

REVOLT OF PLUTOCRACY

Wealth Arrayed Against Constitutional Government.

MONEY MENACES THE PEOPLE.

The Millionaires of This Country Openly Assert That Property Has the Divine Right to Rule Manhood—Triumph of Gold Means the Servitude of the Masses.

No single issue ever raised in the history of American politics exceeds in importance that of opening our minds and redeeming our country from the control of those foreign and domestic corporations which seek to inflict on us as a permanent system their usurpation of the sovereign power of issuing and regulating the circulating medium.

The only single evil greater than corporation control of the taxing power is this of corporation control of the currency. It is greater because when the people are robbed, whether by direct or indirect taxation, the results quickly appear. But when the robbery is carried on through contraction of cash and the inflation of corporation credit paper they are brought to bankruptcy before realizing the cause.

The entire plutocracy is in revolt against our system of popular constitutional government, so menacing a movement of class against people has never occurred before in our history—not even when the same class, under the leadership of the Biddles of the United States bank, captured the administration of John Quincy Adams and so entrenched themselves in control of the government that they looked with contempt on the attempt made by the people under Jackson's leadership to dislodge them and restore popular government.

The wealth of the plutocratic class of that day was trivial compared to the holdings of the same class now, but nevertheless the points of similarity between the campaign which won against them then and that which has now been inaugurated are striking in their suggestiveness of the way history repeats itself both in causes and results.

John Quincy Adams had been elected as a Democrat, but he abandoned the party, repudiated the principles to which he had pledged his administration and endeavored to revive the Federalist party, whose fundamental maxim, as defined by Daniel Webster himself, was that all stable and orderly government must be based on property.

As the fundamental tenet of Democracy is that all just government must be based on manhood right and on the consent of the governed, the masses of the Democratic party felt the same hot resentment against the Adams administration which they now feel when they see federal officeholders controlling the action of conventions called at the instance of Mr. Whitney of the Standard Oil company and Mr. Belmont, American agent of the Rothschild banks.

Andrew Jackson but voiced this just resentment of the masses when in his inaugural address he declared that it was the right of the people to elect from office those officials who had used office in an attempt to dictate the result of elections. It was because the people had seen federal offices used to control state legislatures, to dictate nominations, to interfere at the polls, that Jackson denounced life tenure in office as foreign to the spirit of America and declared that whatever the evils of changes they were less than those of the permanent tenure, which breeds in the officeholder the spirit of insolence and of despotism.

He was again the exponent and champion of the masses when he followed his attack on federal bureaucracy with a determined assault on the national bank and its control of the treasury and of congress. For this he was denounced in New York city and Boston as no other American president had ever been denounced before. But he did not swerve. With a supreme confidence in the people and in his own integrity, he forced the fighting, keeping the aggressive always and not stopping to defend himself until overwhelming victory showed the cause of popular freedom need fear to appeal to the masses for support of the principles on which their freedom and progress depend.

On the issue as it was then presented appeal has since more been made to the people. The plutocracy has since more usurped control of the government. Democracy has since more been betrayed by those it trusted. Once more the millionaires of the country are in the field openly asserting that property has a divine right to rule manhood and that it is treason to deny it.

They have drawn their lines of class and caste and drawn them hard. Those of them who once called themselves Democrats do so no longer. They call the Democracy of Jefferson and Jackson, as they do the Republicanism of Lincoln, an evil thing. They say that the rule of the people is anarchy, and they threaten the country with the worst they can do against it unless they are allowed to name the next president and put Messrs. Hanna and Morgan, Whitney and Belmont in control at Washington as their agents.

The issue against African slavery was never so vital nor so sharply defined as this, for if those few thousand men who control more than half the wealth of the country can use it to control the government it means servitude for the people, regardless of race or color. But they cannot win. There is no money—there are not rifles and cannon enough in America or in the world to impose plutocracy on America as a permanent condition.

Against plutocracy and class government the Democratic party has made its "appeal to Caesar." And in America there is no king but Caesar and no Caesar but the people.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

DEMOCRACY'S BATTLE.

It Is Fighting For Equal Rights For All, Privileges For None.

The Democracy of the United States knew what it was about and knew what it would have to face when in national convention it declared for free coinage of gold and silver and a stable dollar. It knew that it would have to meet all the tremendous power of the whole privileged class, who have come to believe that they possess a divine license to prey upon the masses. A nation of 36,000,000 was taxed to starvation to maintain the 2,000 or 3,000 aristocrats who glittered around Louis XVI and Antoinette at Versailles, and those gorgeous gentlemen and ladies were not more profoundly convinced that Providence had created France for their benefit than are our own money grandees that their special interests are paramount to all other considerations. That they should rise in a body against the Democracy when it has the courage to declare war upon their unjust privileges is only natural. It is only natural, too, that all the faithful retainers of the plutocracy should draw the sword and charge upon the Democracy with a fury superior even to that of their masters. It has ever been so with retainers. As there are "Catholics more Catholic than the pope," so there are multitudes of dependents on the wealthy who are more capitalistic than capitalists. Such of those dependents as have called themselves Democrats obey the law of their parasite being by going over to Hanna, advance agent of the plutocracy, who is wallowing in money.

But as the United States happens to be populated chiefly by men, not colonies, the Democratic party asks with confidence for the support of the plain people, whose battle it is fighting. The contest, as a contributor to *The Journal's* fund for the education of voters happily put it, is between those who make things and those who take things. The issue is too clear to be obscured. On the Republican side are ranged all the men whose hands are habitually in the people's pockets, all the men who seek to use the power of the government to further enrich themselves, all the sheers of the wool of the labor sheep, all the men who understand and practice the art of getting much for little. These are the kind of enemies the Democracy is and ought to be glad to fight. They are the natural foes of the Democratic idea, and their success in this campaign would advance prodigiously the movement for turning the republic into an oligarchy.

The plain people are not to be deceived. They know with which party their interest, the interest of the country, lies in this great struggle for the supremacy of manhood over money. As for the leaders who have gone, let them go. Generals who deem it wise policy to be friendly with the enemy are not the sort of generals who win victories that tell for Democratic principles and the welfare of the masses. The party is better off without them.

Every American who owns himself and stands by the doctrine that the majority of its citizens should rule the republic for the common good will vote for Bryan. Equal rights for all, privileges for none; that is true Democracy.—New York Journal.

If gold is a better metal for coin than silver because it can be handled easier—that is, because large amounts of it are less bulky—why not have diamonds as a standard and let one South African trust control the world?

Who Fight Should Govern, Says Bryan.
Show me those people who now call us anarchists and I will show you a class of people who, if we had a war, would never go to the front, but they are the ones who abuse those who would fight and save their own property. I believe that the men upon whom the nation most relies when it wants to increase its martial strength are its security in hours of peril. I believe that these people can be trusted to cast their ballot in times of peace to devise the various policies for this nation.

If under a free silver law the silver dollar fell below par—that is, below the gold dollar—as silver men believe it would not, we should make all our own goods instead of importing them and paying the difference.

His Duty Clear.
Hanna says that there is no more intelligent class of citizens than the farmers of the west, which is to say that they have too much good sense to vote for a man whose policy is bound to increase their burdens and lessen the chances for the fullest development of intelligence in their children.—St. Louis Republic.

If with the free and unlimited coinage of silver the dollar would be only a 53 cent dollar, the law of supply and demand must be a myth. There would be an unlimited demand for all silver up to \$1.20 an ounce.

The Outlook in Kentucky.
The majority in Kentucky for Bryan and free coinage is more likely to be 10,000 above the majority for Cleveland than 10,000 below. Save this to compare with the returns.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

If under a free silver law the silver dollar remained at par, as silver men believe it would, the country would be benefited by having more money and not borrowed money. It could supply its own capital.

It took the whole of the world's history up to this century before it was discovered that gold was better for money than silver, and by far the larger part of the world doesn't think so yet.

One Way to Get It.
If the Hanna crowd want to get back the money they paid out to rescue McKinley's property from the sheriff, they should take it out of the Republican campaign fund.—Exchange.

THE CLERGY.

Rubenstein's "Christus," which was performed in Bremen last year, has been forbidden in Berlin on the ground that the Prussian law prohibits the representation of the Saviour in public entertainments.

M. Francis de Pressense, son of the best known Protestant pastor and politician in France, is about to be received into the Catholic church, and probably will be followed by a number of French pastors.

Leo XIII. is the doyen of the Catholic episcopate. He received his episcopal consecration in 1843, and there is no bishop living whose consecration is so old. It has rarely happened that the pope was the oldest bishop in the Catholic world.

A congregational church as a memorial of John Robinson, the pastor of the Pilgrim Fathers, is to be erected at Gainsborough, England, where Robinson gathered his first congregation of dissenters. The church will cost \$30,000, and Ambassador Bayard will lay the corner stone.

Prof. George Adam Smith, of the Free Church college, Glasgow, Scotland, who is described as "one of the leading scholars of Christendom, and one of the greatest preachers of Great Britain," preached on a recent Sunday in the Old South church, Boston, and not a paper in Boston had a line about him or his sermon.

GRAINS OF WHEAT.

Italy raises 102,000,000 bushels of wheat.
Russia raises 150,000,000 bushels of wheat.
The wheat crop of India is 235,000,000 bushels.
France raises about 231,000,000 bushels of wheat.
The wheat product of Hungary is 119,000,000 bushels.
The wheat fields of South Australia yield 7.6 bushels per acre.
Great Britain produces 71,000,000 bushels, all consumed at home.
The average wheat crop in England is 26 bushels per acre.
In the wheat belt of India the average production per acre is 9.3 bushels.
The average yield of wheat in New South Wales is 15 bushels to the acre.
Manitoba, the great wheat farm of British America, raises 19.7 bushels to the acre.
New Zealand is more productive than New South Wales, yielding 26.5 bushels per acre.

INTERESTING SCRAPS.

In Paris there are over 1,000 professional fortune-tellers.
The food an elephant eats in captivity costs about \$25 a week.
Some of the London theaters are warmed by electric radiators.
A bicycle with wheels of pure gold has been presented to the queen of Italy.
The largest standing army belongs to Russia, and the strongest navy to Great Britain.
It is said that the earnings of William F. Sims, M. F., Dwyer's jockey, average \$25,000 a year.
The largest edible oysters are found in Australia. Some of them measure a foot across the shell.
A new style of cat has just appeared in Danbury, Conn. It is a kitten, with two tails and six legs.
The births exceed the deaths throughout the world by over 1,200,000 a year—an average of three a minute.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

The great wheat countries of the world are the United States, Russia, Turkey, Hungary, Chile, Australia and India.
Of the total of 38,000,000 sheep reported in the United States last year it is computed that one-fourth graze on the mountain ranges and valleys of the west and southwest.
A Wisconsin land improvement company, with a main irrigation canal 26 feet wide and six feet deep, has reclaimed 25 square miles of good farming land in the Muskegon lake region.
A Chicago factory has the largest belt ever made. It is 270 feet long, seven feet wide, weighs 2,300 pounds, and seven-eighths of an inch in thickness. It is composed of 450 oak-tanned hides, held together by glue, and there is not a stitch or rivet in the entire belt.

FOREIGN PICKINGS.

Vienno's dentists have formed a society whose object is practice in pleasant conversation while operating on patients.
Orange-colored flannel shirts are recommended for the English troops in Egypt, as yellow is a protection against the sun.
The Marquis de Morès has started for the Egyptian Sudan in order to draw together the Arab chiefs and resist the British advance.
Five composite first-class torpedo boats are building at Cherbourg, of which the hull is steel and all other metallic parts are of pure aluminum or aluminum alloys.
Santorini, the ancient Thera, chief island of the Sporades in the Aegean sea, has prehistoric remains which will be systematically explored by the German school at Athens.

NATURAL ODDITIES.

The wheat fly is one-tenth of an inch long, having a red body, white wings and black eyes.
A newly-discovered west African butterfly spins a cocoon which resembles a mask made for a human face.
In India there is a species of butterfly in which the male has the left wing yellow and the right wing red. The colors on the female are vice versa.
The Atlas-moth, a gigantic fur-coated, night-flying insect of central Brazil, is said to be the very largest winged "bug" in the world. He measures 14 inches from tip to tip.

HIGH MONEY, LOW TIMES.

Mr. Bryan Says That Phrase Strikes the Keynote of Political Economy.

Lexington is said to be the citadel of the gold sentiment of Kentucky. Yet it turned out—and the regions round about—fully 40,000 people to greet Mr. Bryan.

The Lexington procession, which came off in the rain, was a striking feature. It was made up of horsemen and was fully five miles in length.

Mr. Bryan was interrupted by the passing of the procession for 25 minutes. When it had passed, he continued:

"FELLOW CITIZENS—I have been interrupted in the midst of speeches before, but I can say to you that of all this is the most pleasant interruption of which I have recollection. I shall remember this speech which was cut in two by the most remarkable parade which I have ever been my good fortune to witness. And they bore banners which presented mottoes which make any further speaking unnecessary.

"If I were to talk to you from now until night, I could not more than emphasize the mottoes which have passed in procession by you. I noticed one motto, drawn with letters not altogether according to the latest patterns, but it represented a sentiment that ought to find a lodgment in the memories of all—that is, 'High Money, Low Times.'"

"I challenge you to find in any of the speeches that will be made this year by the opponents of free silver a single sentence that contains as much of political economy and common sense as is contained in that phrase, 'high money, low times.' It seems that those things which are hidden from those who are themselves all wise are revealed unto those who in the estimation of the financiers are but babes and sucklings. I saw another motto, 'Our Barns Are Full, but Our Pockets Are Empty.' And in that sentence is epitomized 20 years of farming history.

"Nature smiles upon your husbandry, your soil gives forth in rich profusion, but according to the experience of the farmer, with all that he can do with his industry, with his economy, with all his patient toil, he finds that the load of the American farmer grows harder every year.

"In modern times, under the rule of those who ruled and swept the sabbat, as they said, by divine right, complaint was answered with the lash, but now the just complaint of the toiling millions of the United States is answered by charges that they are anarchists and socialists.

"My friends, there is one unfortunate thing in connection with the use of the word 'anarchist' as applied to those who are banded together to restore the money of the constitution—that is one unfortunate thing about it. Anarchy is a thing not to be considered in a land like this. Anarchy can have no home among the people who have the ballot to right their wrongs. And the unfortunate thing about this campaign is that the name anarchist is applied to the bone and muscle of this country by men who are doing more to overthrow our government than any anarchist who ever carried a red flag.

"I say that when this word anarchist is applied to the toiling millions by men who seek without toil to usurp the fruits and reap the rewards of those who toil the danger is that it will make the name respectable because of its association.

"I protest against the use of that name for the purpose which deprives it of all its terrors. My friends, those who are opposed to us cannot afford to place the farmers of this country in the position of enemies of the government, because they are the only friends that any government ever had.

"My friends, these very men who are abused and despised by those who doubt the capacity of the masses for self government—these are the very people who in time of emergency must protect their calculators from themselves and their associates. My friends, there is not a syndicate that has preyed upon the public which would not rather try its case against another syndicate before the common people of this country than before a jury made up of a syndicate.

"Now, just one word more. There was one motto that impressed me more deeply than any other motto, and I want you to carry that motto home with you when you leave this place and bear it in your memories every day, so that you can read it when you rise up and again when you go to bed, so that it will be a part of your political life. It is a short motto and contains but few letters. It was, 'We Mean Business.'"

If under a free silver law our foreign debtors think they would be robbed, they can prevent that by adopting similar laws and keeping the silver dollar equal to the gold dollar instead of forcing it down. That is probably what they would do. International agreement would quickly follow.

What Will the Farmer Answer?
Whenever any one tells you that farmers' crops are cheap because of overproduction, ask him if he would advise smaller farms and poorer land. His opinion will be valuable to cultivators of the soil.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

Great Britain clings to the single gold standard not because it is best for the world, but because it is best for her. She owns the gold both above and below ground. But is it the best for us?

Hanna's Army.
Every trust, every desperate speculator and option gambler, every usurious money lender, every stock waterer and inflationist, is in Hanna's army behind the McKinley breastworks.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Call For Cockran.
If Mr. Cockran could be induced to speak in the south as he did in Madison Square Garden, gold standard Democrats would all come back.—Nashville American.

ILLINOIS SAFE FOR BRYAN

What a Close Canvass of the State Discloses.

RURAL DISTRICTS FOR SILVER.

In Chicago the Free Silver Candidate Is the Avowed Choice of the Trades Unions. A Conservative Estimate Gives the State to the Democrats by 20,000 Plurality.

A ransack of Illinois politically brings cheer to the free silver Democracy. Both sides have of late laid violent claim to Illinois. Hanna and his coteries said it was to be for McKinley; Jones, Altgeld and the Democratic leaders at Springfield and Chicago were equally vehement in giving the state to Bryan and free silver. They declared the battle won for Bryan.

The Hannacrats, in an ecstasy of eager voracity, announced, and do still, that McKinley would carry Illinois by 100,000 majority. The wish was father to this bluff, for such it was. A bit of research disclosed this claim of 100,000 for McKinley to be feather headed nonsense.

In Marion county, where the Republicans solemnly assert a McKinley certainty of 100 majority, a house to house poll, made with hair line patience, gives it to Bryan by over 500. The same might be said of all the county counties. The Republicans lay hands on them, but don't know whereof they speak and don't dare make practical investigation for fear the discoveries might blast and wither them.

Altgeld, on his part, working with his lieutenants, Buck Hinrichsen and Fithian, has made, one following the other, two thorough canvasses, school district by school district, between Cairo and the Cook county line. They made two because the first cast such an unlooked for glow on their prospect that they couldn't believe it true. So they made the second. They declare—Altgeld and aids—that their search was so thorough that not even a pin point of political chance escaped them. They slammed every front gate, pulled every doorbell save in Chicago and its county. As a result, they assert that both Altgeld and Bryan will come to the Cook county line with a clean majority of 30,000.

They tell, too, that a poll has been made of Chicago and Cook county, and that the free silver Bryan-Altgeld forces will win there by 35,000. They claim the state without tremor by 65,000 for Altgeld and Bryan.

Conservative ones with whom I conversed told the rural majority which they claimed down to 20,000. That figure, it would seem, everybody agrees Altgeld and Bryan will have.

But, taking the best and most conservative testimony of both sides, Bryan today stands to get the state by 20,000. It remains to be seen whether the McKinleyites can bribe or browbeat this down. All honest future changes of political faith in the state will be from gold to free silver. One hears of new converts to free silver daily. This is particularly true of the southern half of the state, where Bryan met such enthusiastic thousands as he crossed it Monday.

In Chicago Bryan is the open and admitted candidate of all of the trades unions. His speech Labor day made a profound impression. By the way, the labor men say that the attendance at the park where Bryan spoke that day was over 100,000.

The labor unions make no doubt of Bryan's success in Illinois. To sum up, from all I could see and learn, Bryan and free silver will carry Illinois, and do it handsomely. The Populists will do their part, and the free silver Republicans would seem to outnumber the gold Democrats about 10 to 1. Bryan should win by a good majority. All he has to fear, for it is the only loophole of Republican escape, is the McKinley syndicate's money in Chicago. If they can buy or bribe a victory, they will do so.

All of the Chicago papers are for McKinley and violently against Bryan. This need breed no alarm. They were as violently against Cleveland in 1892, when he carried Cook county by fully 40,000 majority and took the state out of the Republican list for the first time since the days of Douglas. They were as violently against Carter Harrison when he was made mayor by a large majority. Bryan need have no fears of the Chicago press if the past is any guide. As the day stands, put Illinois in the Bryan column. Let it stay till further orders.—Alfred Henry Lewis in New York Journal.

Free silver would benefit the farmers by raising the price of the silver in silver using countries. It is that silver price, cut in half when measured in gold, that he has to meet. It is oriental silver countries' competition and not overproduction that causes the low price of wheat. A bushel of wheat in Mexico will buy the dollar there as easily as it ever did. A bushel of wheat here will buy only half as much of our dollar.

The Moral Side.
The efforts of the goldbug orators to put their cause on a high moral plane will make their situation worse rather than better. They merely show the desperation of a bad position. The immorality is on the side of those who are trying to force the people to a single gold standard.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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