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The hoodlum element may howl at Terrence V. Powderly, but the thoughtful voters are with him, and in the long run they count.

The Hand of Welcome.

The letter of John F. Scragg, esq., in another column, giving the reasons why he has decided to identify himself in the future with the Republican party, is a public expression of what has lately become the private thought and purpose of thousands of men formerly active and prominent in the councils and battles of the Democracy. Mr. Scragg takes the whole community into his confidence and permits it to know just how the conversion to which he thus testifies was forced upon him.

In a community like this there ought to be and we have every reason to believe there are very many voters who, in the present political emergency, occupy precisely Mr. Scragg's attitude. The Democracy of Lackawanna county in the main has always been friendly to Protection. It stood with Randall rather than with Frank Hurd. It elected to congress in Mr. Amerman a man who, in his tariff ideas, halted far short of Cleveland, Wilson and Bryan. It has had abundant demonstration during the past three years of the unwisdom of a revenue system which both fails to supply current demands and simultaneously causes much of the manufacturing for the American market to be done abroad.

Democrats of this valley, the men who are in politics for something higher than the spoils of office, any reason to sympathize with the new slogan of free silver. The adoption of this revolutionary financial experiment would bring no benefit to any class of our local citizenship. It would benefit no miner, save the silver miner; help no artisan save the one unwilling to pay his honest debts; and bring to our varied business interests at least confusion and continued uncertainty if not actual bankruptcy and ruin. From no standpoint of self-interest, therefore, does the free coinage proposition appeal to the thoughtful judgment and intelligent favor of those men in this community who, though formerly in affiliation with the Democratic party, yet hold their citizenship free from the dominance of blind partisanism.

If, then, they find themselves, as they do, at variance with their party on the two great issues of present political contention, why should they not, as honest and courageous men, frankly accept the logic of the situation and proceed to align themselves with the party with whose present teachings they are more nearly in accord? The nominee of the Democratic party, Mr. Bryan, has set them the right example. In a speech made more than a year ago at Memphis, he declared in effect that if the Democratic party took a position on the currency issue different from his own he would leave that party. Here is a manly acquiescence in the right and duty of the individual citizen to act in politics in accordance with | ism which it opens between Thacher's his true convictions, regardless of former party affiliations; and Mr. Bryan cannot with fairness object when his own rule of action is put to the test.

Mr. Bryan, being for free trade and free silver, has headed a party which battles for those ends. That it is not the Democratic party of former days, albeit invested by questionable methods with that time-honored title, is shown by the fact that so many eminent and respectable Democrats in all parts of the country refuse to recognize it as such. The Democracy of Lackawanna county, not perhaps as an organization-for that is held together by certain politicians for purposes of their own-but certainly as individuals. regarding parties merely as instruments wherewith to promote the general good, has surely as clear a right to act in the direction of its beliefs as has path." the Democracy of any other section. If Mr. Bryan typifies free trade and ing their support to the candidate of

Protection and sound money. We believe they will do this in large as to its honor. They reverence its seal

numbers in this county; and to all who do Republicans will gladly extend the hand of welcome.

"The chief cause of the trouble the country has been experiencing in the last two or three years," says President Rogers of the Northwestern University, "is due to a want of confidence occasioned by the free silver agitation. Prosperity will return when that specter has been laid to rest. For that reason, although I have been a Democrat in national politics, I expect to vote for Mr. McKinley." Thus speaks the voice of American culture. President Rogers will have plenty of company.

A Menace to Education.

An important point is opportunely brought out by the Times-Herald when it directs attention to the fact that the election of Bryan would in all probability deal a death blow to the educational aspirations of hundreds of thousands of young men and women by closing many small colleges and seriously crippling the big universities. It would produce this unwelcome effect for the reason that it would necessarily involve the reduction by one-half of the incomes of those educational institutions which rely upon their endowment funds for maintenance. The same is true of every charitable institution similarly sustained.

The educational endowments of the Baptist church, which, for instance,

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	academies 1,341,700
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169 institutions, with 36,616 pupils.\$18,614.695 The loss to the Methodist Episcopa church of the United States if one-half of its endowment fund was destroyed can be estimated from the following:

Value of Endowments Theological institutions \$ 1,466,760 Colleges and universities 11,537,656 Classical seminaries 577,266 Institutions exclusively for wo-

129 institutions, with 35,169 pupils,

This does not include foreign mission schools sustained by American capital. The losses to the educational endowments of the other denominations would be on a similar scale, as would also be the losses to non-secturian en-The case of Cornell university affords

a good Illustration. As our Chicago

contemporary asserts, the endowmen

of this institution is in round numbers \$10,000,000. Of this \$6,300,000 is in income-producing bonds. The largest block of investments is in municipal bonds and real estate mortgages and railroad bonds follow in the order glyen. It is estimated that only 5 per in currency. On the other hand, 50 per cent, of the expenditures would be temporarily unaffected by the depreciation ing the salary list. Of this 50 per cent. the professors and others employed would be the ones injured, and through them the community in which they live But 50 per cent, remains chargeable to would suffer severely from a depreciated currency, especially as much of its apparatus, chemicals, etc., must be bought in Europe and paid for in gold. Ultimately, since all but some \$2,000 of the \$500,000 yearly revenue of the university is payable in currency, Cornell would be mulcted \$250,000 a year by the

The interests of humanity cry out against such a wanton spoliation, whose sole benefit would go to the distended pockets of the speculators in sil-

free coinage of silver.

General Grosvenor as a political mathematician has proved his claim to public confidence. His estimate of the next electoral vote is none too high.

Thacher in a Hole.

The nomination at Buffalo last week of John Boyd Thacher, of Albany, for governor of New York, on a platform unreservedly indorsing the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at 16 to 1, has called attention not only to the discrepancy between this platform and the one adopted by the Empire state Democracy at Saratoga last June, but also to the violent antagonown views then and what will necessarily have to be his views if he shall accept the Buffalo nomination.

Mr. Thacher, as temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention, used these words: "A false view of finance is worse than false views on such a question as the tariff. It affects the national credit, and touches with coarse hand the national honor. It is the duty of the Democracy in the present crisis to speak clearly on the financial question. The party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Benton and Tilden, has always favored the best money in usethe money adopted as the standard by the most enlightened nations of the earth. Neither consideration of expedlency nor the selfish interest of those who own silver bullion should lead us to depart from the safe and secure

On that occasion he also said: "The stamp of the government on a piece free silver, and on these grounds alone of silver can never make it worth much solicits popular support, Democrats more than the world is willing to give who want neither free trade nor free for it. It is passing strange that the silver should feel no hesitancy in giv- very men who have such marvelous faith in the power of their government should seem to have so little sentiment

In connection with the Saratoga platform, which opposed the free and unlimited coinage of silver in the absence of the co-operation of other great nations, these remarks commit Mr. Thacher to a line of policy directly at variance with that embodied in the platform of the convention which named him for governor. He cannot divorce the nomination from the platform. One goes with the other. The platform, indeed, was adopted first. 'Neither consideration of expediency nor of selfish interest" should lead Mr. Thacher to "depart from the safe and secure path." What will he do? What can he do?

It develops that the dispatch announcing General Harrison's decision to make no more speeches in this campaign was unauthorized. He is at the command of the national committee, and he will be placed where he will do the most good. Every Republican will be glad to learn this.

Mr. Bryan's Chance.

It is worthy of note that although Mr. Bryan since his nomination at Chicago has made nearly 150 speeches he has not yet answered one of the five propositions laid down by Secretary Carlisle at the very beginning of the present campaign. Mr. Carlisle's five points were as follows:

First—There is not a free silver coinage country in the world today that is not on a silver basis. Its silver coin passes only at its bullion value. All paper money passes at the same value. Any gold coin they may have passes for about twice the of the same face amount of silver

Second-There is not a gold standard country in the world today but uses a large amount of silver with the gold, which silver is held up to gold value and passes for as much as the same face amount in gold. Third-There is not a sliver standard country in the world today that uses any

gold in circulation along with its silver. What gold they have is bought and sold as a commodity at twice its face value in Fourth-There is not a silver standard ountry in the world today that has more

han one-third as much money in circualon per capita as we have in the United Fifth-There is not a silver standard country in the world today in which the aboring man receives as much wages as

e does in the United States. Mr. Bryan has told us on several occasions that if elected president he would not have any man like Carlisle in the treasury department. He has also credited the Kentucky financier with having "betrayed the people into the hands of the Shylocks of London" very much as "Benedict Arnold tried to betray our revolutionary fathers to the British," But he has never ven-

May be he will do so when he speaks

going cardinal assertions, '

tured a syllable of reply to the fore-

Says the Industrial News: "The more and more realizing the fact that the conditions which exist today are cent, of the investments require gold due directly to the destruction of our payments, the rest being payable in protective system by a bill which a currency. The remaining revenue de- Democratic president denounced as the rived from tuition fees, etc., is payable creature of perfidy and dishonor. Following that iniquitous measure came depression in business, declining values of the currency, namely, those cover- remedy for all this long train of evils, the free traders and their co-workers the currency and a repudiation of national obligations. They dare not face the real issue. They dread the truth. purchases and here the university They shrink from a discussion which they know is sure to prove that the cause of all our distress lies in their own wicked assault upon our protective system." More couldn't have been said if the News had filled a column.

A "sixty-day" poll of Indiana (that is, one taken two months before election) discloses 40,000 Republican plurality. Polls of this kind are indicative rather than conclusive. But it is suggestively corroborative of the Hoosier guess that Senator Gorman, who six weeks ago thought Bryan would win. now concedes McKinley's election and fears he will capture Maryland.

The fact that the Democratic party has to be deserted by its best elements about every generation would seem to be a good reason why those elements should spare themselves the embarrassments incident to this periodical renovation by becoming and remaining Republicans.

If it is true, as is asserted, that the American Merchant Marine association, of which Mr. Sewall is president is electioneering for McKinley, it merely emphasizes the fact that the Maine ship-builder is shrewder as a business man than as a politician.

Just why Bryan should waste his oratorical sweetness on the politically desert air of the district of Columbia isn't apparent, unless upon the supposition that it's advertising he seeks. rather than votes.

It was rather mean in Johnny Garman to keep Tillman out of Lackawanna county. He would be just the kind of speaker local Republicans would Senator Hill seems to labor under the

delusion that it was the newspapers

his own invaluable co-operation. The New York Mercury, free silver organ, has suspended. Unlike the New York Journal, It had no silver mine be-

Chairman Jones' modesty in failing to claim Pennsylvania justly subjects him to suspicion.

Mr. Bryan now compares Secretary Carlisle to Benedict Arnold. There

Why Mr. Scragg

The following letter was addressed on Sept. 1 to Prothonotary C. E. Pryor by John F. Scragg, Esq.

"My Dear Sir: Hitherto I have always acted with and supported the national Democratic party and candidates. The so-called tariff policy of the Democratic party was always difficult to support. Actual experience under two Democratic administrations caused me to hesitate in my belief in the advisability of longer continuing in my support of that party, which in too many ways to now specify had proven its lack of capacity as a gov-erning party.

"Whatever doubt I might have had prior to the late Chicago convention was as a result thereof speedily dissolved, when I found that all that had been talked for, and promised by the Democrat ic party was by said convention trampled out of existence; when it was there de-monstrated that the name of the party, which was about the most valuable part of it left, could be, and was captured by the Altgelds, the Tillmans, the sliver mine owners and a mixed crowd of ex-rebels from the south, their sympathizers from the North, Anarchists from the large cities, and the long-whiskered and other western cranks who were in control of that convention and thereto was at tached a dishonest, un-American, un-Democratic and dangerous platform, and thereupon was placed a candidate who during this current year prided himself upon the fact that he was not a Democrat, and who during his term in con-gress was distinguished, if at all, only as a free trade windy orator protesting much 'against any protection to our coal and other Pennsylvania interests.' When this dangerous combination not only cap-tured the Chicago convention but did so by dishonestly unseating honestly and le-gally elected delegations thereto; when it insulted and ignored all the best interests insulted and ignored all the best interests of our great business states and centers and their delegates, and declared for cheap money then was forced upon my consideration, and upon the consideration of all those who desire only what actual or all those who desire only what actual experience has proven is best for this government and who wish that our money, as our citizens, shall be as good as the best, something higher than party fealty. It was then simply, as I view it, a choice between honesty or dishonesty, honor or dishonor, and immediately I, together with thousands upon thousands of others, de clared for the honest sound money cand dates and for the Republican party, which declares for Protection, for sound money and for all that as a government policy safe, 'saying in its platform just what it means,' and meaning just what it says.

"McKinley and Hobart are admirable candidates with established reputations as Protectionists and statesmen. Feeling that nothing should be left undone in this campaign toward their election and the lection of William Connell to congress and all candidates favorable to the policy of the Republican party, and believing thus, I desire to contribute my individual effort in that direction and as one means thereto I desire to apply for membership in the Central Republican club of Scran-ton, and will appreciate it if you will kindly furnish me with proper application blanks therefor. In deciding on this course I am not unmindful that among hose talked of for the Democratic nomination for congress in this district to opose Mr. Connell, are warm personal friends of mine, whose success in any un-dertaking not harmful to the people, would be my delight, but an acceptance of such nomination will be unwise on their part, and can and will in my opinion result only in defeat, as on this so-called Democratic platform it should. Should any one of these friends accept, it will be against my advice, and it will be an ac-ceptance of his own choosing, and the re-sponsibility therefor, and the burden hereof must be borne without any as sistance whatever from me.

too much at stake, and the principles involved of too much importance to permit personal feelings to sway one from supporting the candidate who stands correct principles as understood by the voter. William Connell, being the Republican nominee, standing squarely on the Republican platform, for these principals and policies which are for the best interests of this district, besides being a man of such varied and great interest in the district, that viewing his election from a selfish standpoint he will be compelled to care for my interest while caring for his own, I shall take pleasure i upporting him and using my best efforts in having others do likewise; and this l shall do regardless of whom those wh are now destroying whatever is left of the local Democratic party by atter to run it for once by pretending loyalt; to it, and by mismanaging it, may nomi nate to oppose him. Sincerely yours,
John F. Scragg.

LABOR UNIONS AND SILVER. From the Industrial News.

That the supporters of the free silver theory are in desperate straits and, ake a drowning man, eatch at anything that offers a frail support, is aptly illustrated in the frantic efforts of the Scranton Times to make political capital out of the endorsement of free silver months ago by the American Federation of Labor and by the Scranton Central Labor union. The fact of the matter is, the endorse ment of the measure had no political sig-nificance, as politics are not answed to enter into the deliberations of a trades union, and as a political measure it has been repudiated by nearly all the labor

inions in the country.

As showing the sentiment of the work ingmen of this city as regards the fre coinage of silver, a poll was recently taken of the employes of the car shop. Five hundred of these men were taken promiscuously, and out of that number it was found that 200 of them were Dem ocrats, sixty of whom declared their tention of voting for McKinley. Of the 29 Republicans among the workmen only ten were found who said they believed in free silver and the Chicago platform. canvass of any of the hundreds of work shops of the city would disclose a similar feeling among the reading and thinking employes, and it is the sheerest nonsense for the silver agitators to look for recruits among the ranks of labor.

THE RIVALS CONTRASTED.

From the Post-Express, How striking is the contrast between McKinley is a statesman, Bryan is an empiricist. McKinley is strong in saving common sense, wrought from the experi ence of his country and the world. Bryaweak with vagaries, delusions and fan is weak with Vagaries, denients and ac-ciful theories, which listory has stamped as false and vicious. McKinley appeals to reason. Bryan appeals to passion. Mc-kinley upholds the national good faith. Bryan scouts at and degrades it. McKin-ley stands for the unity of the land. Bryan seeks to array section against sec-tion, class against class. Bryan, with the temerity of youth, enuncitees crudities. McKinle turnished with knowledge, vindicates well established principles of government. McKinley exhibits the modesty which made a fool of him. He forgets of greatness. Bryan, a tyro in politics craves notoriety, and affects knowledge which he does not possess. McKinley ontinually increases in public regard Bryan as constantly deteriorates, for the American public is not slow to detect the

charlatan and to expose the pretender. GOT THE BEST OF IT.

Wellman, in Times-Herald. One of the best 16 to 1 stories is told here by a southern politician. During the canss for election of delegates to the national Republican convention a white man and a colored man were rivals for the honor of representing a certain district,

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you need to have good times and plenty of silver into a dollar at our mints as often white candidate's cause prospered amas-ingly. But now the colored aspirant set out on his electioneering tour. He fol-Towed the trail of his rival. As soon as he discovered the sort of doctrine his antagonist had been preaching he proceeded to counteract its effect. that honey-mouth white man fool yo'," he shouted; "16 to 1 don't mean no sixteen dollars to every one ob yo', not at all.
I'll tell yo' what it means. Sixteen to one om a spare and a delusion. It means \$16 to very white man and \$1 for every nigger. The colored man was elected a St. Louis and voted for the gold standard.

BRYAN'S OBJECTIONS.

Speech by C. Stuart Patterson 'Mr. Bryan objects that gold has appreciated and is appreciating, but he fur nishes no evidence to support his asser stable value. It is equally true that you must have some standard and that the standard which is as valuable and as practicable as gold. If gold, considered with regard to all commodities and with re-gard to the wages of labor, had appreciated there would have been a like de preciation in the prices of commodities and in the wages of labor. But it is the fact that the wages of labor have in-creased, and it is the fact that the price of some commodities have fallen and that the prices of some other commodities have not fallen at all. "Mr. Bryan objects that the gold stand-

ard is of British origin. If it be a wise national policy the fact that it is of British origin furnishes no reasonable argument against it. Mr. Bryan has never been disturbed in his advocacy of free trade by the view that that is a Britis octicy. Are we to abandon representative government, or independence of the judic-iary, or protection of personal liberty, or the freedom of the press because they are all of British origin?"

ALL FOR HASTINGS. Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

F. N. Moore, agent for the pure food commission, has returned from a trip through Somerset, Huntingdon and Center counties, and said the sentiment among the farmers in these counties was s strong in favor of Governor Hastings fo the United States senate, to succeed Dor Comeron, that it was almost a foregone conclusion with them that he would be

HIS STEADY OCCUPATION.

"It is strange," remarked the observant man, "but very few people are content to do what they are best qualified for Painters long to be musicians and musicians long to be authors, and so it goes. "Yes," replied the business man, "but there are exceptions to every rule. I know a young man who has been doing the samthing for years, and he seems perfectly satisfied with it."
"What has he been doing?"
"Nothing."—Washington Star.

WHAT JEFFERSON SAID.

"The proportion between the values of

altogether. Just principles will lead us to disregard legal proportion altogether; in inquire into the market price of gold in the several countries with which we shall principally be connected in commerce and to take an average from them."

AN IMMORAL POLICY. From Whitelaw Reid's Letter.

Many of our opponents are as sincere the thing they have done is the wickedest and most immoral public act since seces-sion. To pay the national debt in silver, Carlisle to Benedict Arnold. There honor of representing a certain district, and most immoral public act since secesmay be fun yet.

The white aspirant favored the gold stand, and. Presently the former started out on his electioneering tour. The party voters were nearly all colored men. "Boys, I am that Bryan will capture the labor vote."

The white aspirant favored the gold stand, and most immoral public act since secesmon. To pay the national debt in silver, to pay private debts in silver, to pay privat

money." This was the burden of his song wherever he went. The colored mean wanted to know what 16 to 1 meant, and his reply was always ready. "It means," he explained, "sixtsen silver dollars to every one of you-16 to 1, den't you see?" Inasmuch as \$16 was more money than the majority of the poor fellows has ever seen this programme pleased them immensely. To a man they shouted 16 to 1, and the white conditions are recovered amage.

CAMPAIGN SONG.

[Sung Saturday by Railroad Men at Canton.] We bring congratulations for the victory Stalwart State of honest money, home of

James Gillesple Blaine, Which the Popocrats are asking Arthur Sewall to explain, As we go marching on

Glory, glory, hallelujah, etc.

We will camp upon the pathway of the Youngster from the Platte, We will sit on old man Sewall harder than his own State sat: We will bury Tommy Watson till he won't know where he's at,

As we go marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah, etc. When the vote is cast and counted, when the long campaign is done, When the people give their verdict for

Ohio's gallant son; Then we'll send this welcome message "Fare thee well, 16 to 1." As we go marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah.

A DISCUSSION OF CROPS.

Dey tells me in de country dat success in Depen's er heap on whut yoh goes an' un dertakes ter raise. An' lots er young men's gwinter meet wif trouble, sho's yer born,

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-Washington Star.

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