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Never was a more grievous wrong done the farmers of our country than that so unjustly inflicted during the past three years upon the wool growers. Although among our most useful citizens, their in-terests have been practically destroyed.

-McKinley's letter of acceptance.

FREE SILVER MEXICO.

silver country. The conditions rue the day. there, it is true, are unlike those of the United States, but not so unlike more than the actual bullion value? they will not have time to introduce If free coinage will give us higher him to the voters. wages than now prevail here, why gold standard price here?

says farm labor is paid twenty-five and his party declared that a repeal cents per day. Dr. Wm. H. Sloan, a Baptist missionary who has resided in Mexico a number of years, writes of the conditions there as follows:

An American dollar in Mexico at this writing is worth \$1.90 in Mexican silver; in other words, one Mexel ican dollar is worth about 51 cents in American money, although it has coined, the owner of the bullion paying about four cents for the coinage of each dollar, and of course profit ing by the added value supposed to be placed upon it by the government's stamp. Day by day the silcomes distressing beyond descrip tion. Let me give you a few figures drawn from the daily life of the people. You know I am not a newspaper correspondent nor an editor, seated in my comfortable sanctum their homes, I know the wages they get, the food they eat, for I have eaten with them, their appeals for better wages, the destitute condition of their squallid homes, and I know that their life is cheerless and almost helpless. If free silver could have made any people prosperous and con-tented, it should have done this with the Mexicans. But it has been a blessing only to the capitalist who could buy silver with gold, and who has enriched himself at the expense of the laborer.

The daily wages of a skilled me chanic is about \$1 (51 cents in

American money). Under favorable circumstances he may get \$1.25, and I know of a few, extra men, who in government shops and railway service get \$1.50 (about 80 cents in American money). Occasionally, where men go away from their families, or the work may require peculiar skill, or the employers are unusually liberal, a slightly higher figure will be paid. But the average is about \$1, and the large majority of Mexican blacksmiths, carpenters, tailors and other artisans receive only 75 cents per day, or 39 cents in American money. In my remaining figures, to avoid repetition, I will give the amounts in United States "sound" money. A policeman gets 51 cents per day, a common laborer from 18 to 30 cents. Postal carriers get from \$6 to \$15 per month. Clerks receive from \$16 to \$20 per month. House rent for the poorest laborer here is from \$1.50 to \$3 per

For 350 years silver has flowed forth in an uninterrupted and prolific ... Multnomah stream, finding its way into the ends of the earth; but the laboring classes of Mexico are worse off, and have been, than were their progenitors before the working of the mines commenced. I can hardly understand the blind fatuity of my countrymen who want a free coinage of silver. If they are successful in engrafting THE CELEBRATED _ the Mexican financial system, so far as silver is concerned, upon the Mexico has always been a free American people, they certainly will

month, gold, of course.

John Boyd Thatcher, Democratic our conditions as that it could not nominee for governor of New York, raise the price of silver one cent, who refused to stand on Bryan's while we could raise the price 47 platform, and who sees the hopelesscents, as is claimed by Mr. Bryan, ness of the case, has declined to should we adopt their financial sys- make the race. The Democrats of tem. If free coinage will give us a New York are going from bad to silver dollar worth, as bullion, \$1 29, worse in their campaign, and if they why does not free coinage in Mexico do not find a man very soon who is give them a dollar worth something Populist enough to make the race,

Wheat has an upward tendency, does free coinage there fail to bring but silver is lower than ever. This, up wages to the level, at least, of the is a strange phenomena, in view of the assertions of Bryan and the other The minister of finance of Mexico Populists. Four years ago Bryan the price of wheat to \$1; but the price fell about fifty per cent. This was another remarkable phenomenon.

The United States has over three times as much silver per capita in circulation as any free silver coun more silver in it than the American try, and over four times as much dollar has. I believe this cheapness money in circulation as any free silof silver is due to its enormous prod ver country except Russia. Russia duction. Immense quantities are has a total per capita circulation of brought to the Mexican mints to be \$8.46, while the United States has \$22.55.

THE CHRONICLE has frequently predicted that with the assurance of the election of the Republican ticket, wer is cheapened, but wages are not prosperity would begin to return. raised, the price of the pecessities of The reports of the leading comlife steadily increase, house rent be- mercial agencies indicate that business men are satisfied that Bryan will be defeated by a large majority.

and theorizing upon this subject. are worth less than one dollar, a free For years I have seen these people in silver country that is not on a silver

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