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SATURDAYDECEMBER 19, 188 SILVER BEFORE THE NATION.

THE two standards-the single gold and silver-are now before the nation. They form the leading questions that will attract the attention of congress, and which must in part be solved before much else will come before it. The question has been probably shelved by the letter of Tilden, suggesting that we need for coast defences and a powerful navy all the surplus revenue that the tariff by the physically feeble but men-There can, however, be no evasion or postponement of the silver is-

The president and cabinet are already committed to the unpopular side, and to the eastern as opposed to the western idea. In ing on the civil war and of keeping first Grant monument. up the supply of the precious metals to the modern world. What would have been done without the two and a half billion dollars worth of gold and silver that it poured into the lap of the nation, it is hard to say. The western idea of this matter is entitled to more than ordinary consideration. It saved the nation and preserved democratic institutions, and it untied what would have been some of the most knotty points of modern finance and commerce. The world at large owes a deep tribute to the west, to California, Nevada, Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Oregon. And the voice of the great west beyond the Mississippi in this as in other matters is united to that of the Pacific states. So also is that of the south outside of a comparative few who carry on business in the great cities and who are under the control of the national banks and that of capitalists and corporations of every ilk and denomination. And we should not, perhaps, here And we should not, perhaps, here except the people of the east, as we believe that the true people of the east, the bone and sinew. the workers of the land, are with us in this fight.

The east, and also certain sections of the south, insist on a protective tariff. Now, there is no reason why iron should be protected and cotton cloth, and why silver should not, more especially when we ask for no tariff, but mere common justice, that free coinage of the metal that does so much to support the great industries of the west, and that can do so much to support those of the nation. If we cannot have free coinage of silver, or at least if we cannot have the law left as it is, by what right can the producers of iron, cotton, etc., ask to be protected. We do not ask for congress to protect us in asking what we deem reasonable prices for our goods, at the same time that we are allowed to import the pauper Plush Goods, labor of the world so as to fill our coffers to overflowing. We only ask justice, while we pay the workers in our mines the highest wages known in the whole world We are thus alike the champion of capital and labor.

The ery against the silver dollar is the cry of the capitalist, of GRIFFIN & REED the national bank stockholder. who wishes to make the gold twenty purchase double what i did before, and who wishes to ge rid of all restrictions and derivinterest on the whole of the bonds deposited to secure his circulation instead of nine-tenths of them ar before. The man who draws double interest from the people wishes at the same time to render

ent face value in the markets of DOLLS. the world. Even that face value is much more than it was before, but still he is not satisfied. By right and law he should be paid his interest in silver as well as gold, but then the currency would By the Ladies of Crace Church. one of gold and the double one of not be contracted, and he could not obtain double his proper quota

of the people's sweat and blood. We hope that the majority in congress will not fall down and worship the golden calf of monometalism, but that it will stand up and fight the battles of the peo- GRAND CONCERT ple, whom it is supposed to rep-

THE Tories are said to be disgusted at the fact that most of the AT ROSS' OPERA HOUSE can bring. This stumbling block Parnellites selected to sit in the may be said to have been dex- next house are poor men, and terously removed from the path of they express sorrow and anger at BY CUSHING POST CORNET BAND Republicans and Democrats alike the financial assistance given by America to the Parnellites in tally powerful sage of Gramercy. breaking down the parliamentary bers, which has so long confined MURRAY & CO system of non-payment of memsue. It is one of the live problems the power of legislation exclusively of modern economics and will not to the rich. Aristocratic wealth feels unequal to a contest with plebeian brains.

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