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We want a currency in the United States so stable that one dollar will do the work of ten of an unstable currency.

CONGRESS should give to every state in the Union the right to adopt the system of initiative and referendum in passing laws. The people should govern this nation and not the peoples' representatives.

When the money of a country is above suspicion, one dollar will do the work of ten of actual coin. No matter whether the money of a country be gold silver or paper, it must never fluctuate in value. What we need today is not more money, but better money.

CONGRESS assembles next week pledged to all sorts of action on the money question. Although the country is seeing such hard times as it has not seen for thirty years, yet the wild ideas of those who believe money can be made out of nothing, and that the stamp of the government is only necessary to make the people take it, finds lodgement in many a breast. What the outcome will be no one can tell.

We hear some people say that the press of the United States is altogether too free and that congress will be doing a good thing to appoint a protectorate, or a censor over the press. Yes, it would be a good thing to suppress the facts in the case where the "change" which has been brought about in our government will be too publicly brought to light. Comparisons just now are extremely odious. Yes it would be the proper time to suppress free speech and free press.

SOME of our United States senators are said to have made a great deal of money in real estate speculations. The people are beginning to look with suspicion on these profits made by our representatives in Washington. It is one of the easiest methods of bribery. A congressman is needed to vote on an important measure. He is approached by interested parties, and told that if he will vote for a certain measure he can purchase a certain tract of land on very easy terms and at a low price. He casts his vote and is delivered a piece of property worth \$20,000 for half that price. He buys on credit and sells for cash, and pockets a cool \$10,000. He is above bribery but he knows how to speculate in real estate. A very shrewd man is he.

In England all the lands of the kingdom are owned by wealthy lords. The people are tenants. The tenant pays the rental price demanded by the landlord and as a consequence a few men in England are immensely wealthy and the masses are poor. A piece of land cannot be purchased at any price, because the lord cannot sell it, as it is entailed. That is the system which will come in vogue in these United States sooner or later, unless we as a people put a stop to the accumulation of property. Our method, would be to limit the ownership of real estate by any individual to some certain sum, and order all the rest sold to the highest bidder thus dividing the lands of the country among the people. We do not want a tenant population in America. Syndicates such as railroads and telephone lines should be restricted to lands for actual use and no more.

CONGRESS convenes next Monday. The great democratic senate and house of representatives, being in complete control of the government will wrestle with the "money" and the tariff questions. To judge from what we can learn from available sources, no one knows what the democrats intend doing, and they do not know themselves. Grover Cleveland is trying to run the "machine" but it is extremely doubtful whether he can do so. Some people profess to answer for the democratic party by excusing the threats made in its platform in favor of free trade by saying that free trade is a myth. If congress

were composed of northern democrats their opinion would have some weight, but unfortunately the South rules in congress just now, and its policy has been and is today to have free trade, at least in northern products, such as wool, lumber, barley, etc., and no doubt it will have it. What does the South care for the wages of the laboring man? Have they not negro labor in the South, which is the cheapest in America, and think you that they are going to legislate in favor of giving better wages to a class they despise? Not much.

Low wages has no terrors to the resident of the South. The South is ruled by the white population, and if we are to believe the residents there, always will be, and any act of congress making the negro any less dependent will meet with strong opposition. The recent closing of manufactures over these United States is not the result of chance, but of widespread distrust. We may look forward to some very long and bitter debates in congress, but ultimately the South will gain its victory because it has the power. We only hope that they may wrangle and do nothing for the next three years and then the people will place in power a party which can be trusted to work in the interest of the laboring man. Labor is the only producer of wealth, and labor must be protected even if it includes the negro.

THE great cry of some people now is for more money. We say, not more money but better money is what we need. Our currency is too much expanded already. We have \$346,000,000 in greenbacks, \$140,000,000 in treasury notes, \$174,731,000 in National bank notes, and nearly \$400,000,000 in silver dollars and certificates, at par with gold because of the policy of the government in exchanging gold for silver on demand. The United States has therefore only \$298,000,000 in gold with which to redeem paper aggregating \$1,060,000,000, or four dollars of paper to one of gold. In purchasing silver at the rate of 4,500,000 ounces each month, we are still further reducing the gold supply, and yet there are people who say let the government issue more paper money. England has \$135,000,000 in paper money and \$135,000,000 in gold to redeem it. Germany has \$230,000,000 in paper money and \$230,000,000 in gold. France has \$700,000,000 of paper money secured by \$340,000,000 in gold. Thus it will be seen that the United States to day has more paper money than any other nation and has less gold in proportion to redeem it. It would therefore appear that instead of expanding our currency we need to strengthen our credit.

GOLD is acceptable in all parts of the civilized world as the standard of all values, but gold never fluctuates for all values are based on gold. We need more good money but not just something that is called money. Silver, copper and nickel can be made into money but it cannot be made a standard of value also. There can be but one standard and just now that is gold. The stamp of our government does nothing more than state the amount of gold in the coin, it does not determine its value. When a silver dollar cannot be exchanged for gold at par then the stamp of the government ceases to make it pass at par. A paper dollar is just as good as a gold dollar as long as it can be exchanged for gold, and no longer. Paper money is the most convenient of all money, but it must have a gold basis or whatever is recognized as the standard of all values. The reason silver is less valuable than it has been is because there is less demand for it than formerly. As a basis of value it is not stable. It can perform a useful part as a subsidiary coin and as such it will always be used. The sooner we get the idea that money is simply the promise to pay and not the pay itself, the better financial condition will we be in.

OVER \$12,000,000 worth of orders for goods were cancelled on the Pacific coast alone last month, owing to the hard times and lessened demand. The effect is far reaching. Railroads are idle, factories are closing down, men are thrown out of employment. We are having a "change" and the change does not seem to be acceptable, but we must insist on congress so defining its policy that the wheels of progress may once more revolve. No one can deny that we have all the elements of prosperity, but we have voted at the ballot box for a "change" and the anticipation of what that change will be falls with crushing effect on all our industries.

Hundreds of national banks have suspended. Each of those banks had paper money called national bank notes and each one of those bank notes is still at par, and why? Because the gold to pay those notes is on deposit, not in the suspended national banks but in the United States treasury. You can get gold

for the bank notes, therefore they do not depreciate. Supposing we had state banks, as we had before the war, what would such paper be worth? A moderate amount of a good money is worth a flood of poor currency.

THE war cloud has blown over as far as war between France and Siam is concerned, but England is not yet entirely satisfied.

DURING the past month the Southern Pacific railroad has failed to pay running expenses, a thing not known before in its history. We have not far to look for the reason.

All civilized nations of the earth will be interested in the actions of the congress of these United States which meets in Washington next week.

WHERE is all the gold and silver and greenbacks which were in circulation only a few months ago? They have been withdrawn from circulation and are being hoarded. Confidence once restored and we will have plenty of money in circulation.

THERE is some talk of Canada being annexed to the United States. There is no danger while the South is in control of this government as it is now. If Canada was annexed it would mean many million voters who would favor good wages for the laboring man. There are no negroes in Canada.

THE suspension of pensioners is still going on at a rapid rate by secretary Hoke Smith, and it is now estimated that at least 75,000 of those whose pensions were granted under the act of 1890 will be suspended. As soon as a pensioner is dropped he is notified to produce additional proof of his right to the pension he has been receiving, within 60 days, or be permanently dropped from the roll.

LEST some of our readers may misunderstand the position of this paper on the money question we do not want to be understood as favoring gold as the only money to be used by the people. We favor gold, silver, nickel, paper, etc., but gold being the standard, the others must be so issued as to be easily converted into gold. Millions of dollars are exchanged from hand to hand and not a dollar of gold used. While gold must be the basis of money value, all money need not be gold. As an example A. deposits \$100 in a bank, and draws his check for it in favor of B. B. passes the check to C. and C. to D. and D. to E. etc. and virtually it pays debts amounting to thousands of dollars, and not a cent of metal money is passed. A's check is good money just as long as A. has gold to pay it. When there is no gold to redeem the check it is a lessened value. So when this government is known to be able to redeem all its paper, so long its paper remains at par and the stamp of the government makes the price of paper worth just as much as a piece of gold of equal value. Twenty pieces of silver, if exchangeable for gold, will pass on a par with gold as long as they can be exchanged for gold. If the democratic party has the wisdom necessary to formulate a system of finance wherein all kinds of money are redeemable in gold, that money can never fall below par. A nation must be able to redeem its promises to pay just as an individual and whether that promise be stamped on silver, nickel or on paper it ceases to have full value when it becomes known that the basis of the promise is not to be had on demand. The one hundred banks in the United States which have suspended since last January have plenty of security for all they owe depositors, but they cannot collect from those owing them. So it would be with the government without having the coin on hand to redeem its promises.

ON a recent Saturday evening two women met in a Boston market and after exchanging the usual friendly greetings commenced to console each other for the deaths of their respective husbands.

One of the women was greatly affected as she related the virtues of her departed spouse. Bursting into tears, she exclaimed: "Oh, but my Felix was a good man!" The other replied, "My husband was good to me, and my loss was as great as yours."

"I know all that," returned the first, "but my Felix had false teeth." "Well, what has that to do with it?" "I have his teeth at home, and I don't know what to do with them." "Why didn't you have them buried with him?" The sorrowing widow, again bursting into tears, cried, "I would, but I was afraid they might choke him."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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 How a Great Holiday Dish of Sailors Received Its Queer Name.

There are many traditions respecting the origin of the name "plum duff," the great holiday dish of sailors. No feast on shipboard is considered perfect without it. According to the story given in the history of the British navy, an English brig in the south Pacific was caught in a series of awful hurricanes. All on board were anxious to reach a port in time for Christmas, but the holiday found them still off the Navigators islands. Worst of all, they had shipped a sea that carried away the hencoop containing a few chickens.

When the cook saw the Christmas dinner floating in the lee scuppers and in danger of going overboard, he made a gallant charge down the slippery, sloping deck to recover it, but at that moment a great wave rose high over the bulwarks, broke with resistless fury on the very spot where he stood, and when it subsided cook and chickens had both disappeared.

This unfortunate accident left the crew not only without a Christmas dinner, but without any one to prepare an ordinary meal. The sailors were heartily sick of "hardtack" and remembered with longing the famous plum pudding of merry England. They determined that somehow they must have a Christmas pudding and drew lots as to who should be the cook.

The choice fell on the boatswain's mate, a brawny son of the Emerald Isle. In the galley he found an old cookbook. This he solemnly pored over in search of something promising, but for lack of skill or materials found nothing he dared venture upon. At last he settled upon a recipe which began, "Make a stiff dough." When he reached the word "dough," he said to himself, "If r-o-u-g-h spells ruff, d-o-u-g-h spells duff."

So he made the pudding, putting in some fine Malaga raisins, and served it out with a generous quantity of rich sauce. The sailors hailed it with delight and appreciation. "What d'ye call it?" they asked. "Plum duff," said the proud cook. And plum duff it has remained from that day to this.—Manchester Times.

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