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The Inter Ocean had the following in regard to the Teller resolution which was defeated in the house a few days since:

Hardly had the fifty-fifth congress met in regular session before a kind of rivalry sprang up at the capital between the Teller resolution and the Gage bill. It was evident that one or the other would determine the line of battle for the congressional campaign of 1898, and it was certainly a matter of the highest political importance it should. With their old-time facility for blundering, the Democrats took it upon themselves to make repudiation the issue.

In a general way the bill and the resolution involve the same issue—sound money and financial honesty; but from the strategic point of view it was greatly to the advantage of the Republican party that the fighting should be on the line of this question: Shall the United States, which has always paid every debt in full, pay what remains unpaid at about 56-cents on the dollar? In adopting a proposition so monstrous the Democrats of the senate did the Republican party a great campaign service. There every Democrat, with one lone exception, supported the Teller resolution. The leadership of Bryan in 1896 was had enough, but the leadership of Teller in 1898 is a still more egregious blunder.

The Democrats were under no kind of necessity to take the initiative. Their party is not responsible for the government. Four years ago the Republicans lived up to their privilege and let the Democrats go on and force the fighting. The Democrats could have done the same in this case. The Republican house would have been obliged to pass a revenue bill, or been open to the charge of cowardice. Unfortunately for the Republican party, no monetary bill could pass the present house which would not be distorted by the enemy into the raising of the single gold standard. Many a voter who would be utterly opposed to allowing the silver dollar to fall below the gold standard would be no less utterly opposed to the abandonment of genuine bimetalism. The Gage bill is not such abandonment, but a good many people might have been persuaded that such is the case, especially as Mr. Gage has made the mistake of talking too much. His bill is sound and conservative, but its passage would have made all his speeches and interviews available campaign ammunition. But now the Democrats have rushed in and drawn the line of battle outside the field covered by the Gage bill, or any like measure.

The truth is that the Teller resolution carries repudiation farther than the Greenbackers ever proposed to carry it. At no time after the war and during which greenbacks were below par were they worth anything like so little as the silver dollar is today. The intrinsic value of the silver dollar is only about 56 cents, and the undisguised meaning of the resolution gathered by Teller is that the United States cheat its creditors out of about 44 per cent of their just claims. Twenty years ago, when the last great fiat campaign was waged, the greenback lacked only a few cents of being worth its face in gold.

The good name of the country does not admit of any hesitation in repudiating repudiation. The whole

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 Y. GRAY, Administratrix.

NOTICE.

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