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McKINLEY EXPLICIT AGAINST FREE COINAGE OF SILVER.

The political enemies of Major McKinley reckoned without the complete record of his speeches on the currency question when they cited against him a solitary speech apparently but not actually in favor of the two standards.

A man is never to be judged by what he said on a single circumstantial occasion on a subject frequently discussed, says the Chicago Times-Herald, nor by a single speech taken exclusively in connection with past conditions of the subject matter. Not a word can be found in Major McKinley's utterances in favor of sending the United States to a silver currency basis—not one.

The real scope of the baleful effects of unlimited coinage of silver was not perceived until 1882. Speaking that year, September 24, at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on "The Issues of the Time," Major McKinley said:

"My fellow citizens, there is one thing which this country cannot afford to trifle with, and that is its currency, its measure of value, the money which passes among the people in return for their labor and the products of their toil or of their hand. There is no contrivance so successful in cheating labor and the poor people of the country as unstable, worthless and easily counterfeited currency."

On the proposal that we should go back to state banks, Major McKinley said: "It is infinitely more harmful than the irredeemable greenback in unlimited volume." He added: "It would be a thousand times more hurtful, more destructive to business and trade than the free and unlimited coinage of silver, had as that would be."

In the same speech, speaking of the advocates of payment of the greenbacks in bonds, Major McKinley said: "Routed from that position by the sober sense of the country, they became the advocates of the free and unlimited coinage of a dollar worth less than 100 cents."

Yet there are journalists and politicians who profess to think that Major McKinley never squarely declared himself in favor of the gold standard and against unlimited coinage of silver!

The writer of the communication signed "Gold" is clearly not as well informed on the political sentiment of the country as he ought to be. He thinks the tariff question is to be the leading issue between the Republican and Democratic parties during the coming campaign, and says the money issue is an invention of the president and his associates to throw dust in the eyes of Republicans and defeat a return of the country to the benefits of a protective tariff. He never made a greater mistake in his life. If he could but spend a few minutes daily in the Astorian office reading the editorial opinions of the leading Republican papers of the country he might learn that if it is true that President Cleveland and his counselors are responsible for the money issue they have thrown the most destructive boomerang and committed the most egregious error of any set of politicians in all history.

Instead of the money issue dividing the Republican party it has absolutely reared off from the Democratic party at least one-third of its total adherents, comprising the most intelligent and best element of that party. On the other hand, there is every reason to believe that the Republican party will not, and cannot, lose one single Eastern or Middle Western electoral vote in the next presidential election, provided a straight out sound money plank is adopted at the St. Louis convention. So far as the tariff is concerned three-fourths of the voters of the United States today, regardless of all prior political affiliations, will refuse to vote for any man in the next campaign who is not known to favor a protective tariff. Less than three years of actual experience under the Wilson bill has settled the tariff issue for the next quarter of a century; and it is not the Democratic party that is seeking to mislead and befuddle the minds of Republican voters by injecting the money question in the politics of the nation, but rather the Republicans who indiscreetly committed themselves to the silver cause when it raged a few months ago and are now seeking to find a way to creep back into their local organizations by persuading their former associates that the money issue is not a proper subject for discussion in Republican meetings and conventions. If our esteemed correspondent will read the article from the Chicago Times-Herald on McKinley, which we reproduce this morning, he will probably change his mind as to the reason for the enthusiasm shown all over the country in favor of McKinley. The Republican party stands

for protection like the Baptists do for the doctrine of immersion—and everybody knows it. There is no room for doubt, nor will there be any occasion for discussion on that issue. The only question of concern in the minds of the intelligent people of the country is whether the party will declare unequivocally for sound money at St. Louis. That, therefore, is the main issue, and, in fact, the only issue, that will cut any figure in the next presidential election.

The unanimity with which the heavy appropriation bill providing for coast defense was supported in the lower house of congress is significant of the strong American sentiment in that body. While the acrimony that characterized the recent controversy over Venezuela has gradually given place to a sentiment favorable to arbitration as a means of settling disputes between the English-speaking nations, it has at the same time impressed the people with the importance of building a strong navy adequate to maintain the dignity and protect the commerce of the greatest republic on earth. While the national pride calls for a great navy, congress has awakened to the fact that a navy without impregnable coast defenses would be powerless to protect the country from invasion by hostile armies or to prevent the destruction of billions of dollars' worth of property in our seacoast cities. The plan to defend our coasts and seaport cities by fleets has been pronounced by experts to be impracticable. It would involve an expense of many hundred million dollars. To do effective and aggressive work the navy must not be fettered to any of our cities. While the present policy of building up the navy should be continued, it must not be done at the expense of our defenseless shores, along which are stretched the richest cities of the republic, with fabulous wealth exposed to the danger of spoliation from bombardment by foreign powers. While our great coast cities are practically unprotected, European countries are establishing and maintaining a vast system of fortifications. The sum of \$11,848,514, which is appropriated by the house, is a trifling amount compared to the enormous expenditures of the British government for this purpose. The United States desires peace with all the world. To maintain it the navy should be reinforced by coast defenses adequate for our protection against foreign foes.

TARIFF, NOT MONEY.

A Republican Thinks This Will Be the Coming Issue.

Astoria, April 22, 1896.

Editor Astorian:—After the election of President Cleveland and the reversal of the Republican policy of protection, hard times followed, and it became apparent to the president and some of his political associates, that unless the Republicans could draw away from the tariff question in the coming campaign, the Democratic party would be victorious in the race.

The president and his associates, therefore, wisely inaugurated an agitation of the money question, and with such success have their endeavors been met that they have succeeded in inducing many of the leading Republican papers throughout the land to discuss the money question to the entire exclusion of the tariff question. Now the tariff question is the real issue between the Republican and the Democratic parties, and is the one upon which the Republican party can succeed without doubt, if it will but stand firm in advocacy of its tariff principles. This is demonstrated, by the manner in which McKinley is being borne forward towards the White House. It cannot be said that his popularity is due to his position on the money question; nor to the support of the abolitionists, for they are against him; but because he is the representative of the idea of a protective tariff. It is upon that principle that McKinley has secured every former Democratic vote, and by so doing, elected a president in accord with their views.

"But," say some of our Republican friends, "the money question is the greatest issue now before the people. If the issue, however, arises from the tariff, said journals are assisting in misleading the party as to the real issue between it and the Democratic party, and are bringing upon it issues which will settle the question of the tariff question will settle themselves.

When one sees a Republican paper ignoring the tariff question and declaring that "the money question is the greatest issue since the civil war," it is fair to say that the editor has been misled, and is that he has some hidden motive, and is not working for the success of his party. It is apparent that certain Republicans in this state are desirous of supporting an independent candidate for congress in this congressional district, avowedly for the purpose of defeating Hon. W. R. Ellis, the popular Republican candidate, because he is a free silver advocate. I wonder if those individuals realize how hard a run they will make for Hon. Thos. H. Tongue in the First District by their efforts to divert the attention of the voters from the anti-free silver election. The attempt of the anti-republican people to defeat Ellis, will result in the free silver people knitting Tongue. I imagine if they were sharpening their knives at this time. By the way, isn't it a little strange that the principal advocates of this independent movement are A. B. Allen, J. E. Allen, of Salem, and C. E. Wood, of Portland, all Democrats? Does any Republican believe they, or either of them, would vote for a gold bug protectionist, as against the free silver protectionist, on June 1st next, regardless of the number of times he may vote for a gold bug Republican with his mouth in the presence of Republican voters between now and then. That is an old Democratic trick in states having large Republican majorities. GOLD.

HAVE A CARE.

The Selection of a Congressional Representative an Important Duty.

To the Editor:—

The selection of two competent and honest men to represent the people of Clatsop county in the next legislature is one of the most important duties of the voters of Clatsop county in the coming election. Care in the selection of candidates by the Republican county convention on the 28th must be used. And it should nominate only men who will work for the interests of the public. No man should be nominated who is a "chronic candidate for office," with or without pay, in order that he may continue the patronage and "pickings" of the position to which he is elected by the people. No man should be placed in nomination who will manipulate or "do-



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