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OF TWO EVILS CHOOSE THE LESS.

Senator Dubois says that "wo"—meaning thereby those free silverites who call themselves Republicans—"will not support a gold standard man on a gold standard platform. There must be a plain declaration in favor of the restoration of silver as standard money—that is, in favor of free coinage—by the St. Louis convention if they expect or hope for the electoral votes west of the Missouri river—meaning thereby the twenty electoral votes of the Rocky Mountain states, where silver and financial dishonesty abound.

If the convention, thrown into consternation by Senator Dubois' threats, and willing to do anything rather than lose twenty electoral votes, should adopt a 16 to 1 platform, then there would be a 36 to 1 compared to which that Dubois talks of would be as a molehill to a mountain. As a result of that bolt the Republicans would lose all the states east of the Rocky mountains, and they are the states which elect presidents.

The Democrats, holding their convention a month later, would catch at the chance of salvation thus unexpectedly held out to them. They would draft the most unequivocal and uncompromising of sound money platforms, and on it they would elect their presidential candidate if he was as good as the platform. The Republicans would gain Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. They would lose New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The swap would not be an even one.

As between a great loss and a certainty of defeat and a small loss and a reasonable certainty of victory no sensible man or body of men can hesitate for a moment which to choose. Senator Dubois would not hesitate. So he has not the least idea that his threatened bolt will frighten the convention. But why speak of a "threatened bolt" as far as he and the four other free silverites, calling themselves Republicans, who voted against the tariff bill, are concerned? They have done their worst. They have left their party already.

The value of voting at the primary elections has never been fully appreciated by the people. While citizens generally have been quite willing to turn out on election day and vote their party choice on a ticket already prepared for them, they have seldom been willing to give the same amount of time to secure the nomination of men on the ticket they wish to vote. The result has been that they have either had to abide by the choice the professional politicians of their party have offered them, or bolt and vote for the candidates of the other party. It has never occurred to them that they might exert a potent influence in nominating the candidates they would like to vote for if they would but take a little time and trouble to that end. Now the fact is the primary elections are more important than the general elections, for the primaries have to do with the selection of candidates. No man has a right to complain that the candidate of his choice is not nominated at a party convention if he refuses to attend the primary elections and help to select delegates that would be favorable to his choice. The primary is the starting point, the fountain source of every political ticket, and it is the control of this that gives party managers and the so-called "machine" all their power. Deprive them of control of the primaries and the "machine" goes to pieces. Here, then, is where the people must begin if they would purify elections and nominate reputable men for office. Let it be written in letters of blazing light, so that every voter may see it and understand. The primary election is of far greater importance to the people in every way than the general election.

It is said to be the belief in administration circles that we might recognize the belligerence of the Cubans without bringing on war, but that if we recognize their independence or go about intervention in an offensive manner hostilities between this country and Spain would certainly ensue. To what extent Spain would be able to involve other European powers is the very grave question which cannot be determined at this time, but which is now being anxiously considered by the president and his advisers. They do not know whether Spain has any alliances or can count upon the support of any of the powers, and the administration would much like to know whether Spain is isolated or whether she has resources which even we might find it troublesome to match. Of course there is a popular delusion that "we can whip all creation," but if "creation" should happen to be the army of Germany, the navy of France and the gold of Britain, the combination might be a trifle too much for us. There is a belief, founded upon certain information which has come to the administration,

that both France and Germany, acting without concert, are strongly opposed to the vigorous stand which the administration has taken on the Monroe doctrine. Both countries see in our Monroism a tendency on the part of South America to establish closer trade relations with the United States at the expense of other nations. This is especially obnoxious to Germany, which of late has been branching out for that trade. Germany's interests in Cuba are very large, and any change in the political power would be apt to affect existing commercial relations. These are some of the reasons why the Cuban situation is a great deal more complicated and delicate than the average member of congress thinks, and why the president believes congress should act with due deliberation.

According to a Washington newspaper the coteries of political manipulators who are conspiring to defeat McKinley have discovered a new, and, in their opinion, fatal weapon to hurl at the head of their victim. They now say Mr. McKinley is not a good protectionist!

STEWART'S COMIC PLAYERS.

The amusement loving public of Astoria will receive with delight the announcement that the ever popular and laughable farce-comedy "U & I" will be here again this evening. Stewart's comic players, whom the people of Astoria will for the first time in five years have the pleasure of seeing in the extremely funny farce-comedy "U & I," consists of artists as clever in their lines as one would wish to see or listen to.

Mr. James F. Post, the Irish comedian of the company, first made his appearance in New York five years ago, and so successful was he in characters of Irish nature that they became a demand for his services. Mr. Stewart, upon seeing him, exclaimed, "That man's face looks like the part," and engaged him then and there. Post is possessed with the faculty of making the audience roar with laughter immediately upon his appearance on the stage. It is the funniest face of any man on the Astorian stage today.

Mr. Slade Murray is an Australian, and with his comedy and singing he has for the past ten years amused the theatregoers of the world, making, however, his first appearance on the Pacific coast this season. Miss Ashley, the dashing soprano of the company, is a New Yorker and has played through the East, never failing to make a pleasing impression upon her audience. Miss Villa Sayne, the prima donna of the company, has a very rich soprano voice, which has won her great success in the metropolis. She is graceful and melodious in an admirable execution. John Weiner was born in Portland and is now returning to the country of his birth after an absence of seven years. He has a very fine tenor voice and sings all the new songs of the day.

Edward Russell is a comic singer, dancer and tumbler; in fact does everything almost that is funny. Mr. Rice is also a very clever comedian. The McLellan sisters are two handsome and winning young ladies, who sing and dance very gracefully. Miss Lily Russell, the skipping rope queen, is also clever. Miss Schultz, the young lady with a German dialect who plays Mrs. Ungerblott, is also with the company. Nowadays it is only necessary to throw a few songs and alleged witticisms to make a farce-comedy. The public soon tire of this sort of trash and demand a farce-comedy with a foundation; in other words, a farce-comedy with a plot. "U & I" is a farce-comedy with a plot, and its great success for the last five seasons is greatly due to that fact.

At the meeting of Rescue Club last night every seat was occupied and many were obliged to stand. President Estes opened the club but was obliged to leave in a short time, when Rev. J. A. Edmonds, who presided at the piano. The following program was rendered: Recitation, "Want a Paper, Mister?" Master Arthur Bonworth, who responded to an encore with "When Freedom." Song, "The Razor Strop Man." Mr. F. Parker, encored, sang "Ladies' Trails." Recitation, "I love this beautiful world." Miss Edith Benson. Music, "A Medley," by the Boys' Orchestra, consisting of Masters Frank Carnahan, Guy Wirt, Alfred Kinney, John Pinlayson, and Earl Hanson. Most vigorous encores compelled them to return and give another charming selection. Recitation, "The Song of Peace," Miss Nanette Adams. W. C. T. U. selection, "Among the Kings." Mrs. Ida Leitzenswer. Recitation, "Temperance Thunder," Master Tony Stevens. Address, Rev. J. A. Edmond. The committee on program for next week: Mrs. Francis Cronk, Miss Irene Johnson, and Mr. T. S. Simpson.

HE KNEW IT ALL THE TIME. They were talking about the various methods of celebrating the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. "Did you ever dance the old year out and the new year in?" he asked. "Yes, indeed, scores of times," was the reply. And then she was sorry she spoke.

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After her labors in the South are completed Miss Frances E. Willard, as president of the World's W. C. T. U., will go to England with Lady Henry Somerset. At present the W. C. T. U. has branches in fifty countries and it is now twenty-two years old.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Dr. Nathan's return is eagerly awaited in London. The Savage Club of that city is especially anxious for his safe appearance. On the eve of his departure for the North Pole he wrote his name on a wall of the Savage Club and asked that it might not be wiped out until his return.

Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of De Witt's Little Early Risers, a famous little liver pills. Chas. Rogers.

Members of the Loyal Legion in Cleveland are about to raise funds for a monument to the late Major General Mortimer D. Leggett. The monument will consist of a boulder of granite weighing twenty-five tons. It is probable that the body of General Leggett will finally be placed in Lake View cemetery, Cleveland.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Contains no Ammonia or Alum. Stephen Rollsbury, of Worcester, Mass., has given \$200,000 with which to build a museum of fine arts in that city. His desire to save the handsome Worcester common has induced him to make offers of several other sites for the city hall, which the authorities intend to build on the commons.

KNIGHT AND DEY. The Dey of Algiers. And the Maltese Knight, In bygone years, Were wont to fight. But the Dey of Algiers (And not the Knight) Was dark, and fierce, And the Knight was light. Now, they fought by day (And not at night) In the good old way Of hitting at sight. And whenever the Dey Was full of might, He would start away And rout the Knight. But so, the Knight, When the stronger man, Would push the fight, While the black Dey ran. Thus Knight chased Dey, And Dey chased Knight, In about the way That day follows night.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. A QUANT HOME. Exchange. The three little American children living in Freiburg, Germany, opened their eyes in astonishment as they looked out of the window. This is what they saw: Far in the distance, high above the city, appeared a tiny dark object, and they wondered nearer they came, growing larger and whiter, until finally, by the time they reached the dark-roofed spire of the beautiful cathedral, they could be seen to be large birds with wings spread, and their feet and feet streaming out behind. They alighted upon a large chimney, on the broad upper side of which was either the remains of an old tower or the foundation of a new one. They went to work in a curious way to build up this uncomfortable-looking nest.

For three or four days the birds made repeated visits to the black forest, where they found the crooked twigs that they preferred for their little home. When they started out they were not in order to their evident satisfaction, they brought bits of something in their long bills, that the children concluded must be the pine needles to make the nest the least bit softer than the hard branches. Then came periods through the early spring days when one of the storks that the children had named the mother stork stayed at home and sat upon the nest. And beautiful views she had from her lofty home. Overhead, the birds, stork-like, were flying in a wonderful color of silver and gold and brilliant colors as the sun went down and the mist came up the Rhine valley. To the west were the blue and white of the beautiful blue Alsatian mountains, and in the east the dark mountains of the famous Black Forest, covered with the thick forest of pine and fir.

One of the very latest uses for glass is in filling teeth. This method is said to be particularly effective with the front teeth, where it is less conspicuous than gold, being indistinguishable from the tooth surface. A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE. D. W. Fuller, of Canabarie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dyke, master druggist, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used; that it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Regular size 50c. and 75c.

Why Should He. Woonsocket Reporter. Teacher—Now, Willie, suppose you were to hand a playmate your last apple to take a portion of it, wouldn't you tell him to take the larger piece? Willie—No, mom! "You wouldn't! Why?" "Cos 't wouldn't be necessary."

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN. Covington Post. Nipper—So poor old Soakshy is a n—r. Proprietor Here Light Saloon—Yes, he's gone, but not forgotten. For within a year I've given him a free drink every morning, and now he's left a will bequeathing his mornin' drink to his brother.

ITS DEPOSITORS. Exchange. There is one savings bank in New York city which keeps an accurate record of its depositors. In 1925 there was only one actor, while there were 1,822 tailors; there was but one single editor, while there were 75 laborers; there was but one boardinghouse keeper and 202 peddlers. There were lots of shoemakers, bakers, barbers, waiters, cigar-makers, but very few musicians, liquor dealers, lawyers or policemen. Only five policemen. Five lawyers, one soldier.

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FOREIGN COMMERCE FOR 1934-1935. Meanwhile, the increase of \$121,240,400 in the aggregate value of goods imported is not paid for by any increase in exports. Merchandise exported, \$90,312,115 worth of domestic merchandise in 1934, and \$90,730,036 worth in 1935. Though this export exceeds our imports for the year 1935, the excess is only a few millions of dollars, this excess is the smallest that has occurred in eight years, and the total exports are the smallest of any year since 1914.

What a splendid commentary these figures exhibit upon the standard free trade argument that unless you buy of foreigners, you cannot sell to them. Here we expended our purchases of dutiable goods from foreigners by \$21,240,400, or nearly \$2 per capita, and we sold them only \$30,600 worth more, or say four cents worth per capita. If we turn to the exports of gold and silver it is not difficult to see how our increased purchases of competing foreign goods were paid for. In the tariff debates of 1923-24, whether could argue that the difference was paid for in the freights earned by our vessels in the ocean trade; but now we are making no earnings of that kind. In prosperous years, or rather in years of easy credit, free trade orators are paid for by an export of American securities and shares, but in these two years of depression more securities were sent home to us than were purchased abroad. Hence, the difference could not be balanced in that way. But our net exports over imports of goods were \$72,692,257; our net exports of silver over imports were \$2,547,816. Total export of gold and bullion, \$114,612,322, which comes

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