

Democratic National Ticket.

For President,
WM. J. BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,
ARTHUR SEWALL,
Of Maine.

How Does He Stand?

Senator Mitchell has returned from Washington to Oregon once more. In the Oregonian he is represented as being an enthusiastic follower of McKinley, and an ardent believer in the St. Louis platform. He also expresses himself as ready and willing to take the stump in Oregon and tell the people his views why McKinley should be elected and the country forced absolutely to a single gold standard.

There is a great curiosity existing among the people of Oregon as to how Senator Mitchell is going to preach gold standard McKinleyism to them and retain a single degree of political respect for himself. There is absolutely no denying or evading the issue this year. The fight is not for a higher or lower tariff, but it is a square fight on the money question. It is a battle of standards whether we are to sink completely to a British gold standard, or whether we are to return to the money of the constitution, both silver and gold.

In the battle against the gold barons and money gamblers for the past number of years we are free to confess that there has been no more vigorous fighter in the United States senate than Senator Mitchell, of Oregon. He has been ardent, vigorous and watchful. At this distance it appeared that he never missed an opportunity to attack the money monopoly. His speeches have been deep, profound and convincing; his independence and fearlessness has been universally admired. In the expounding and spreading of the silver propaganda in the states of Oregon and Washington, there has been no statesman more frequently quoted than Senator Mitchell. His free silver speeches have been printed and scattered broadcast over the state of Oregon, and have made thousands of converts for the white metal. And all of this has been of recent occurrence. He cannot plead like that idol of Kentucky democracy, who sold his opinions for a cabinet position—Carlisle—that his speeches for silver were made years ago, and that conditions have changed since then. Mitchell's arguments were made no longer than the last session of Congress, and we really believe that his great speech upon "Independent Bimetallism," was one of the best silver speeches ever made in congress, and was second only to that great speech made by the silver-tongued Bryan in 1893.

The people of Oregon have never heard or read a word from Senator Mitchell against silver during his long public life, and it has been this, as much as anything else that has held Senator Mitchell up with the people of Oregon. So strong has been his advocacy of free coinage that an element of the republican party that also stood for free coinage in Multnomah county last June, adopted the name of "Mitchell republicans" to distinguish and mark their belief also for silver.

And now Senator Mitchell is home and is going to take the stump for a platform that gives the lie to every one of his utterances upon the coinage question for the last ten years. Will he meet the issue fairly and admit that he was wrong and the others right, or will he dodge and evade and say that the question is not on the money standard, but that it is the tariff,

or some other bugaboo which may be invented to divert the minds of the people. It looks like he was going to dodge, as he is reported as saying:

"When I take the stump I will fully set forth my views why McKinley should be elected president of the United States. In this connection I may as well state now that there are several vital questions involved in the campaign aside from the financial question.

"There is the question of protection to American industries and American labor; the question of national supremacy; integrity of the organization and ultimate decisions of the national judiciary. In other words, the same questions are involved in the coming campaign relative to policies and principles over the vindication of which the war of the rebellion was fought to a finish."

For Oysters at Yaquina.

Mr. H. D. McGuire, fish and game protector, is back from Yaquina bay, where he went to make investigations in connection with the proposed planting of Eastern oysters. Professor Washburn, biologist of the state university, has been taking observations of the temperature of the Yaquina waters, its density, and condition of the bottom, etc., and will do the same at Coos and Tillamook bays. This is done in order to decide on the proper place to procure the seed oysters. It is supposed that the reason why so many of the Eastern oysters planted on this coast do not propagate is that they have mostly been brought from the Chesapeake, or other places South, where the water is much warmer than on this coast, and these oysters, when planted where the water is ten degrees or more colder than what they have been accustomed to, may flourish and arrive at maturity, but do not increase. When the temperature of the water, its degree of saltness, etc., in the bays on the coast of this state have been determined, steps will be taken to procure seed oysters from some point far enough north to suit their new surroundings.

Mr. McGuire finds the area of the oyster beds at Yaquina limited. There are about a dozen oyster beds of two acres each, owned by private parties, and some 20 men are engaged in the oyster business. Outside the private beds is an area of some size, where the oysters grow naturally; but this area is protected by law and cannot be taken up, and the oysters on it are used to stock the private beds. It is said that some years since the output of oysters amounted to \$20,000 per annum, but a great freshet destroyed many of the oysters, and since then the output has not been more than \$10,000.

It is probable that a carload of seed oysters will arrive here about November 1, and they will be distributed among the various places along the coast which have been decided to be suitable for them. At Yaquina they will be planted on the private beds, so that they can be protected. If they were planted on the outside beds, they would be carried off as soon as they reached any size. The area at Yaquina is too small for it ever to become much of an oyster-producing place, but if the owners of private beds can have a lot of Eastern oysters planted on their beds, it will be a very good thing for them, whether the oysters propagate or not.—Oregonian.

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