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and arrest the downward plunge of business.

has reached a point where it must be settled one way or another, and settled to stay. If it is to be settled in the manner that Bryan wants, let us have it settled that way by a majority which will leave no doubt of the people's wishes. The keenest punishment is less hurtful than long-continued dread. But on the other hand if the people are still amenable to their intellects and their conscience, no occasion since 1861 has been more opportune for a decided and emphatic manifestation of that fact than that which the polling two weeks from tomorrow will afford. We shall look to that date for a wholesome clearing of the atmos-

Universalist church, of Chicago, is going to use bulletin boards to advertise church services. He had better take a lesson from the stage and spend his

most flighty imagination can conceive how free coinage will give the workingman 50-cent dollars and at the same time en-rich the silver miner by bringing the commercial value of the silver in one dollar up to 100 cents. There are less than 50 cents' worth of silver at the present time in a silver dollar, yet The Tribuno is not making much of a kick against taking the 50-cent dollar in payment for a sub-scription or advectionmer. The accord scription or advertisement. The govern-ment, by placing its stamp, or flat, upon 37114 grains of pure silver, declares that such coin is 100 cents or one dollar,-Scranton Times.

worth what its face says it is worth simply and solely because by resolution of congress and by instructions from the people issued when they elected Mr. Cleveland president on the Democratic national platform of 1892, this government is pledged to keep every one of its dollars at a parity with every other dollar. You can take ten of our present silver dollars to any bank, trade them for a \$10 treasury note or greenback, send that bit of government paper to the United States treasury at Washington, or to any sub-treasury, and get in return a \$10 gold piece. That is what makes the present silver dollar pass current at its face value everywhere; that is what makes it buy two Mexican free coinage dollars, each containing more grains of pure silver than it itself contains. The people four years ago, including these same men who now shout for free coinage, by their votes instructed Mr. Cleveland to keep all our dollars equal; and now that he has done so, one wing of his party, which helped to pass these instructions. censures him for obeying them. Under free coinage the redemption of sliver in gold dollars would cease; no longer backed by the government in any form save by a dishonest legal tender clause, our silver coinage would inevitably fall to the level of its commercial value. Its buying value would business would or could feel secure.

