while the English government decided that they could not accept any of the plans offered by our commission and one of our commissioners—I believe they have all come home. My friends, I want you to remember that the sending of a commission abroad was a confession that the gold standard is bad; that France's cooperation was an admission that she suffered from the gold standard and that the fact that the laborers, the farmers, and the manufacturers of England joined in asking for bimetalism is evidence that they have suffered from the gold standard. But the financiers say that the gold standard is all right.

TO EUROPE FOR FINANCES. Republicans, last year, the Republican party declared that the control of our finances must be transferred from the United States to Europe. The Republican party declared that we must maintain a system that we didn't want until the leading commercial nations of Europe should join us in abandoning it—didn't attempt to defend the gold standard, but that we must have it as long, not as we wanted it, but as long as other nations wanted us to have it. The Republican party proposes to surrender control of all our finances into the hands of Europe, and Europe turned the matter over to England and England turned it over to the bankers and the bankers met behind closed doors and decided that it would not be a good thing for us to have bimetalism. (Laughter and applause.)

I believe that Republicans love their country and I believe they love their children, and I want to ask the Republicans what you think of the demand that this nation shall submit to the gold standard, not because we want it, but because a handful of financiers demand that we shall have it whether we want it or not. My friends, I was called hard names a year ago or more. Every name that sounded harsh all the way down to anarchist, was employed. Well, it didn't bother me because I knew that names wouldn't necessarily make me one thing or another, and I didn't worry about names, but I want to say to you that there is no name so harsh that it can be applied to me and even to the least degree change my fixed purpose to do whatever in me lies to prevent a handful of English bankers from meeting behind closed doors to determine the future of this, the greatest nation on God's green earth. (Loud and prolonged applause.) I don't profess to love my children better than a Republican loves his children, but I believe that those who determine our financial policy determine the condition that shall surround your children and mine when we are gone, and I shall not transfer from my own shoulders to a handful of foreign financiers the duty of determining the conditions that shall surround my children as long as I can prevent it. (Loud applause.) That is the condition in which we find ourselves now.

GETS AFTER SECRETARY GAZE. Ninety-nine per cent. of the people protest against the gold standard, and yet a secretary of the treasury, saying that his first purpose is to commit the government more thoroughly to a policy that 99 per cent. of the people cry out against as unjust and destructive. (Applause.) My friends, I want you who have been deluded by the phrases employed to ask yourselves whether there is any good defense for a gold standard if that defense has not made itself apparent to more than 1 per cent. of the people of the United States, and yet I find the Republican party on the charge that it is not only trying to surrender the control of our primary money into the hands of foreign financiers, but adding to that, it proposes to turn over the control of our paper money to national banks to run in their interests instead of in the interest of the people of the United States. (Applause.) The secretary of the treasury is planning not only to commit this nation more thoroughly to the gold standard, but he is planning to drive the government out of the issue of any paper money and turn that over to the national banks to do as they please with it for their own good.

My friends, what I say against the financier, I say against every other class of people. God never made one class of people so good that it could be trusted with a right to expand and contract a nation's money. (Applause.) He never created one class of people so wise that that class could safely be entrusted with so enormous a power as that which is asked by the national banks of this country. (Applause.)

A FAW MEN DO IT. You are called to meet these questions; you are called to think about them, I want to tell you that not only is the policy of the English government dictated by a handful of financiers, who meet in secret, but that the financial policy of this nation is being determined by a handful of the American people regardless of the rights and interest of all the rest of the people. (Applause.) Why, my friends, it was not six months after 99 per cent. of the people had declared at the polls for bimetalism, that the bankers met in the city of Minneapolis and adopted resolutions, declaring, first, that the gold standard should be permanently maintained, and, second, that the government should retire from the business of issuing paper money, and that the bankers should be permitted to control it. In spite of the protest of 99 per cent. of the people, these financiers had the audacity to declare that the gold standard must be made perpetual. Six millions and a half of people voted against the retirement of the greenbacks and the Republican platform never contained one single mention of the retirement of the greenbacks. Six millions and a half of people protesting openly against the retirement of the greenbacks, and seven millions supporting a platform that contained no mention of the subject, and only one platform that referred to the retirement of the greenbacks with approval, and that was supported by one per cent. of the people of the United States. Not only did the Republican party not mention the retirement of the greenbacks in its platform, but the candidate who ran on that platform, expressly stated in his letter of acceptance that the Republican party would keep all the gold and all the silver and gold money now included in the currency of this country, and yet, in spite of the open protest of six and a half millions of people, in spite of the silence of the Republican platform, in spite of the promise of the Republican candidate, a Republican secretary of the treasury is planning to retire the greenbacks because the bankers met at Indianapolis and demanded that it should be done. (Applause.)

IT IS NOT ANCIENT HISTORY. Now, my friends, this is not ancient history. (Applause.) This is something that is going on right now. Here is an attempt that is before you, and but for the result of the election of 1897 I have no doubt that a bill to retire the greenbacks would have passed the lower house as asked by the secretary of the treasury; but the people had something to say last fall, and ever since the election I have noticed that some Republicans are saying that it is better not to stir up the money question any more right now, until the people get kind of settled a little bit. (Applause.)

I wish I had time to go on with this line but I find that my engagements have been made so numerous today that I have to leave here in a

short time for another engagement and I want to call your attention now to two or three things to show that our cause of a year ago has been vindicated by them. I want to say to you, my friends, that there is not a prominent position taken by the Republicans on the money question in the campaign of 1898 that has not now been discussed because events have overtaken them. Why the power still remains, and we had gold enough in the world, and yet it was not long after the election before they began to rejoice at the discovery of gold in Klondike. Think of it, my friends. What right has a Republican to rejoice at the discovery of gold in Klondike? If we had enough gold in the world in 1896 then the discovery of any more would be too much, and yet, these very men who said we had enough gold in 1896, are now rejoicing that we have more than enough since the discovery of gold in Klondike. Who are we to blame? Who are we to blame? Who are we to blame? We are to blame because we wanted more gold found and more silver mined, but the man who said we had gold enough in 1896 has no right to rejoice at the discovery of more.

ON THE "RISING DOLLAR." Not only that, but they said that what you wanted was a dollar that would buy more than it ever bought before, and yet these people were the ones who began to rejoice at the rise in wheat, because then a dollar would buy less wheat than it bought before. (Laughter.) And they even pointed to a rise in price of other things and rejoiced. What right has an advocate of the gold standard to rejoice in a rise in prices? Why, my friends, he has to take his position on one side or the other. If a rising dollar is a good thing, the falling prices must be a blessing, and if rising prices are a blessing, the falling dollar is a curse, and the Republican who now is advocating a rising dollar is advocating a falling dollar. (Loud applause.)

My friends, don't you think that fact proven, and pretty quickly after the election, then they were glad to get on the side of rising prices that they will boast of the rise in wheat even though it required a famine in foreign land to make wheat rise. But, it has confirmed our argument because we said that rising prices would be good, and we insist now that if it is a good thing to have wheat rise, as even the Republicans admit, it is better to have it rise because of the increased volume of money than because of a famine in a foreign land that brings death to millions. And, if it is a good thing to have wheat rise, it is better to have it stay up than to go down, and if it is a good thing for one agricultural product to rise, it is a good thing to have all agricultural products rise, and if the merchants of Minneapolis and St. Paul have found an advantage in the rise of wheat let them understand that bimetalism gives it to them without a famine; and keep it there, not only on wheat, but on other things.

I heard a speech made down in one of the southern states by a gold bug. (Laughter.) He said that whenever he found a man talking in favor of free silver, he found the man, instead of working, sitting down in the shade of a tree, talking politics. "Let the farmers go to work and raise more cotton and then they won't complain of hard times." He went along a little farther and then he explained about the fall of cotton and then he explained that there is an over production in cotton. (Laughter.) And then I thought if there is an over production of cotton when the farmers are sitting under the trees talking politics, what will the result be when they quit talking and go to work. (Applause and laughter.)

Why, you have heard people say, you have heard them say in this community, that the hard times came from extravagance; that people were spending too much. It is not a year ago that a member of the present cabinet explained that the reason why hard times continued was that people were too economical and were not spending enough. (Laughter.) Well, now it is a terrible perplexing thing to have extravagance get people into hard times and to have economy keep them from getting out of hard times. (Laughter.) But, my friends, you will find that those who advocate the gold standard to-day are using arguments diametrically opposed to those which they used a year ago. I was down in another state and a prominent Republican complained:

"Why," he said, "Mr. Bryan insults the intelligence of our people when he comes down here and sings the same song that he sang last year," and I replied that it was just the difference between the advocate of bimetalism and a gold bug. The bimetalist could sing the same song year after year, and the gold bug never sang the same song two years in succession. (Applause.) Why, my friends, you take the arguments which they made a year ago, and compare them with the arguments which they make now, and you will be reminded, as I have been, of the man who was traveling in the mountains. He said that the path was so crooked that he often mistook himself coming back. (Prolonged laughter.) Now, if there are any Republicans here I want to ask them if they are not meeting them, selves coming back? (Great applause and laughter.) And if you ask me why they don't admit it, I will tell you that it is because they are so ashamed of what they said a year ago, that they won't recognize themselves when they meet themselves. (Renewed applause.)

Now, why is it—why is it, that men can thus answer their own arguments and yet stand by the same idea when they came back. It is simply because they have not studied the subject deeply enough to understand the principles which underlie it, or else they are so wedded to party that they believe that party is proper defined as an aggregation of individuals who turn themselves when the leader demands that they shall turn. (Applause.)

The principles that underlie bimetalism are simple and easily understood. If a rising dollar is a good thing, then falling prices must be a blessing. But, everybody knows that falling prices mean hard times, and my body defends hard times. If we are correct in our conclusions, then the increased demand for gold must make gold continually rise and the rise in gold must be manifested by a continuation of falling prices, and it is no answer to the argument that the price of one thing went up, you don't argue that way in other things. What we want is not a rise in the price of one thing, but we want a rise in the general level of prices until the level reaches the bimetallic level, and then we want business done on a level plane. Not on a toboggan slide, as it is today, when the only people that make money

are the people who have money. (Applause.) Bimetalism is proposed because bimetalism adds silver money to gold money. Bimetalism is proposed because the infusion of silver into our currency as a standard money will lessen the strain upon gold and the purchasing power of an ounce of gold will be reduced because the strain is taken off of it and the gold price of an ounce of gold will be raised because of the increased demand for it. And we contend that the increase in the supply of money and the increased demand for silver will bring silver up and gold down until they meet where they were before, and an ounce of silver will be worth \$1.29 in gold here or anywhere in the world, either minted or coined. It is our duty to break the gold monopoly. You tell me we have no right to invoke the law to raise silver, but I reply that they invoked the law to strike silver down. Silver once went to the mint side by side with gold. Why isn't it going today? It is because silver once emerged from the mint equal with gold and was a legal tender for all debts public and private, and now, the limited quantity of silver coined is a legal tender whenever you don't say in your contract that it shall not be.

We insist upon bimetalism, not monometallicism—two metalisms, not one metalism. We insist that the American people, having recorded their desire for the double standard on innumerable occasions, shall now take the matter into their own hands and open their own mints and tell the nations of Europe that they have got as much right to protect their own people as they have to conspire against the welfare of the human race. (Applause.)

"My friends, I wish I had time to talk to you more, and yet, from what I heard of the speech which was delivered before I took the floor, I am satisfied that you have those here who are perfectly competent to present before you any arguments which you need to know. I know that all over this nation there are springing up men capable of discussing this question. Our old leaders deserted us; those whom we trusted, fled, and yet in the precincts and counties throughout the nation new men were raised up, and, my friends, I am willing to pit the man without eloquence of speech who has studied this question until he knows that when one end of a teeter board goes up, that the other goes down—I am willing to pit him against any hired attorney of any corporation or trust and set them before the people as teachers on this great question. Not only has this great question stirred the hearts of the men, but it has stirred the hearts of the women as well, and here in Minneapolis and in other cities they have banded themselves together to do what they can to restore quality before the law. They know that under present conditions trusts are being organized; they know that under present conditions trusts will continue to be organized, and they know that no matter how well they train their sons, that when they start out in life for themselves they may have all their accumulations swept away because some aggregation of wealth desires the business that they have built up, and these mothers know that if this nation is to be such a nation as our fathers founded the government must be taken back and placed upon its foundations, where neither court nor governor nor legislature shall know no difference between the highest and the lowest, the richest and the poorest, but shall stand alike before the law. (Loud and continued applause.)

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