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MONEY AND THE CREDITOR CLASS.

Every person who is interested in getting at the truth of the money question should read the following simple and practical demonstration of the evils of a low standard taken from the Chicago Times-Herald:

It is always an interesting inquiry when a new measure of public policy is proposed, more particularly when it involves economic questions—what is the benefit to be derived, and what particular part of the community will receive the most advantage. If it so happens that it does not fall upon all alike, as of course all public measures ought to do.

This inquiry has especial reference to the money question that is at the present moment the chief political issue before the people. There is much talking about gold and silver coinage, about "gold bugs" and "silver lunatics," about "fifteen cent dollars" and "coinage at 16 to 1," about "Wall street" and "the silver mining camp," and much time is spent in fulminating epithets when it might be better employed in argument.

Probably no question that has ever been made a political issue appeals more strongly to our selfishness than the money question. The value of all the property we possess is expressed in the terms of money, and not our property only but our labor.

A horse, a cow, a corner lot, a share of stock, a bond or a note ar all measured as to their transferable value in money. They are worth so much. So of our labor, whether in the professions, the skilled trades or in more manual employments. We are worth so much an hour or a day or a week by the services we are able to render, and we are paid accordingly. The result is, if we are not fools, that we want the best money that circulates for exchange for our services or our property, and the less our breathe the more we want the best.

The contention, therefore, seems unanswerable that a government or a community should establish the highest quality of money whereby to measure labor and property. Esti constitute the business of the bel. If this is not done and the measure used varies becomes variable, who suffers? The men who have large resources behind them or the men who have nothing but their hands or brains? Most assuredly the latter. A well-known banker of the town has often been heard to say that the money standard did not and could not affect him, for he could make money whether we were on a gold or a silver basis. So he could, and so can any capitalist. It is the man who depends upon his labor that would suffer by a depreciated currency.

It is the creditor class of the community, therefore, which is most interested in preserving the stability of the currency and its high value. But of whom is the creditor class composed? Manifestly of those to whom something is due from day to day, from week to week and from month to month. These are the laboring people, the men at the desk, at the counter, at the forge, at the bench and at the plow. The toiler who patiently wields the shovel and the pick when nightfall comes is a creditor, and he is entitled to be paid for his day's labor in the best money the country affords. And so throughout the whole round of employment where men and women receive wages.

Is it not, then, inexplicable that a large proportion of those who in the sweat of their face earn their daily bread, laying by perhaps a trifle from week to week toward a rainy day, depositing it in a savings bank—that these should be led away by the cry for cheap money? What do they want with cheap money, or "poor man's" money? If there is any difference why should they not have the rich mens' money?

And yet it is pretended that the laboring men—the poor men as well as those in moderate circumstances—desire most of all to have cheap coinage and cheap money. The demand that silver, which the makret rates at 30 to 1 compared with gold, shall be admitted to free coinage in our mints at the rate of 16 to 1. Then they propose to take those half-priced dollars for the money due them for their labor!

From every point of view except that of charity and philanthropy a more incomprehensible proposition was never addressed to a sane people.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

One of the commendable matters of legislation which congress has long neglected is that of bankruptcy. It is now proposed to take the house bankruptcy bill up next week and press it to a vote. The bill has been carefully prepared, and it is expected to pass the house by a large majority, but unfortunately the outlook for its passage in the senate does not appear so promising.

This is to be regretted. A uniform system of bankruptcy is demanded by the commercial interests of the country. If properly framed it will be fair and just to debtors while affording needed protection to creditors. Every great commercial nation except the United States has such a law. Here there is no uniform national law, and as a consequence the various state insolvent laws are in force. These are conflicting, and in many instances by allowing unjust preferences to favored creditors are the source of great injustice and even fraud.

If congress will pass a satisfactory bankruptcy law business men will have good reason for congratulation.

No worthy American wants to reduce the price of labor in the United States. It ought not to be reduced; for the sake of the laborer and his family and the good of society it ought to be maintained. To increase it would be in better harmony with the public sense. Our labor must not be debased, nor our laborers degraded to the level of slaves, nor any pauper or servile system in any form, nor under any guise whatsoever, at home or abroad. Our civilization will not permit it. Our humanity forbids it. Our traditions are opposed to it. The stability of our institutions rests upon the contentment and intelligence of all our people, and these can only be possessed by maintaining the dignity of labor and securing to it its just rewards. That protection opens new avenues for employment, broadens and diversifies the field of labor, and presents variety of vocation, is manifest from our own experience.—Hon. William McKinley.

There is not an intelligent political leader in the country who does not now know that the civilized nations of the world can never be brought to a bimetallic currency by international agreement, when silver has fluctuated in value as much as 30 per cent during the last few years. All commercial nations understand that there is but one standard of value; that there has never been but one standard of value; that there never can be but one standard of value, and those who continue to talk about an international bimetallic agreement wander into the wildest realms of political theory and fancy. It is enough, however, that the necessity of maintaining public and private credit and of maintaining the only standard of value recognized by this country, in common with the great nations of the world, has at last been brought out and manfully accepted by the leaders of the Republican party, and is absolutely certain to be declared in the next national platform.

In the account of the proceedings of the recent Republican county convention published in the Astoria it was stated that Delegate P. J. Goodman was a strong opponent of the platform adopted. In the absence of any assigned reason, the inference of course was that Mr. Goodman's objection to the platform was because of its plank condemning the free coinage of silver. To leave Mr. Goodman in this position would be to do him a great injustice, as he is noted among his personal friends and associates as one of the staunchest advocates of the present gold standard in all Clatsop county. It appears that his only objection to the platform was that he did not think it went even far enough in explaining the error and malign consequences involved in the agitation or adoption of the free coinage idea.

When the wage earners of the United States are fully employed, and at the high wages that were the rule during the protection era, they consume more salmon, meat, wheat and other food and farm products than do the people of any other country, counting man against man, and they pay a higher price than the low wage receiving people of other nations can pay. When work in the United States is scarce by reason of importation of foreign manufactures, the purchasing power of agricultural products is low and the surplus for export grows larger; and, as it has to be sold to people who earn low wages, it has to be sold at low prices.

Following is the ship protection plank in the Massachusetts Republican state convention, adopted March 27, 1896:

"We have always given protection to our shipbuilders. In late years we have neglected to protect our shipowners. We believe the time has come to return to the policy of Washington and Hamilton, which, by discriminating duties in favor of American bottoms, secured 90 per cent. of our carrying trade to American ships, and which, if now restored, would again revive our shipping and cause American freights to be paid to Americans."

Shades of Thomas Jefferson and General Jackson! Has the Democratic party of Clatsop county sunk so low that, after a set of latterday visionaries and cranks, styling themselves the Populist party, have contemptuously rejected their overtures for an alliance, they so far forget the dignity of the banner they pretend to bear, to say nothing of their own self-respect, as to deliberately go into secret convention and there solemnly endorse and pledge their support to a candidate nominated and run by the men who openly reviled and insulted them?

In the communication signed "Sound Money Democrat" published in yesterday's issue there was a typographical error. The communication said there were one hundred and fifty sound money Democrats who would vote for the Republican candidates for the legislature on the platform adopted the other day, instead of only fifteen, as appeared in the publication of the communication.

M'CLURE'S MAGAZINE FOR MAY.

With some beautiful reproductions of paintings by Jean Francis Millet, in McClure's Magazine for May, Mr. Will H. Low provides an excellent study of that painter, whom he visited several times in his own studio at Barbizon, and of whose manner of life and conversation he gives some very pleasant personal recollections. In the same number, Dr. W. W. Keen considers the Roentgen discovery in photography with reference to its use in medicine and surgery. Dr. Keen is one of our highest authorities in surgery. He has himself been experimenting diligently with the Roentgen X rays, and his paper is of especial value. It is illustrated from photographs taken by the new process.

A Lincoln paper tells the story of Lincoln's nomination and election to congress, a story very curious and characteristic in its incidents; describes, from new material, Lincoln's life in Washington, social and political, during his term in congress; and tells of an important campaigning tour which he made through New England in 1848. A lately discovered report of a speech delivered in the course of this tour is given, and there are a number of important letters of Lincoln's that have never been published before. The illustrations are numerous and interesting.

Garrett P. Serviss relates his experience in climbing Mont Blanc in the midst of a terrible blizzard—an experience that put pluck and hardihood to about their last test, and which, in the relation, often makes the reader catch his breath. The paper is fully illustrated. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, in a paper admirable for its lightness and grace of touch, tells of the conflict she, as a very young and ingenuous author, all unwittingly raised among readers and reviewers by the publication of "The Gates Ajar." In all the history of literature there are few more curious stories.

Lovers of straight-out, no-mistake romance, proceeding, by the grace of the author, with all the reality of realism, must not miss "Phroso," Anthony Hope's new novel. Along with the short stories, of which there are several good ones, it makes this number of McClure's preeminent in fiction.

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The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, is regarded as the best amateur cyclist in Washington.

Lord Arthur Hill, who may succeed Sir Henry Blake as governor of Jamaica, had a romantic wooing. His present wife was companion to his mother, the Marchioness of Devonshire. Thinking that a marriage with her would be against his interests, she suddenly disappeared, and it was only with difficulty that he could discover her whereabouts and induce her to reconsider her determination. It was this episode she embalmed in poetry in the well-known song, "In the Gloaming."

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