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THE MEXICAN DOLLAR ARGUMENT.

From New York Herald:
About the most pointless of the arguments used to bolster up the cause of a single gold standard is the "Mexican Dollar" argument. It is seldom put into the form of an argument, as that would immediately expose its fallacy. The mere fact that Mexican silver dollars, containing more silver than the American standard silver dollar, may be purchased for about 50 cents, is stated, and the uninformed are left to infer any portentous conclusion which may occur to their minds.

If the argument be expressed in full, it exhibits almost every form of fallacy known to logicians.

The following is intended to be a fair statement of the argument that gold advocates intend to make.

"The silver dollar of Mexico, which has free coinage of silver, is sold in the markets at its bullion value. Therefore if the United States should adopt free coinage (of silver) its dollar would depreciate to its bullion value.

Thus stated, it is seen to be what logicians call a non sequitur; that is, the conclusion does not follow from the premises, of which, in this case, there is but one. Every complete argument, must have, expressed or implied, two premises as well as a conclusion. This has but one, and that one, while not wholly false, needs some qualification.

Mexico has not the gratuitous coinage of either silver or gold. A heavy charge is made for the mintage of gold, and a less charge for silver. This of course virtually demonetizes gold, and hence Mexico is seen to be on a basis silver monometallism. The policy proposed by the democratic platform is the free coinage of both gold and silver, on equal terms. There would be either no charge for mintage, or the slight charge for alloy would be made equal in both cases. This is radically different from the coinage system of Mexico, and makes any argument drawn from conditions in that country entirely inapplicable to this country under bimetallicism.

While it is valuable for the bimetallicist to know the above facts, the following is a full and sufficient answer to the argument as usually stated.

1. The Mexican dollar passes in this country for about 50 cents, simply because it is not a legal tender here, and hence it is rated at its bullion value; just as our own "trade dollar" was, when its legal tender was repealed.

2. In Mexico, when it is a legal tender, it passes as a dollar and will buy as much as it did when its bullion value was more than 90 cents according to the testimony of the ex-governor of the District of Columbia, who has now resided in Mexico sixteen years, and other authorities.

3. Does any one doubt that, if the United States should make these Mexican dollars a full legal tender, that its price would advance to that of the American dollar the 100 cents? If any one doubts this, let him give his reasons.

If the gold standard advocates have any real arguments to show why gold monometallism gives a more stable and better standard than bimetallicism, it is not about time they brought them forward? Their arguments hitherto, have consisted in pointing out the evil conditions, as to value of silver, etc., brought about by the adoption of their system, the gold standard.

GRAY HAIR MADE DARK.

I saw in your paper a statement that Zulu Vuller would restore my head of hair to natural color in three weeks. I was very gray I sent for a sample package, and in less than three weeks my hair was perfectly restored to natural color. My wife's hair was light red, and by using Zulu Vuller, her hair is now a beautiful auburn. Any one can get a sample package of Zulu Vuller by sending 21 two-cent stamps to Wilson & Co., New Concord, Ohio, and if it does not restore your hair to natural color in three weeks they will return your stamps; it not only restores the hair to natural color, but will stop the hair falling out immediately and is one of the best hair tonics made, and you take no risk, and if it does not satisfy you perfectly they will return your stamps.

A READER.

GOLD: Vote for Bryan and you will be just like a Mexican.
SILVER: Vote for McKinley and you will equal a Turk.

WM. J. BRYAN ACCEPTS

The Populist Nomination is Accepted in a Letter That is Approved by All.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 3, 1896.
Hon. William V. Allen, Chairman, and other members of the Notification Committee of the People's Party—Gentlemen:

The nomination of the People's party for the Presidency of the United States has been tendered me in a generous spirit and upon such honorable terms that I am able to accept the same without departing from the platform adopted by the National Convention at Chicago. I fully appreciate the breadth of the patriotism which has actuated the members of the People's party, who in order to consolidate the sentiment in favor of bimetallicism, have been willing to go outside of party lines and support as their candidate one already nominated by the Democratic party, and also by the Silver party. I also appreciate the fact that while, during all the years since 1873, a large majority of the Democratic party and a considerable minority of the Republican party have been consistent advocates of free coinage of silver at the present ratio, yet ever since the organization of the People's party its members have unanimously supported such coinage as the only means of restoring bimetallicism.

By persistently pointing out the disastrous effects of the gold standard, and protesting against each successive step toward financial bondage, the Populists have exerted an important influence in awakening the public to a realization of the nation's present peril. In a time like this, when a great political party is attempting to surrender the right to legislate for ourselves upon the financial question, and seeking to bind the American people to a foreign monetary system, it behooves us, as lovers of our country and friends of American institutions, to lay aside for the present such differences as may exist among us on minor questions in order that our strength may be united in a supreme effort to wrest the government from the hands of those who imagine the nation's finances are only secure when controlled by a few financiers, and the national honor can only be maintained by servile acquiescence in any policy, however destructive to the interests of the people of the United States, which foreign creditors, present or prospective, may desire to force upon us.

It is a cause of congratulation that we have in this campaign not only the support of Democrats, Populists, and Republicans who have all along believed in independent bimetallicism, but also the active co-operation of those Democrats and Republicans who have heretofore waited for international bimetallicism, now join with us rather than trust the destinies of the nation in the hands of those who are holding out the delusive hope of foreign aid while they labor secretly for the permanent establishment of the single gold standard.

While difficulties have always arisen in the settlement of details of any plan of co-operation between distinct political organizations, I am sure the advocates of bimetallicism are so intensely in earnest that they will be able to devise some means by which the free silver vote may be concentrated upon the electoral ticket in each state. To secure this result, charity towards the opinions of others and liberality on the part of all is necessary; but honest and sincere friends who are working toward a common result always find it possible to agree upon just and equitable terms. The American people have proven equal to every emergency which has arisen in the past, and I am confident that in the present emergency there will be no antagonism between the various regiments of the one great army which is marching to repel an invasion more dangerous to our welfare than an army with banners.

Acknowledging with gratitude your expressions of confidence and good will, I am, very truly yours,
WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

A Great Chance to Make Money.

I want to tell you of my my wonderful success. Being a poor girl and needing money badly, I tried the Dish Washer business and have cleared \$200 every month. It is more money than I ever had before and I can't help telling you about it, for I believe any person can do as well as I have if they only try. Dishwashers sell on sight; every lady wants one. The Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo., will give you all necessary instructions, so you can begin work at once. The Dishwasher does splendid work; you can wash and dry the dishes in two or three minutes without putting your hands in the water at all. Try this business and let us know how you succeed.

ELIZABETH C.

OLD SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION.

We publish below a part of a letter received by the old soldiers of Florence and in response to which they have organized the Union Veterans' Patriotic League of Florence, Oregon.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNION VETERANS' PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.
Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles U. S. Army. Pres.
Maj. Gen. Wm. B. Franklin Vice Pres.
Maj. Gen. Horace Porter
Maj. Gen. St. Clair Bulloud
Colonel L. Edwin Dudley, Sec.

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 8th, 1896.
To the surviving soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army and Navy during the war of the Rebellion: COMRADES: Your country is again in peril! In the present presidential campaign dangerous combinations against the integrity of the Government. Misguided men conspire to bring repudiation, dishonor and financial ruin upon this nation once saved by your valor.

The men who once answered the call to put down rebellion and save the Union, have lost none of their love for the Constitution and devotion to the flag they fought to uphold, and they see in the present efforts an attempt to tarnish the Republic and break down its most cherished institutions.

The Stars and Stripes symbolize, to those who offered their lives in its defense, a country united and powerful, respected at home, honored the world over for its power, its justice, and still more for its integrity, honesty and fair dealing.

Comrades, you believe in liberty under the law; in public order; in the maintenance of our courts of justice and in national honor and good faith. You are unanimously opposed to the rule of anarchy and anarchy rule. We believe that you resent with justifiable indignation the attacks upon the executive and judicial departments of our government and commend all measures which vindicate the supremacy of the law and restore public order whenever endangered.

We feel assured that in this crisis, you will rally to the support of our gallant Comrade, Major McKinley.

Major McKinley is a comrade tried and true. He is pledged to the principles for which you so freely exposed your lives and for which so many thousands of your comrades died on battlefields in fever-infected camps and in prison pens.

Therefore we invite all sons of Veterans to unite with us in this campaign against national dishonor.

We urge every veteran and son of veteran to send his address to our Secretary, COLONEL L. EDWIN DUDLEY.

MEMBERSHIP OF FLORENCE LEAGUE.
C. H. Holden, Pres.
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S. B. Colvin, Vice Pres.
Chas. Mitchell
H. H. Lawton
H. P. Johnson
John Morris
Luther King
Riley Mills
Albert P. Knowles.

That Wonderful Churn.

I want to add my testimony to the list of those that have used the Lightning Churn. It does all that is claimed for it, you can churn easily in one minute, and get a large percentage more butter than with the common churns. I never took the agency for anything before but so many of my neighbors wanted churns, that I ordered 30 and they are all gone. I think in a year every farmer will have a Lightning Churn, in fact they can't afford to be without one as they make so much more butter, and a good little bit of money can be made in every township selling these churns. By writing to J. F. Casey & Co., St. Louis, Mo., you can get circulars and full particulars about the churn.

A READER.

Marry This Girl, Somebody!

I have been reading in your paper about several men and women that have been very successful selling self-heating flat irons, and I concluded I would see what a girl could do. I have worked 12 days have sold 151 irons and have 218 dollars left after paying all expenses. Everybody is delighted with the iron and I sell one almost every place I show it, as people think they can't afford to be without one, as they save so much fuel and time and don't burn the clothes. I know I can clear five thousand dollars a year. How is that for a girl.

A GRADUATE.

Splendid, my girl, splendid, you are a true American girl. Anyone can get complete information about the self-heating iron by addressing J. F. Casey & Co., St. Louis, Mo. It seems to be a winner, as everybody selling it writes in its praise.

Ice Cream Made by a New Process.

I have an ice cream freezer that will freeze cream instantly. The cream is put into the freezer and comes out instantly, smooth and perfectly frozen. This astonishes people and a crowd will gather to see the freezer in operation and they will all want to try the cream. You can sell cream as fast as it can be made and sell freezers to many of them who would not buy an old style freezer. It is really a curiosity and you can sell from \$5 to \$8 worth of cream and six to twelve freezers every day. This makes a good profit these hard times and is a pleasant employment. J. F. Casey & Co., 1143 St. Charles St., St. Louis, Mo., will send you full particulars and information in regard to this new invention on application and will employ good salesmen on salary. KATIE M.

FALL IN PRICES.

BY A MCKINLEY SUPPORTER.

It is a favorite argument with the free silver party that free and unlimited coinage of silver by our government will raise prices of all kinds of produce to where they were a few years ago and keep them there. As this country had free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver from the foundation of the government till 1873, it is fitting to inquire whether prices were kept up during that time. On this point I quote from the speech of Hon. J. T. McKinley of Minnesota delivered in the House of Representatives the present year. He refers to a table of prices of principal commodities extending back to nearly the beginning of the century and gives his conclusions as follows:

That in a period extending from 1818-27 to 1843-52, twenty-five years, the fall in average prices was practically the same as that which has taken place since 1873. And had the table extended back ten years further the former fall would be seen to have been much the greater, for prices ranged much higher for some years before 1818 than in that year.

Thus we see, that our recent fall in prices is by no means "unexampled" in either scope or duration. It was greatly exceeded in both respects by the fall in prices near the beginning of the century, during the so-called "bimetallic" period.

Silver and its advocates are very sympathetic, very anxious to ameliorate the sad condition of men. Silver is claimed to be able and willing to "restore prices." But it is well worthy of note, that during the long period from 1809 to 1865, a period marked first by a tremendous fall and then by a great rise in prices of commodities, the price of silver varied slightly. Though silver advocates frequently boast of this uniformity in the price of silver they never put it in connection with this other fact. Thus it is never revealed by them that during this long period, when silver had "free access to the mints," it held itself aloof from other commodities impotent alike to prevent their fall or to promote their rise.

We note, in the third place, that the recent fall in prices did not begin in 1873, but in 1865. When those who are trying to fast upon this country the unlimited coinage of silver as a panacea for all our ills, real and imaginary, seek to establish their position by statistics of average prices and by giving the prices of certain great commodities like wheat and cotton, why, in the name of candor, do they not go back at least a few years further and show that, in relation to some of the most important items quoted, the fall in prices between 1865 and 1873 double discounted anything in the way of a fall that has taken place since 1873, that was the greater in those eight years than in all the years since?

CONSOLE YOURSELF.

BY A BRYAN SUPPORTER.

Government! What is it? An institution to insure you the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But does it do this? Get out on the sunny side of the house and enjoy the beautiful sunshine and be merry over the fact that nobody has yet invented a plan by which you can be forced to pay toll to a corporation for the air you breathe and the sunshine you enjoy. Try to recall the fact that you are in big luck to be out of a nice, warm, comfortable jail. Cook your hat over your ear and work yourself up to a condition of merriest over the "prosperous signs of the times."

Don't do any great amount of thinking for the soap sucking American has skilled (?) statesmen like Cleveland, Carlisle, and Sherman to do their thinking for them. When "cranks," "anarchists" and "calamity howlers" address you, turn a deaf ear to them and stick to your old party.

The less you get to eat, and the less clothes you wear, the better it will be for you, for despite of your prejudice, such conditions will excite great brain activity, and before you know you will either vote right or fight.

Cleveland, Carlisle, and Sherman have made Benedict Arnold and Julius Isaac get a hump on themselves to protect their records.

The selfishness of individualism makes man a beast. The worst enemy mankind has is man.

The war of the survival of the fittest when fought to a finish, means that only the most cruel, brutal, and strong survive. Humane ideas, unselfishness, generosity, intelligence, and decency stand a mighty poor chance to survive in such a contest.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

THE BABY OVER THE WAY.

Across my neighbor's window
With its folds of silks and laces,
I see with its flowing ribbons
A baby's innocent face.
The throng in the street look upward
And every one, grave and gay,
Has a nod and a smile for the baby
Of my neighbor over the way.

Just here in my cottage window
His chin in his dimpled hand,
And a patch on his forehead
The child that I live for stands.
He has kept my heart from breaking
For many a weary day,
And his face is as pure and handsome
As the baby's over the way.

Some times when we sit together,
My brave little man of three,
Sore vexes me with the question:
"Does God up in heaven love me?"
And I say "yes, my darling."
Though I almost answer "no."
As I see the nursery candles
In the mansion over the way.

And oft when I draw the stockings
From his little tired feet,
And loosen the clumsy garments
From his limbs so round and sweet,
I grow so bitter for stinging,
My heart too heavy to pray,
As I think of the dainty raiment
Of the baby over the way.

O God in heaven forgive me
For all I have thought and said;
My anxious heart is humbled—
My neighbor's baby is dead!
I saw the little white coffin
As they carried it out today,
And the heart of a mother is breaking,
In the mansion over the way.

The light is fair in my window,
The flowers bloom at my door;
My boy is chasing the sunbeams
That dance on the cottage floor.
The roses of health are blooming
On my darling's cheeks today,
But the baby is gone from the window,
Of the mansion over the way.

The present is made up largely of fragments of the past.

It is the fate of many to be unjust to none so much as to themselves.

A good many sermons are aimed too high ever to hit any thing on earth.

Pigs have been washed but none have ever been cured of their love for mud.

Shallow men believe in luck, believe in circumstances. Strong men believe in cause and effect.

The great thing in this world is, not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

A great many rich people keep themselves so by acting poor, and fully as many poor people make their condition worse by trying to act rich.

Do not waste precious days in emphasizing what you do not believe, but rather glorify them by putting all emphasis upon the things which are known to be true.

Do some thing, no matter how small, and do it well, and you will eventually find yourself climbing the ladder of success. There are many obstacles to overcome, but toil, grit, and endurance will overcome them all. Help yourself and God and good men will help you.

No young man can make a success in life unless he works. He cannot loaf around street corners and saloons without deteriorating. He must learn a trade or do some honest work; or before he knows it he will be a chronic loafer despised by all with whom he comes in contact.

There is nothing better than to be happy. Joy is the real root of morality. No virtue is worth praising which does not spring from minds contented and convinced and free of dread and gloom. No religion was ever divine which relied on terror instead of love; and no philosophy will ever bear any good fruit, which propounds despair and deduces annihilation.

Sour

Stomach, sometimes called water-brash, and burning pain, distress, nausea, dyspepsia, are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This it accomplishes because with its wonderful power as a blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla gently tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs, invigorates the liver, creates an appetite, gives refreshing sleep, and raises the health tone. In cases of dyspepsia and indigestion it causes you to have "a magic lunch."

Stomach

with severe pains across my shoulders, and great distress. I had violent nausea which would leave me very weak and faint, difficult to get my breath. These spells came oftener and more severe. I did not receive any lasting benefit from physicians, but found some happy effects from a trial of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I took several bottles and mean to always keep it in the house. I am now able to do all my own work, which for six years I have been unable to do. My husband and son have also been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla—for pains in the back, and after the grip. I gladly recommend this grand blood medicine." Mrs. PETER BERRY, Leominster, Mass.

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