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A GREAT SPEECH.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING AT TOLEDO.

Speech of Secretary Sherman in Reply to Senator Thurman—His Financial Views—Two Dollars of One Kind Should Buy as Much as the Dollar of Another Kind.

TOLEDO, O., August 23.—There was a large meeting of the Republicans in this city this evening to hear Secretary Sherman's reply to Senator Thurman's Hamilton speech. The Secretary began his address by following substantially the following synopsis of the financial part of Thurman's speech:

Fellow-citizens: The question most discussed is the silver question and the resumption question. These are only branches of the currency question, but they present much difficulties in the administration of the Treasury Department and will be mainly the subject of my remarks. The election this fall of members of the House of Representatives will practically settle them. There ought to be no partisan or personal feeling about them, for we are all interested alike in promoting the common good, and in settling upon a sound basis the currency of the country.

In undertaking to address you I will hardly more than imperfectly express my own opinion, but will, while I remain in an executive office, cheerfully and freely obey and execute the judgment of my fellow-citizens as expressed by Congress, or give way to some one who will do so.

What I want is the largest amount of currency, gold or its equivalent, that can be established on the country. From the diversity of our wants we must have many different kinds of money, coin and paper, good or bad, little or much. We must have gold money and silver money, and plenty of both. I care not for the theories that gold money may be of many dollars and silver money of only a few dollars. The essential qualities of gold money are stability, equality and convertibility. The dollar of gold must be the same dollar at all times and places, whether it be a dollar of Germany, France, England or the United States. Silver money must have the same qualities, and paper money, or bank notes, must be made to conform to the same standard, or else there will be a constant fluctuation in the value of property, and a constant loss to the people. Now, the question arises, how can we secure this result? Shall we have a single standard of value, or shall we have two standards? Shall we have gold alone, or gold and silver? Shall we have a currency redeemable in coin, or a currency not redeemable in coin? Shall we have a currency issued by the United States, or a currency issued by the banks? Shall we have a currency of fixed value, or a currency of fluctuating value? These questions are of the highest importance, and involve the welfare of the whole people. Their solution demands the highest wisdom of statesmanship.

Now, fellow-citizens, I am in favor of so adjusting these matters that both metals will circulate as money with each other; that you will have gold eagles and silver dollars, and a dollar of either will produce or command the same commodities or labor the country over. We have the machinery for coining both metals into money of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, and such coinage has always been provided by our laws. The act of 1873 demonetized the silver dollar, but did not change its value, and silver bullion remained practically of equal value with gold. Under this act of 1873 the mints of the United States coined silver dollars to the amount of $8,031,000, and the market value of the silver in these dollars was practically equal to gold. Under the act of January 14, 1875, the Secretary of the Treasury was authorized to coin silver dollars of standard value, and to issue silver certificates in sums not less than $10, receivable for customs, taxes and all public dues, which certificates were to be redeemed in coin on demand. Under this act the Secretary has coined $28,000,000 of silver dollars, and has issued certificates to the amount of $26,000,000. The balance of the coinage, amounting to $2,031,000, is now in the Treasury awaiting the action of Congress. The amount of silver dollars coined under the act of February 28, 1878, to August 1, 1878, is $19,800,000, and the amount of certificates issued thereon is $14,600,000. The total coinage of silver dollars from the passage of the act of 1873 to August 1, 1878, is $57,831,000, and the total amount of silver certificates issued thereon is $40,600,000. The number of gold pieces coined during that period in the United States is 7,710,000. No form of paper money can be profitably issued in place of silver. Gold and silver coin is the only currency which the world has ever devised, but it is not convenient for the transaction of the vast business of a country like ours. It is necessary to have some kind of paper money to make the exchanges of business convenient. The question is, what kind of paper money shall we have? Shall it be issued by the United States, or by the banks? Shall it be redeemable in coin, or not redeemable? Shall it be issued by the United States, and made a legal tender for all debts? Shall it be issued by the banks, and made a legal tender for all debts? Shall it be issued by the United States, and not made a legal tender for any debts? Shall it be issued by the banks, and not made a legal tender for any debts? These questions are of the highest importance, and involve the welfare of the whole people. Their solution demands the highest wisdom of statesmanship.

Now, fellow-citizens, I am in favor of so adjusting these matters that both metals will circulate as money with each other; that you will have gold eagles and silver dollars, and a dollar of either will produce or command the same commodities in any part of the country