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REAL SUPPORT—NOT ARTIFICIAL.

The question of artificial governmental support of any industry after that industry has gained a foothold in a country is one of considerable import and has afforded much vexatious strife in national councils. There is no more reason why the wool industry should receive special legislation, that will give a better price for wool, than that a wheat raiser should have legislation which would give him a better price for his wheat. Not so much, for the wheat raiser, by virtue of numerical companionship, has a greater claim upon paternalism than his friend of the wool industry. An import duty upon wheat would do the producer no good because the cereal is raised in such quantities that the export price governs the home market. A duty on wool will doubtless add a small per cent to the price of wool because it will more or less prohibit importation. But if we really consider the wool industry, enormous as it is, as of more importance than the wheat industry, let us do the thing up properly and allow no wool to come in competition with the home product. Deny admittance to each and every pound of wool that will come in competition with American growth and let the law of supply and demand regulate the prices.

There is, however, a protection that sooner or later must benefit the raiser of wheat and the grower of wool. That is—the introduction of a monetary system that will give us the old proportion of money to product and labor. It is but a question of time when we will have a national currency and a uniform system of money. The public has always supported it. In time, the nation itself will enact such a law. Then we will get millions of revenue without taxing every mouthful of provisions eaten by the public at large. There will be but small resistance, generally, to such a measure. Of course, the affair would be taken to the supreme court and that august tribunal might decide adversely, as it did with the income tax, but we can soon remedy that weakness. Some day or other we shall have conditions such that when the voice of the people has spoken it shall be law, and a supreme court, a creature of the people, shall do the will of the nation.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

"Protectionists," i. e., those who assume that we must have a high tariff rate in order to thrive as a nation, should revert back to Harrison's administration and explain why in 1890 and 1892 congressional elections went strongly democratic and why there was so much popular unrest. Business was sinking every day and failures were growing more numerous as the administration drew to its close. The prices of labor hire were constantly being reduced, money was constantly growing scarcer and the result was a vote for absolute change of government. The change from the McKinley law of 1890 to the Wilson bill of 1894 made no material change with but few notable exceptions. Things went from bad to worse. The avalanche of depression had started and until it reached its base of level, nothing can stop it. Politicians, who are out for place, however, and a few who want a special series of paternal legislation, are now crying for more protection. The nation voted for it last fall and no congressman should obstruct a tariff bill such as will meet the approval of the dominant influence in the republican party. We shall then see that protection is a failure and citizens will then see the comparison between present conditions and the last half of Harrison's regime. Every true independent bimetallic desires to see the tariff question speedily settled as the conditions which inevitably must follow will indicate the position that silver men take—that for prosperity to

ensue we must leave the log wood of gold standardism.

There can be no protection of American agriculturalists and labor equal to the protection warranted by a money system equitably established which will give a money volume sufficient for the demands of those who are honestly in the field of demand for the money of the realm. Forty-seven and one half per cent of American voters last fall cast their ballots for such a policy and unless protection does more than the outlook will warrant, the small per cent of loss and gain to elect a bimetallic congress and president will be very easy to compass in the future.

THE PASSING OF GOLD STANDARDISM.

A great many people who supported Mr. McKinley did not think that agencies were behind his nomination and success which would force his administration to retire the greenbacks and every form of paper money and allow the bank to exercise what should be a prerogative of the people—the issuance of legal tender. But such is the case and thousands who supported the president's platform are now convinced that they were deceived. His appointment of Mr. Gage to the portfolio of Treasury was the first evidence of this condition. Mr. Gage is a gold standard man with opposite views on the tariff questions to those usually held by protectionists. Those who supported the president now realize that protection was not the issue and that gold standardists were for him irrespective of party or creed. This has been a severe eye-opener and the deception practiced will make many votes for the next bimetallic candidate. Surely, we are now witnessing, in popular opinion, the passing of the gold standard.

AN INHERITANCE TAX.

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The prate of partisan betrayal and groans over the proposed mashing of the silver voters as contemplated by Oregon's bimetallicists seem rather demagogic in our "sound money brethren" when they are constantly telling us that all gold people will go together irrespective of partisan affiliation. Truly, this is an age of arrant humbuggery. Isn't this plain enough?

The people of Oregon will make their own political destiny. Already the gold standard supporters understand that, come what will, they shall not be divided, and this one thing should be a sufficient object lesson to the common herd that they must get together and vote on principle instead of listening to the seductive wail of place hunting politicians.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Isn't it about time that Mr. McKinley should send another commission of exploration to locate Messrs. Pai e, Wolcott and Stevensons? That was a seeking, penetrating rain, and does more good than all the political confidence yet promised or materialized by Mr. Hanna's administration. Last year we heard considerable about the "Cleveland badge." It is now in order for some staunch administrationist to arrive and define the difference between a "Cleveland badge" and a "Mc-

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

Sarah C. Miller, Plaintiff,

Julius Martin Miller, Defendant.

To Julius Martin Miller, the above named defendant:

I am hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed herein in the above entitled suit, by Monday the 19th day of July, 1897, the same being the first day of the next regular term of said court, and if you fail to appear and answer, for a decree dissolving the marriage contract now existing between yourself and the plaintiff, and that you be held in contempt of court for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication by order of the Hon. Thomas A. McBride, judge of the above named court, made and dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 22nd day of May, 1897.

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A. N. Lowe, Guardian of Albert A. Lowe, one surviving child of Mrs. P. M. Croft, H. B. 12th, A. D. 1877, and answer plaintiff's complaint for plaintiff will take judgment against you dissolving the marriage contract heretofore existing between you and her. Published by order of Hon. T. A. McBride, judge, on the 22nd day of May, 1897. W. H. HURLETT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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