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THE END OF FREE SILVER.

There will be no more agitation for free silver in this country. The financial bill which became a law with the president's approval yesterday settled that question permanently, to the intense relief of the democrats, no doubt, as well as the republicans.

For the sake of seeming consistency the next democratic platform will contain a free coinage plank, but the democratic leaders will not press this issue in the canvass because they realize that it is permanently settled, and settled by the sanction not only of the republican party, but with the entire assent of a large section of the democratic voters as well. Free silver coinage at the rate of 16 to 1 will not figure in the next campaign.

This is a clear gain to business stability, at least, for which this country is to be congratulated, and the majority in congress is to be commended. While the passage of a currency bill which recognizes gold as the monetary standard of the country and eliminates the endless chain system of depleting the treasury gold reserve, is only the belated fulfillment of a campaign promise made nearly four years ago, it is an exceptional instance of a campaign promise fulfilled. Many campaign promises are made to the car to be broken to the hope, and the business interests of the country are to be congratulated that the gold standard promise was not one of this sort.

With the coinage question in effect eliminated from the coming presidential contest, the public will be able to take sides upon some new issues growing out of conditions which have arisen since the last presidential election and which will not be obscured by any serious discussion of the currency question. If not the wisest bill that could have been framed upon the subject, it settles the question for years to come, if not for all time. It will be recognized as a final settlement by everybody and with the cordial acquiescence of nearly everybody. Business men can plan for the future with the positive assurance that financial values cannot be disturbed by unwise tinkering with the monetary standard for years to come.

What the "open door" to the trade of the East, of which we hear nowadays so much, amounts to, is shown in general and with great abundance of detail in Bulletin 13 of the national department.

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ment of agriculture, just issued from its Section of Foreign Markets. Ten years (1889-1899) are covered by the report, and during that time the commerce with Japan, China and Hong Kong about doubled, slightly exceeding in the last year eighty-seven millions of dollars. Imports and exports were about equal, though the parity is not likely much longer to continue, since exports during the ten years increased 256 per cent, and imports only 26 per cent. In the last three years the inequality has even greater, exports having more than doubled, while the imports of 1899 were a million less than those of the year before. Exports to the East are so far principally of five items—cotton, of which before 1889 none was sent to either of the three countries, none to China until 1892, and none to Hong Kong until 1895; cotton manufactures, kersey, wheat flour and iron and steel manufactures—the combined value in 1898 amounting to \$28,859,635, or about 80 per cent of the total. Of the imports, as would be expected, silk and tea form the principal part, or about 70 per cent of the total, silk for last year being valued at twenty-four millions and tea at nine. Among the detailed tables, which occupy more than one hundred pages of the Bulletin, carrying the statistics to the last degree of refinement, it is possibly interesting to note that we took from China last year forty million pounds of tea, valued at \$5,000,000, or an average of about 15 2-3 cents a pound, showing a great profit somewhere between the grower and the consumer, and \$140,000 worth of firecrackers, less than one-third as many as the year before, and less than half the average for the last five years, indicating perhaps that the Fourth of July proscription ordinance of our city fathers is at last becoming effective. The Bulletin, though overlaid with a mass of statistical details, clearly shows, however, that the "open door" is a fact, and that the flour of the Western coast, the cotton of the South, the cotton goods of New England, and the steel and iron of the great Middle States, all pour with a steadily increasing flood into the markets of the East, if the laws of commerce are allowed to have their natural way.

Senator Mason has introduced in the senate a resolution calling upon the state department for all the correspondence between the government of the United States and the government of Great Britain relative to the Isthmian canal authorized by the late Secretary J. G. Blaine and also "a chronological recapitulation of the contentions made by the various secretaries of state since the signing of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as to the validity of this treaty, the replies by the government of Great Britain and the violations of the terms of the treaty on the part of Great Britain which have been held by the government of the United States to have operated as an abrogation of the treaty." The purpose of the resolution is announced in the body of it to be to "secure from the state department a complete explanation as to the attitude of the various secretaries of state relative to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty." In the preamble General Lew Wallace is quoted as saying Mr. Blaine had told him while secretary of state that he had written a note to the American minister to Great Britain instructing him to take the position that Great Britain had by her own acts rendered the treaty void. This statement is contrasted with the statement attributed to the state department that Secretary Frelinghuysen was the only secretary of state who had held the view that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had been cancelled.

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TERMS FOR THE BOERS.

Discussion is already rife of the settlement that is to be made in South Africa at the end of the present war. It seems to be imagined by some that the war is near its end, and that the

British will be triumphant. The suggestion is made, therefore, that they should be magnanimous in their treatment of the Boers, and it is intimated that the Boers would be glad to consider peace on the basis of entire independence of their two republics. That is to say, they would like to be made better of than they were before they began the war. It is altogether probable that they will be made better off, but it will not be through the granting of independence.

The British government has not yet indicated the form of settlement it will impose upon the Boers. There is no doubt that it will act with generosity and kindness, as Lord Roberts is doing at the present moment. But neither is there any doubt that it will establish, once and for all time, its sovereign authority over the whole of South Africa. The government will not be more lenient toward the Boers than Lord Rosebery would, and Lord Rosebery has said emphatically that there can be no repetition of the Majuba surrender. The terms of peace will be dictated by the victor, not by the vanquished. That is the common rule of war, and there seems to be no reason for departing from it in this case.

Nor will the Boers have cause to murmur. They themselves have set the example for such settlement. Many weeks ago, when the tide of war was flowing strongly in their favor, they suggested peace on their own terms. They would not be satisfied, they said, with a mere return to the status quo ante, but must have some material gains as fruits of victory—full independence for the Transvaal, and a seaport, and the annexation of some counties of Natal and the Cape. Such were the terms they demanded, and they emphasized their earnestness in demanding them by formally "annexing" large tracts of British territory. They thus have debated themselves from effective protest against a similar course on the part of Great Britain. If they would not be content with a return to the status quo ante, why should the British be? If they demanded such independence as they had not had before, why should not the British require them to surrender even that which they have? If they were justified in annexing British territory, why may not the British annex Boer territory?

But all these questions will be for the British government to settle when Lord Roberts gets to Pretoria. They are no business of the outside world. There are only a few points of settlement which concern the world at large, even in an academic sense. One is that the settlement shall be final, and there shall be no loophole left for a renewal of the wretched controversy that has vexed the land for the last quarter of a century. Another is that there shall be no race proscription, but every facility shall be offered for a growth of amity and good fellowship between Boer and Briton. And a third is that South Africa shall be put and kept in line and in touch with civilization and progress and enlightened freegovernment. If these things are assured, the war will not have been in vain. If they are not assured, it will have been in vain, and there is no war more deplorable and more detestable than one which is in vain.

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