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He'd Better Trade Her Off

There is a certain Yorkshire man who has won considerable fame and some wealth as an expert handler of horses. He is also the possessor of a pleasant home, a charming wife and a bright 3-year-old boy.

The latter is the delight of his father's heart, and the little fellow not only knows lots of horse talk, but takes a keen delight in a mild attempt at holding the reins over a fast gee.

The wee horseman has picked up the habit of calling his parents by their

first names, and the way in which he utters them is decidedly cunning.

One day not long ago his father came home in a hurry and found the luncheon wasn't ready.

"What do you think of that, my small man?" he cried laughingly as he tossed the 3-year-old in the air. "Here's papa come home in a terrible hurry and no luncheon ready. What ought we to do with such a terrible mamma?"

The little fellow's eyes sparkled.

"Trade her off, Harry; trade her off!" he shouted.—Pearson's Weekly.

POLITICAL CARDS.

For Governor.....

T. T. GEER,
of Marion County

Regular Republican Nominee.

For State Printer.....

W. H. LEEDS,
of Aseland.

Regular Republican Nominee.

For State Senator.....

THEO. CAMERON
of Jacksonville,

Regular Republican Nominee.

For Representative.....

J. M. WHIPPLE,
of Woodville.

Regular Republican Nominee.

For Sheriff.....

ALEX. ORME
of Footh Creek.

Regular Republican Nominee.

T. T. GEER AT DRAIN

The Farmers are not to be Mislead by the Fusionists -- Two Systems of Bimetallism.

Hon. T. T. Geer, republican candidate for governor, in his address at Drain Thursday evening, said in part:

"In your extreme desire to make us appear odious, you call us 'gold-bugs.' All right; so far, so good; but if you think we are to be thus easily put down, you are mistaken, for we proceed to make faces along the same line, and get even by retorting, 'silver-bug'! Indeed, we have more than got even, for we have called you a name that is 16 times worse than you have called us, and that by your own admission.

"The present secretary of state, who declares it to be nobody's business how he voted in 1896, and who has just issued a biographical laudation at 15 cents a laudation, says his party favors 'the coinage of silver on an equality with gold,' and then proceeds to declare in favor of a ratio that discriminates against silver 16 times over.

"There never has been any 'equality' between silver and gold, either in price or weight since the ratio of 1 to 1 was departed from; such 'equality' has not existed for thousands of years. There is nothing 'equal' in a law that requires

16 times as much silver to be put into a silver dollar as gold in a gold dollar, unless you admit that, when you accept any ratio at all, you must accept one that recognizes relative value of the two metals, ounce for ounce. But you do not do this; from your highest to your lowest oracles you declare that the law gives money all the value it has, and you then declare strenuously in favor of a law that is in favor of gold, as against silver, 16 times over. If you believe that money gets its sole value from the law, why don't you ask for one that gives silver an 'equal' chance with gold, sure enough? In other words, don't you know that when you clamor for the ratio of 16 to 1, you recognize some superior force, something above the law? Now this is a fact, that the law never created the ratio of 16 to 1, nor any other ratio; it simply recognized it as an already existing fact. Here is where all silver men, from the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Bryan, down, get the cart before the horse, and become swamped in a hopeless confusion of sinking sand.

"All silver men contend that if our mints were thrown wide open to silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, the price of silver would at once again reach \$1.29 an ounce, thus plainly declaring their belief that the price is fixed by the ratio, when, in fact, as everybody should know, the ratio in all ages has been fixed by the price; indeed, the ratio has never been anything but an expression of the relative price of the two metals. Now, since there can be no rational attempt to gainsay this proposition, it is easily understood that no 'fixed' ratio can ever be 'fixed,' for the reason that no fixed price for silver can be fixed. Indeed, there is nothing connected with the whole subject that is fixed except the notion in some men's heads that the ratio of 16 to 1 came directly from the hand of God, and that the first chapter of Genesis should be revised so as to read: "In the beginning God created the heavens, then the ratio of 16 to 1, and afterwards the earth."

"But this plank was put into the fusionist platform to catch discontented voters, who are not populists. You talk to a populist about the free-coinage plank, and he will say: 'Oh, you forget the plank which declares for money to be issued directly to the people. They are not only in favor of a 'flexible' currency; but are decidedly partial to a flexible platform; the populist finds his comfort in the flexible plank, and the silver man anchors his restless soul on the declaration for 16 to 1. You catch the silver man on his favorite plank, and he tells you he is Dr. Jekyll himself; but it is no uncommon thing to find him lobnobbing on the 'flexible' plank with a populist, at which time he bears a wonderful resemblance to a veritable monetary Mr. Hyde.

THE FARMERS TO BE FOOLED.

"But these fantastic pranks before high heaven do not serve to fool the farmers any longer. The only reason ever given for clamoring for the reopening of the mints to free coinage of silver and the 'issuing' of 'flexible' money directly to the people was as a remedy for 'falling prices'; but there are no

falling prices now; none anywhere. All the staple products of Oregon farmers have risen in price during the past two years from 50 to 200 per cent; no one will deny this; no one can deny it. But when we dare to rejoice over the improved condition of the country and point to the increased price of wheat as one of the many evidences of our claim, you always retort by saying the populist position that prices are made by the amount of money in circulation is still maintained by your claim that the doubled price of wheat is due to the 'famine in India.' But just how the 'famine in India' could nearly double the price of wool, increase the price of sheep 300 per cent, and more, place the price of cattle absolutely out of sight, and put the price of nearly every other farm product on a paying basis, would puzzle the ingenuity even of a populist. But we will accept the famine-in-India theory. I know very well that during the period of low prices we republicans tried to make you see the fact that low prices were caused by an over-supply of the articles affected, but you gave us no hearing, scouting the claim altogether and contended before the people of Oregon everywhere that prices were low because there was such a contraction of the currency that prices had to be low as a consequence. The hill-tops and valleys resounded with the populist cry that prices are made by the amount of money in circulation, and that prices would continue low until the 'money of the constitution' was restored.

"You know there is nothing provokes a fusionist so much—even a fusionist farmer—as to get a higher price for a farm product this year than he got for the same product last year; so in his frenzy to explain the rise in wheat without weakening the standing of his party he unwittingly shouts, 'Famine in India!' But the shivering fusionist who takes refuge behind the 'famine-in-India' plea simply says in the very plainest of English words that the supply of wheat makes the price after all. This has always been the republican position and every time a populist brother comes at me with a reference to the famine in India, I extend him both my hands, as he thus steps upon one of the broadest planks of the republican platform. And this has all happened under the gold standard.

"Now, since 'falling prices' the only reason given even by yourselves for being horn as a party—has been removed, why not voluntarily disband, vote the republican ticket and help us maintain the improved condition which is now blessing our beloved country?

BIMETALLISM.

"Your cry for 'bimetallism' no longer fools anybody. The law you are demanding would never give bimetallism, and never did. A law that does not insure the concurrent circulation of both gold and silver coins among the common people is not the law I want, because I believe in a bimetallism that will mean something. When I look at Mexico and see that, under a free-coinage law, not any gold whatever circulates, then I know (Continued on sixth page.)