

A Few Solid Reasons Why I Am For Bimetallism.

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In the first place I am for bimetallism because no party in this free country ever declared for a permanent gold standard. Even the very platform upon which the goldites are running in this stirring campaign does not advocate the continuance of the gold standard. It has bimetallism in view, and it says in effect that we must first enter into partnership with the nations beyond the great waters before it would be safe for us to adopt the bimetallistic policy of the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver. The Chicago platform says that this is not a necessary part of our treaty, or amicable relations with other nations, so that we can legislate on it as seems best for the general welfare of our Republic, without waiting for other nations to tell us their mind and interested wishes upon the question. The principal difference between the two great parties upon the subject of the free coinage of both gold and silver is, therefore, merely this: The goldites say that we must return to bimetallism without the consent of Europe; the silverites say that they still believe in the Declaration of Independence and assert that we are independent enough to legislate for ourselves without waiting for the acquiescence of foreign powers in all matters not necessarily included in a friendly inter-national relationship. Even should we wait for an agreement between us and Europe who knows whether the Europeans would ever agree with us on international bimetallism. If we were furnishing from falling harvests the Europeans would not lose much time in coming to our aid, but under general conditions they will be seeking their own interest and not ours. So long, therefore, as our present gold standard is a benefit to any nation beyond the ocean, as it is to England, that nation would not be any too ready to chip in with us for international bimetallism. Whatever may be our government's duty with respect to our sister countries, her first obligation is to see to the general welfare of her own people by attending to such legislation as the conditions within our borders call for.

In the second place I am for bimetallism because the demonization of silver has diminished the quantity of our "legal tender" as to prove a serious injury to a large proportion of our equal people justly entitled to an equal share of their government's service. That part of our legislation which, thus, contracted our currency has been a criminal respecter of persons, having, in fact, granted special and exclusive privileges to a certain class of individuals, and opening a way for them to the accumulation of the bulk of the country's profits in their own hands. Thus far our legislation has been vicious, unjust and contrary to the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. For the one supreme object of government is to provide for the general welfare of the whole people without respect of person, to restrain one citizen from injuring another in any manner and to secure to each those equal rights expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

In the third place I am for bimetallism because the one great need of the country at this present hour is an expansion of our "medium of exchange." Money with respect to quantity is exactly like wheat. When wheat is scarce it is proportionately high in price and it will require just so much more of other things to get a bushel of it through exchange. So, in like manner, when money is scarce it is dear and it takes just so much more of any kind of commodity to get a dollar for it. This is one reason why Hoffman, the jeweler, has to sell such a fine clock in order to get the puny sum of \$2.75 of "legal tender." Of course the writer, as well as any other man, would be very glad to buy a clock so cheap. That clock is not too cheap for the buyer. It is the maker of the clock whom the low price hurts. It is all well enough to wish to buy cheap but it would be sheer selfishness to wish to buy at such a bargain as to impoverish the producer of the thing bought.

But it was not from the mere diminished quantity of our "legal tender" that the pinch comes, in fact, the larger part of the distress came from the change in value that was going on in connection with the change in quantity and these two changes in value and quantity are inseparably connected. Whenever money thus rises in value debtors must lose while creditors get a premium. The longer this rise in the value of money lasts the greater the injury to a certain class of citizens. Another result of a rise in money is the fact that it will then be hoarded, just as a farmer would hoard his wheat, could he be assured that it would move upward for a space.

What the country needs, therefore, is a stable currency. That variability which comes from the fluctuation in the demand and supply of commodities is, no doubt, a source of health and vigor in the world of exchanges. But money, as a measure of value and a medium of exchange, is not in the strictest sense of the term a commodity. It is one of those things that, like the scale to measure weight and the bushel to measure bulk, should be invariable. At any rate it should possess a measurable degree of stability and this temper it is the duty of the government to hammer into it. It is not only within the government's power to do so but also within her easiness in fact, nothing is easier. Why, then, is it not done?

It is because a majority of our law makers are so unmanly and so unpatriotic as constantly to seek to divert legislation from its proper function of promoting the common good and to turn it into an agency of their own to enrich and aggrandize themselves. This self-seeking spirit, enthroned in the hearts of a certain class of citizens, is the besetting bane of a popular government. Aided by the power of wealth and allowed perfect freedom it will sooner or later make an end of the

Republic upon which it feeds and thrives.

In the last place I am for bimetallism because bimetallism will expand our contracted currency, give it more stability, and return us to the "coin" of the Constitution. As money is the life blood of business and industry, bimetallism will send new life and vigor through the arteries of trade and production and break the spell of this dreadful inertia.

A return to bimetallism would, no doubt, be followed by a rapid change, amounting almost to a revolution, till an equilibrium has been reached. But this transition is but that change for the better which is common to all reforms and is but the sick man's return to a state of health. One feature of this change would be a rise in the price of those productions which the contraction of the currency has depreciated. But bimetallism would maintain the higher price of those productions only in so far as the price of commodities is controlled by the currency. Since the law of demand and supply is the principal regulator of price neither bimetallism nor any other money system would hold up the price of any article under the pressure of an over-supply. But over-production is not a permanent thing. It lasts only for about three years at the longest so that nothing at all is to be feared from over production compared with an under supply of money as continuous as the present one has already been.

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