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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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It is announced that if Bryan attempts to make a speaking tour of Indiana General Harrison will follow him. Bryan had better take warning in time.

Court Costs. The work of the last grand jury was especially praiseworthy in its refusal to saddle the county with costs in regard to assault and battery bills.

But what can be said of the committing magistrates who send before the grand jury at each quarter session such a raft of trivial litigation? How is their reluctance to be excused? To be sure, it is money in their pocket and under our beautiful petty magisterial system a premium seems to be put on the manufacture of law suits with a view to the festive fee.

According to this view the public itself may be the final claimant to the blame; but until it can realize its own delinquency in tacitly acquiescing in such an obsolete and inefficient system, there is some measure of satisfaction in venting one's disgust on the petty magistrates themselves.

Biennially, just about election time, we are accustomed to hear from ambitious legislators, who take pains to inform the community of their intention of framing legislation for the reduction of excessive court costs.

This year this customary declaration of intentions is missing. Has the task been given up as an impossibility?

The report that there will be no future lowering of the price of standard high-grade bicycles should be told to the marines.

No Compulsory Money. Where compulsion supersedes consent, security does not lie; where security does not lie, society as represented by government loses its purpose; and individual ambition and emulation will stop their feet.

Here we have in few words a crystallization of the whole argument against fiat money of whatever kind. That money is sound money which does not need the "thou shalt" of statutory law to compel its acceptance by the creditor.

No American citizen, be his political beliefs what they may, hesitates to accept gold money or its equivalent in discharge of a debt.

But how is it with fiat money? The old state bank scrip was fiat money, and its value used to vary between the rising and the setting of the sun.

Conferate notes were fiat money, and at one time it took \$100,000 in those notes to buy a suit of clothes.

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supersede consent? Does the man who works for a living want the law to put into his employer's hands fifty cents' worth of silver with fiat power to pay a dollar in wages? Is not it the right plan in a government of freemen to have money so good that everybody will be glad to take it at what its stamp says it is worth?

Republican newspapers will not make much capital trying to spread the idea that Bryan has been discountenanced to the clergy. When a clergyman goes into politics he must expect to receive blows as well as to give them. No clergyman when outside the pulpit ought to interpose his cloth as a shield against a reasonable criticism of his controversial utterances on secular topics.

This Year's Lake Traffic. Some facts in relation to this year's lake traffic have been collated which will interest all persons who take pride in the development of inland commerce, and especially those who have made the voyage by water from Buffalo to Duluth. A careful estimate computes the lake tonnage of 1896 at 3,000,000 tons in excess of last year's shipments, which were in that year far in excess of the average.

More vessels pass through the St. Clair ship canal during the eight months of lake navigation than float on the Thames at London during the twelve months of the year. An average of one vessel every seven minutes, day and night, is the record at this arterial point in the chain of lakes. The new American lock at the "Soo," which cost \$3,000,000, is 500 feet long by 60 wide, and which lifts or lowers the largest vessels from one lake level to the other in twelve minutes, was thrown open to traffic in August and is expected to be a mighty developing force in the direction of augmented tonnage.

The government is wisely expending liberal sums of money in deepening the channels of the St. Mary's and St. Clair rivers and in widening the approaches to important docks. But the need of reduced energy along this line is made apparent to every traveler by boat through the shallow places between the main parts of the great lakes. It perhaps is significant in this connection that most of the freighters now aloft between Buffalo and Duluth by McKinley steamers and carry Republican crews; for under Republican administrations the federal revenues are not in the habit of sinking so low as to necessitate the abandonment of important dredging operations and the postponement of other channel improvements that the character of lake navigation imperatively demands.

The New York Sun gives currency to a story that Bryan is mentally diseased. This is carrying opposition too far. We do not differ from the Sun without necessarily reaching the conclusion that they are crazy.

An English Opinion. It is a well-known fact that the worsted interests of Bradford, Eng., benefited decidedly by the lower duties of the Wilson bill. To them its enactment came as a regular good rain, causing immediate revival where there had since the enactment of the McKinley tariff been stagnation and even distress.

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publicly opinions which are freely expressed in private on all hands. We do not imagine that it makes any particular difference so far as the people of the United States are concerned what the manufacturers of Bradford, Eng., think of American politics so long as they keep hands off of our campaign. But the foregoing expressions are certainly interesting as indicative of a rapid change in English opinion on the tariff question.

One year ago Rensselaer county, New York, had \$250,000 surplus money in its treasury. Today it has only \$200,000. The loss of the difference is explained by the fact that the county treasurer, George H. Morrison, one of Troy's foremost citizens, is in jail on a charge of embezzlement. Morrison had been in office only one year. In completeness his crime pales even that of John Barsley.

The Tariff Not Sidelacked. Because the Republican press has lately devoted much attention to the free coinage fallacy it is not to be inferred that it has forgotten the tariff issue. In due time that will resume its proper place as the leading issue between the parties, and the country which in 1892 rejected Protection by overwhelming pluralities will in 1896 re-adapt it by pluralities still more striking. It will do this because it will have learned by experience on which side its bread is buttered.

Since the election of Cleveland in 1892 on an anti-Protection platform the aggregate business of our clearing houses has sustained a total shrinkage of from \$40,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000; our foreign commerce has diminished by nearly \$1,000,000,000; our agricultural products have suffered a depreciation in value of over \$1,000,000,000, to which must be added also nearly \$1,000,000,000 depreciation in the value of our live stock, \$60,000,000 in the value of our sheep and more than \$46,000,000 in the value of the wool crop.

Undoubtedly the business depression of the past three years has been materially aggravated by the doubt which the free silver agitation has cast upon the future soundness of our currency; but it is to be remembered that this agitation did not take on proportions of seriousness until the revolutionary tariff policy of the Cleveland administration had shaken public confidence, brought on general panic and afforded a fertile field for the propagation of new heresies.

Verily to be sure, Thacker got a lot of advertising out of it, but it cannot be called free, for it was purchased at the cost of his reputation.

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Plea for Courtesy in Political Debate

The editor of The New Unity, a Chicago non-partisan journal, recently addressed a political rally in country town. The speaker, he is reported, was greeted by flaming posters which pronounced him the "Brilliant Orator from New York." The meeting was under the auspices of the local "Club." Venerable men, representing the intelligent citizenry, sat upon the platform. A public-spirited physician of the village acted as chairman and presented the speaker with courteous words.

The speaker was evidently a man of considerable mental training. The flow of his language was steady, the swing of his sentences rhythmic, his pronunciation accurate and his grammar proper. To the thoughtful it was a momentous occasion, and at the close of the address he made to the speaker a personal appeal to make to the people of the country a more earnest and honest appeal than that which they had heard. The speaker was evidently a man of considerable mental training.

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