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MR. DEPEW ON SILVER.

It has been repeatedly stated by well-informed men and newspapers in the extreme Western States that the sentiment of the ruling majority of the Republican party is opposed to the free coinage of silver, and that in the Eastern strongholds of the party whence its candidate for next president, with the electoral votes to put him in the White House must come, the people of all shades of political opinion so construe the declaration of the Minneapolis platform as to commit the Republican party against the unconditional 16 to 1 coinage idea, and every man who thinks and talks otherwise is classed by common consent with the Populists or Democrats.

To these assertions the mine-owners and office-seeking demagogues of what are known as the silver states have entered the most vociferous denials and in order to divert the minds of the people from a study and investigation of the money question, they have appealed to their prejudice by applying the offensive epithets of "gold bug," "Wall street hireling," and "pur chased tool" to those who have honestly sought to disseminate true information, and prevent the voters of these states from being misled and imposed on to the jeopardy of future Republican state and national supremacy. Every sound money campaign speaker and newspaper in this whole section has been menaced and denounced as being in the direct pay of British bankers and money corporations, an every conceivable means has been invoked to break down their influence and inflame the minds of a people suffering from a general financial distress and business depression against them as the agents of the authors of their special misfortunes.

Republican leaders of the East at just beginning to realize how the party has been misrepresented and its organization disrupted and prejudiced by the selfish free silver advocates in certain sections of the West, all these men are hastening to put themselves on record in such terms as leave no doubt where they stand as to how the party proposes to go at the next national convention. Only a few days ago we had the most emphatic declaration from Governor McKinley who is the very incarnation of true Americanism and Republicanism, that he would refuse to be the candidate of the Republican party for president of a free silver platform, and now Chauncey M. Depew, who is not an aspirant for any office, but who is today one of the best informed, most sincere, and most influential of living Republicans comes out in an interview which must be accepted as an authoritative utterance on the position and intentions of the Republican party respecting the silver question. The interview is in fact, as follows:

"The question of free coinage is not taken seriously in the Eastern states. It is not mentioned in politics; it is not discussed in the papers. I will venture to say that 99 per cent of the people of the East are in favor of the gold standard without apology. Where the issue of silver coin is thought about at all, it is merely that it is all right for one to take it up as a hobby if he has time. I do not wish to be bigoted in reviewing the situation, because I know that in the South the sentiment is very nearly unanimous for adopting the silver issue, and the West also chooses for the same end. But it remains true that the East does not attach importance to this fact, nor do our people expect any serious step toward a change. The Democrats will have to make a steeper and enduring free silver, to hold old Democratic states, but it will not be constitutional. The Republicans will steer clear of the question."

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American agriculture is in nothing like the condition the calamity howlers of two years ago insisted that it was, according to a late census bulletin. The gloomy state of the farmers, ground down by debt and extortionate interest, was a favorite picture in the eloquence of the howler, but this census bulletin takes the life out of the whole thing. Of about four and three-quarter millions of farm families, less than 900,000 were carrying mortgages in 1900. The farm families owning their lands free of mortgage were almost one-half of the whole number, and those renting farms just about one-third. The greater part of the mortgages represents money borrowed to buy lands and make improvements. It is very important to know that speculative purposes or extravagance, bad crops and hard times had little to do with the loans made. The American farmer is prosperous and he would be more progressive and much better off if he would clean out the theorists and schemers that take his attention and time.

Comparing the Cleveland era of "economy and reform" with the Harrison period of "extravagance" (if you let the Democrats tell it) and we find that the one item, and the only one, on which the Cleveland congress made any cut-down, was the item for Union veterans' pensions. It cut down the Union veterans' pensions by over twenty million dollars, and the work of cutting is still going on. Under Harrison the public debt was reduced by \$28,527,696. Under Cleveland the public debt has been increased by \$192,115,000, and the annual interest charge by \$7,472,600. That is the fiscal exhibit of the Cleveland era as compared with its predecessor. And the losses inflicted by the Cleveland tariff and money legislation on the general business of the country make the Democratic congress just disbanded the most costly one that ever assembled.

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It is said that President Cleveland has received an intimation that the opposition of Germany for a monetary conference should not be taken too seriously, and that the German government will probably not even carry the matter so far as to issue invitations to other nations. The matter has gone thus far, it is said, only in deference to the agrarian agitation in Germany, and the understanding of this administration is that the adoption of a resolution by the Reichstag was only a temporary political expedient.

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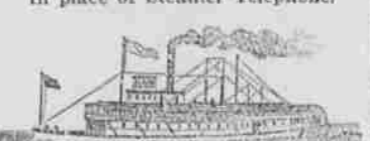
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