

**OUR POLITICAL COLUMN.**

**They Talk it Over.**

The following clipping is published by request of a Reynoldsville Republican:

"So you believe in free silver," said one workman to another.

"Yes, John, I think it would make better times. Here we are, out of work half the time, getting low wages when we are lucky enough to find a job, and hardly knowing one week how next week's rent is to be paid. I'm sick of economizing and pinching and seeing my wife and children dress shabbily. Bryan says it's all owing to the grasping greed of the gold gamblers and to our slavish submission to European dictation. If we want to be prosperous we must declare our independence and vote for free silver."

"How are you going to make silver free?" asked John, thoughtfully.

"By electing Bryan, of course."

"And then will silver dollars be free, so that we can help ourselves to them?"

"Well, not exactly that."

"We'll still have to work and earn them, won't we?"

"Certainly."

"Well, then, what I want is steady work. I have always been satisfied with the kind of money I have been able to earn. Your free silver talk has nothing to do with the case."

"But what I mean is the free coinage of silver bullion into dollars."

"Do you own any silver bullion?" asked John, bluntly.

"No."

"Well, neither do I, so I can't see how we can be helped by a free coinage law."

"It would produce more money, would it not?"

"Not for us. It would be a big thing for a few mine owners, who are already worth millions upon millions. They want to double their wealth by having their silver coined at double its value, and pass out 50-cent dollars for 100 cents. But you and I could get them any more than we can now."

"Perhaps not, but if money was plenty business would revive."

"You've got the cart before the horse," said John. "Busy workshops, plenty of work and good wages must come first—then money will circulate fast enough."

"How do you propose to get plenty of work and good wages?"

"Well, I was pretty well satisfied four years ago, when employment was the rule and idleness the exception. American industries had protection then. But since that time we have imported millions of dollars' worth of goods that we ought to have produced at home, and it's plain to me that the money paid for them don't go into the pockets of American laborers."

"That may be, but there's this infernal gold standard—"

"Hold on a minute; what's the matter with the gold standard?"

"Everything is the matter with it!"

"Well, now I'll tell you why it's a good thing. If you have five dollars of silver or paper, and I have a five dollar gold piece, your money is as good as mine, is it not?"

"Certainly."

"Then you ought to be satisfied, for the gold standard simply means keeping all money as good as gold in purchasing power."

"But if silver dollars are as good as gold, why shouldn't the government coin them without limit?"

"I will answer that question by asking another. If paper dollars are as good as gold, why shouldn't the government print them without limit?"

"That is absurd. The government should not issue more money than it can keep up to par."

"Exactly. And the same answer applies to silver dollars, which contain only about 50 cents' worth of silver. The government should not issue more of them than it can keep up to par—that is up to the gold standard."

"Oh, well, from that point of view the gold standard may be all right."

"Of course it is. Now my idea of the situation is this: Unlimited silver coinage would not give me an extra day's work nor put an extra dollar into my pocket. It would not be of the slightest benefit to anybody but a few rich mine owners. And if it should cut down the value of silver dollars to their actual value as bullion, I would be swindled every time I was paid a day's wages. Plenty of work and good money is my motto, and I think the craziest scheme ever proposed is the Bryan plan to put out cheap dollars for the benefit of the silver ring, while doing nothing whatever for the laboring classes. The poor man's dollar should be as good as the rich man's dollar and I shall not vote to cut it down one-half. McKinley is my man. He struck it right when he said it was better to open the mills of the United States to the labor of America than to open the mints of the United States to the silver of the world."—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

**Ernest Seyd was here.**

The "crime of 1873," and the bribery by which silver was demonetized "touched upon" by the Volunteer recently still remains the most gigantic of all crimes, the most stupendous of the age, affecting more people and entailing more misery upon the human family than any crime since the fall of Adam.

Every attempt to explain and mitigate by gold bugs only leads deeper into the mire. The Volunteer in an editorial in a recent issue quoted from the speech of James T. McCleary who "determined to state the facts of the case, that Ernest Seyd has not been in this country since 1856, that his only connection with the bill was to write a letter to Mr. Hooper as other experts did."

Now as opposed to this, Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, a very good Republican authority, in a speech on the floor of the U. S. Senate in 1893 said: "Mr. Ernest Seyd was an authority on all practical mechanical measures connected with coin. Mr. Hooper wrote to England asking his assistance in the matter. Mr. Seyd wrote him quite a long letter early in the year 1872, and he then came here."

Also in the "Bankers Magazine" of August 1873 we find the following on the subject: "In 1872, silver being demonetized in France, England and Holland, a capital of \$500,000 was raised and Ernest Seyd of London was sent to this country with this fund as agent of foreign bond-holders and capitalists to

effect the same object (demonetization of silver), which was accomplished."

Besides this Judge Kelly, who was in Congress in 1873, said that he saw the original draft of the bill and it was in Ernest Seyd's own handwriting. Hoar and Kelley were both in Congress in 1873, and McCleary was not.

Both the internal and external evidence show the act demonetizing silver was both a fraud and a crime. Gold bugs say the bill was passed because a silver dollar was worth more than a gold dollar and consequently was leaving the country. They found it necessary therefore to kill the bird to keep it from flying away. How much more was it worth in 1873, the very year they struck it down? Only four mills, less than half a cent. They say there was not much contest about it, not much opposition, that it was then generally conceded the right thing to do.

Isn't it strange that this Government having only a few years before contracted a large war debt "payable in coin" should strike down with one blow the principal source of payment? With about two billion of a national debt and with large State, municipal and corporate debts, isn't it strange that the American Congress, led by such men as Blaine, Allison, Thurman, Bright, Voorhees, Kelly and others of our best and shrewdest statesmen should knowingly and wilfully strike down the coinage of our silver, the principal source of money for the payment of those debts, and that too for the sole reason that a silver dollar was worth four mills more than a gold dollar?

**STEWART H. WHITEHILL.**

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Oct. 19, 1896.  
**A. J. SPRAGUE.**

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**Carpets, Furniture and General Hardware**

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