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We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that will give to this country a depreciated or debased currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such restrictions that its parity with gold can be maintained.

"A year ago, in Thomasville, Ga., Major McKinley, when offered the delegates of the Southern states if he would declare for free silver, said, in the presence of the editor of this journal: 'If the Republican platform declares for free silver, I will not be a candidate. I would not run on a free silver platform.'"

"In these restless days the farmer is tempted by the assurance that, though 'our currency may be debased, revalued and unceremonious, such a situation will improve the price of his products. Let us remind him that he must buy as well as sell; that his dreams of plenty are shadowed by the certainty that if the 'price of things he has to sell are nominally enhanced, the cost of things he must buy will not remain stationary; that the better prices which cheap money proclaims are unsubstantial and elusive, and that, even if they were 'real and palpable, he must necessarily be left far behind in the race for their enjoyment.'"

THE MASSES AND THE BOSSES. The events of the last three months have furnished an instructive and significant lesson with regard to the relations of the masses and the bosses. It has been clearly demonstrated, that is to say, that the people have the interests of politics entirely in their own control, and can do whatever they please as to candidates and policies in spite of the self-constituted managers who make a business of manipulating caucuses and conventions.

Mr. McKinley, as I think the Tribune recently remarked, had really less to do with the industrial law than with either Governor Dingley or Senator Allison. He is not a great man, as Mr. Reed is. He is not a trained and skilled public man, as Senator Allison is. He is not an artistic political leader, as Senator Quay is.

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senator longest in the senate, is a crank on the silver question, and has had such disappointments that he wants to see both the great parties smashed on some form of the money question that the Democratic party has burst wide open on the silver question, wants the Republican party to do the same. Well, that is not worth the while. The silver question is not of sufficient importance to fracture the Republican party, which is sound inherently and intrinsically, and all the people know it. That which is said to the contrary is the mechanism of malice. Senator Teller has been malicious.

The contribution of \$30,000 to the Republican campaign fund by the silver miners of Idaho, through their salaried agent and open representative, Mr. Jonathan Bourne, may seem to Mr. Hirsch a sufficient justification for Mr. Bourne's appointment to the important and responsible office of secretary and manager of the state committee; but how, the sound money Republicans of the Second congressional district would ask Mr. Hirsch, is this amazing interest and influence of outside silver people in the conduct of the Oregon campaign to be reconciled with the reports circulated throughout the district by friends of Senator Mitchell and Mr. Ellis that both these gentlemen have promised, if elected, to abide by the St. Louis platform? It is plain that somebody is going to be bunked in the peculiar campaign Mr. Hirsch has inaugurated, and the Republicans of the Second district should insist upon a disclosure of the intended victim before the first Monday in June.

There is reason to believe that Mr. Bourne could not have been chosen by the time-honored and only Republican method for selecting the secretary of the state central committee—that of election by the full committee, and it is evidence of the extent to which the party has been deluded and its organization manipulated under the present regime that Mr. Hirsch was allowed to dictate this appointment, and then dispose of it to Bourne by private bargain and sale.

In 1882, under protection, we sold farm products in the markets of the world that were worth to us \$200,000,000 in round numbers. In 1885, the first complete "tariff reform" year, we sold farm products worth only \$46,000,000. The capture of the markets of the world, under a free trade administration, cost farmers \$254,000,000. No wonder they want a little more McKinley protection.

HONEST MONEY PARAMOUNT. Ex-Senator Platt Discusses McKinley and Declares That Only an Honest Money Man Can Win.

Platt's Interview in New York Papers. My opposition to Governor McKinley proceeds almost entirely from my belief that he will get the Republican party in a tangle.

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IN FEMINE GARMENTS. Chicago Post. "What an effeminate looking lot of men!"

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderson, Dimondale, Mich. we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were most marvelous in the case of my wife."

PLANT TREES. "He who plants a tree, Plants love; Tents of goodness, growing out above Wayfarers he may not see to see. Gifts that grow are best; Hands that bless are best. Plant! Life flows the rest; Heaven and earth bless him who plants a tree, And his work its own reward shall be."

ELECTRIC BITTERS. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt.

HOW TO LOOK INTELLECTUAL. Chicago Record. "That Miss Dawson is a stupid looking girl."

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LEGIONS OF THEM. He-I am told that your admirer's name is legion. She (blushingly)-Oh, no, his name is Jones.

LET US REASON TOGETHER. It needs "no ghost to come and tell us" that the sooner dyspepsia is remedied, the sooner we shall enjoy that right to which our ancestors laid claim in the Declaration of Independence—the pursuit of happiness.

A DISGUSTED SCIENTIST. Exchange. "Are you the gentleman who took me home last night?" he inquired of the policeman.

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NOTICE OF ABSEMENT OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ASTORIA.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 382 of the city of Astoria, confirming the assessment on Adair's Astoria, for the construction of a drain in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, commencing at a point in block 28, and having an outlet at the intersection of block 28, between blocks 16 and 17, in Adair's Astoria, and known and designated as "Drainage District No. 1," will be due and payable on the 23rd day of May, 1896, in U. S. gold or silver coin, at the office of the city treasurer, and if not so paid within or before said time, the common council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

Table listing property owners and their respective assessments for the drain project. Columns include owner name, address, and assessment amount.

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