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SIXTEEN TO ONE—WHAT ITS TRUE MEANING IS.

Whether either or both the Populists and sound money Democrats eventually decide to put up an independent ticket, there can be no question that the battle of the coming campaign will be between McKinley and Bryan, and the general conviction that the issue must be taken as a distinct and decisive victory or defeat for the forces of free silver is beginning to awaken a remarkable interest among all classes of people on the subject.

On the streets, in the hotels, and in public conveyances throughout the length and breadth of the country, there is heard an endless controversy on the historical facts relating to free coinage and the merits of the 16 to 1 proposition. In all these discussions the fact that strikes the unprejudiced listener with the greatest wonder is the utter lack of all real knowledge and information shown by the average free silver advocate. Whether this is due to his unwillingness to read, or his failure to comprehend the simple elements and common facts relating to the controversy, which have over and over again been published in the newspapers, or whether he purposely overlooks or perverts the truth, and simply tries to repeat the exaggerations and misstatements of the pernicious literature with which the country has been flooded in the last few months by the silver bureau, is not always apparent.

While the Astorian has frequently tried to explain the meaning of the phrase 16 to 1 when applied to the free coinage of silver, and has sought to point out some of the evils which would follow the adoption of such a law in this country, it is yet in daily receipt of requests for the publication of a plain and simple explanation of the 16 to 1 demand of the Chicago platform. It is to be assumed that a majority of the intelligent readers of the paper are thoroughly familiar with the question, but in view of the public awakening to its importance, as already suggested, it may be well to again briefly outline some of the commonest points in the controversy. The pure silver in the big dollar weighs about sixteen times as much as the pure gold in the gold dollar. The exact weights are 21.25 grains of gold and 371.25 grains of silver. Hence "sixteen to one."

When the mint was founded Hamilton and Jefferson agreed that a pound of gold was worth in the markets about fifteen pounds of silver, and accordingly the ratio for the coinage at first was made fifteen to one. Anybody could bring as much of either metal as he pleased to the mint and have it stamped into coins. This free or unlimited coinage of both metals is called bimetallism and the country was said to have a double standard of values. The bullion in either dollar was intrinsically worth as much before being coined as it was afterward, but the government's mint stamp was a guarantee of the weight and fineness of the metal and made it a legal tender.

Subsequently it was found that fifteen pounds of silver were not worth as much as a pound of gold, and in order to conform to the relative market value of the metals congress decided that the silver dollar should thereafter weigh sixteen times as much as the gold dollar. In doing this congress went to the other extreme and put too low an estimate on silver. The European nations composing the Latin Union made their coinage ratio fifteen and one-half to one, and the owner of silver here would not exchange sixteen pounds of it for a pound of gold because he could obtain the same thing in Europe for fifteen and a half pounds of silver. In other words, the quantity of silver in a dollar was worth more than one hundred cents. Consequently holders of silver bullion ceased to send it to the United States mints and the silver dollar previously coined was hoarded.

When the mint laws were revised in 1873 the provision for the free coinage of silver was dropped. This attracted little attention at the time because none of these dollars had been in circulation for a generation; and, in fact, only eight millions of them in all had been coined from the foundation of the government up to that time. Owing to the discovery of new mines the world's production of silver began to steadily increase, and the price consequently began to decline, and the European nations were in self defence compelled to close their mints against further free coinage of the depreciated metal. While silver was high the mine owners cared nothing about the mint, but when it got so low that a pound of gold would buy seventeen pounds of silver in the market, these gentlemen began to clamor for a restoration of the privilege of selling to the American people through the mint at the old ratio of sixteen to one. It was then that they

discovered that the act of 1873 was a "crime."

As a concession to them the Bland law was passed, under which nearly four hundred million silver dollars were coined, the treasury, however, buying the bullion for this purpose at its market value. In 1890 the Sherman law was passed, compelling the treasury to buy one hundred and forty tons of silver every month and issue notes in payment. This produced the panic of 1893, and was then repealed. As a result of these laws we have coined or issued nearly six hundred million dollars in silver. Despite all these purchases by the treasury the price of silver steadily fell. Today it takes about thirty pounds of silver to buy a pound of gold, but the free coinage advocates demand that the government—that is to say, the people—shall take sixteen pounds of silver as the equivalent of a pound of gold. When the 371½ grains of silver that go to make a big dollar were worth more than a hundred cents the mine owners sold their product in Europe. Now that 371½ grains are worth about fifty-three cents they insist that the government shall stamp it into a dollar and shall open the mints to all the silver in the world at this ratio of "sixteen to one."

We give space in another column to an article on the report of the committee of the last house of representatives on the Nicaragua canal. It will be observed that the committee reports favorably both on the feasibility of the canal and the propriety of its financial backing by the government. In this connection it is worth while recalling that the Republican party and its candidate, William McKinley, stand pledged by the St. Louis platform not merely to the financial guaranty of the canal, but further, for its absolute control by this country after its completion. How much progress do Pacific coast people think would be made with the canal under the next administration if the disaster of Bryan's election should happen? Aside from the improbability that the government would have any credit to lend to such an undertaking, and the well known hostility of the Populist theory of government to national aid for any public improvement, an examination of the Chicago platform fails to disclose one word of mention concerning this great enterprise.

It pleases the supporters of free silver to laugh at the talk of our credit being injured abroad should their theories prevail in the coming election. But the drift is all that way now in London, the money center of the world. Investors over there are uneasy at the possible success of the Democratic candidates. The effect of a victory of the political party which aims to pay gold obligations in silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would inevitably be the collapse of American credit abroad, says a cable to the New York Tribune. The world's stock of silver would be drawn toward America, and all the gold in the country would be exported to pay for it. The United States would become a silver country, like India, Mexico or Peru, and European capital would be withdrawn from all classes of American investments. These are the English views, and German opinion fully sustains them.

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In Europe thrushes build their nests as near to human habitation as they can to escape the persecutions of the magpies.

THE PROSTRATING SHOCKS

Of malarial fever are not to be counteracted by quinine with any degree of certainty, or for any length of time. The eradication and prevention of diseases of a malarial type are, however, ascertained possibilities. Long experience has shown that there is infinitely more preventive efficiency in the botanical medicine, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, than in the alkaloids, drugs and poisons which were formerly the only recognized means of removing and anticipating attacks of fever and ague and bilious remittent. When the system has been depleted by periodically recurring paroxysms, this agreeable restorative renews the fund of energy, and is not only a positive specific, but repairs the damage to the general health inflicted by all febrile complaints partaking of the malarial character.

Don't close up the front of your house and sit in the back yard. You don't decide any one into the belief that you are at the seashore. Small in size but great in results. DeWitt's Little Early Risers act gently but thoroughly, curing indigestion, dyspepsia, and constipation. Small pill, best pill. Chas. Rogers.

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"Judgment!!"

Battle Ax PLUG

The umpire now decides that "BATTLE AX" is not only decidedly bigger in size than any other 10 cent piece of tobacco, but the quality is the finest he ever saw, and the flavor delicious. You will never know just how good it is until you try it.

The softest thing in the world, outside of a callow youth with his first sweetheart, is a woman's hand on a heated forehead.

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the Gods. From them he stole fire and gave it to men. For this he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucasus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

Take a modern interpretation of this parable. There is no cooking without fire. In cooking and eating the mischief lies. The stomach is overtaken, the bowels become clogged, they cannot dispose of the food that is given them. The impurities back up on the liver. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is more than equal to the vultures of dyspepsia and its kindred diseases. There is no more need of men suffering from dyspepsia than there is of hanging one's self. Sold by all medicine dealers the world over.

Few women really read the newspapers, they skim the contents, making sure only of the fashions and the obituary notices.

A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, 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. Dykeman, Drumright, Catkill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years and 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 \$1.00.

The summer boarder now feels aggrieved because he or she does not receive twelve course dinners for five a week.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and All Skin Eruptions, and positive cure for Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

If salted peanuts were as expensive as salted almonds, they would be more in demand on dainty dinner tables.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

Some people make the trolley cars answer the purpose of a moving van.

"Wake up, Jacob, day is breaking!" so said DeWitt's Little Early Risers to a man who had taken them to arouse his sluggish liver. Chas. Rogers.

Brook trout, like other members of the salmon family, have small, thin scales.

Do you lack faith and love health? Let us establish your faith and restore your health with DeWitt's Sarsaparilla. Chas. Rogers.

The wearing of the green was all right in the spring time, but it is the wearing of the white that is in vogue now.

The best chemical compound for washing powder is "Soap Foam," as it will not "yellow the clothes," nor burn the hands. It's the finest thing in the world for the bath. One trial will convince you.

The woman who acknowledges she has always been poor is very rare, as a rule she says she has seen better days.

EN HILL, Lumber City, Pa., writes: "I have been suffering from Piles for twenty-five years and thought my case incurable. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me as a pile cure, so I bought a box and it performed a permanent cure." This is only one of the thousands of similar cases. Eczema, sores and skin diseases yield quickly when it is used. Chas. Rogers.

The woman in town for the day takes special pains to let all those within hearing know that she has just run in from her country house.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she is a Mother, she gives it to her Children.

Each salmon produces about 20,000,000 eggs.

It would be hard to convince a man suffering from bilious colic that his agony is due to a microbe with an unpronounceable name. But one dose of DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure will convince him of its power to afford instant relief. It kills pain. Chas. Rogers.

It is said that the Greenland whale sometimes attains the age of 400 years.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The largest mammoth tusk yet discovered was sixteen feet in length.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasant or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventative of pneumonia, consumption, and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Chas. Rogers.

A little alcohol or ammonia in the bath these days is refreshing and clean.

When we consider that the intestines are about five times as long as the body, we can realize the intense suffering experienced when they become inflamed. DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure subdues inflammation at once and completely removes the difficulty. Chas. Rogers.

Go to bed early if you calculate on getting any sleep.

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The box party is transferred from the theatre to the coach.

Persons who have a coughing spell every night, on account of a tickling sensation in the throat, may overcome it at once by a dose of One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

The stout woman invariably evinces a preference for a plaid waist.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Contains no Ammonia or Alum.

Declaration of Principles OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their representatives in National Convention, appealing for the popular and historical justification of their claims to the matchless achievements of thirty years of Republican rule, earnestly and confidently address themselves to the awakened intelligence, experience and conscience of their countrymen in the following declaration of facts and principles:

For the first time since the Civil War the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of full and unrestrained Democratic control of the Government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonor and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed indispensable revenue, entailed an unceasing deficit, asked ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$22,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, to a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund, paved American credit to alien syndicates and reversed all the measures and results of successful Republican rule. In the broad effect of its policy it has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halted enterprise and crippled American production while stimulating foreign production for the American market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interest demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable of conducting it without disaster at home and dishonor abroad, and shall be restored to the party which for thirty years administered it with unequalled success and prosperity.

A Protective Tariff.

We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity. This true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods, it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workman; it puts the factory by the side of the farm, and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift and founds the strength of all on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair, and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly, to sectional discrimination and individual favoritism.

We denounce the present Democratic tariff as sectional, injurious to the public credit and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but will protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. We are not pledged to any particular schedules. The question of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the conditions of the time and production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right settlement and then it wants rest.

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can policy of discriminating duties for the up-building of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor, employed in American shipyards, sailing under the Stars and Stripes, and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

The Financial Issue.

"The Republican party is unservicably for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1875; since then every dollar has been as good as gold. We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver, except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained we believe the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency now in circulation must be maintained at a parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolable the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth."

Pensions for Veterans.

The veterans of the Union armies deserve and should receive fair treatment and generous recognition. Whenever practicable they should be given the preference in the matter of employment, and they are entitled to the enactment of such laws as best calculated to secure the fulfillment of the pledges made to them in the dark days of the country's peril. We denounce the practice of the pension bureau so recklessly and unjustly carried on by the present administration, of reducing pensions and arbitrarily dropping names from the rolls, as deserving the severest condemnation of the American people.

Foreign Relations.

Our foreign policy should be at all times firm, vigorous and dignified, and all our interests in the western hemisphere carefully watched and guarded. The Hawaiian Islands should be controlled by the United States and no foreign power should be permitted to interfere with them. The Nicaragua Canal should be built, owned and operated by the United States, and by the purchase of the Danish Islands we should secure a proper and much-needed naval station in the West Indies.

Armenian Massacres.

The massacres in Armenia have aroused the deep sympathy and just indignation of the American people, and we believe that the United States should exercise all the influence it can properly exert to bring these atrocities to an end. In Turkey, American residents have been exposed to the gravest dangers and American property destroyed. There and everywhere American citizens and American property must be absolutely protected at all hazards and at any cost.

Monroe Doctrine.

We reassert the Monroe doctrine in its full extent and reaffirm the right of the United States to give the doctrine effect by responding to the appeals of any American state for friendly intervention in case of European encroachment. We have not interfered, and shall not interfere, with the existing possessions of any European power in this hemisphere, but those possessions must not, on any pretext, be extended. We hope to look forward to the eventual withdrawal of the European powers from this hemisphere, and the ultimate union of all the English-speaking part of the continent by the free consent of its inhabitants.

Independence of Cuba.

From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty.

The government of Spain, having lost control of Cuba and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident American citizens or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

Enlargement of the Navy.

The peace and security of the republic and the maintenance of its rightful influence among the nations of the earth demand a naval power commensurate with its position and responsibility. We therefore favor the continued enlargement of the navy and a

complete system of harbor and sea-coast defenses.

Immigration Laws.

For the protection of the equality of our American citizenship and of the wages of our workmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced, and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.

Civil Service.

The Civil Service law was placed on the statute book by the Republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

Free Ballot.

We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

Lynchings Condemned.

We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the uncivilized and barbarous practices, well known as lynching or killing of human beings, suspected or charged with crime, without process of law.

National Arbitration.

We favor the creation of a national board of arbitration to settle and adjust differences which may arise between employer and employed engaged in interstate commerce.

Free Homesteads.

We believe in an immediate return to the free homestead policy of the Republican party and urge the passage by congress of the satisfactory free homestead measure which has already passed the house and is now pending in the senate.

Admission of Territories.

We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interests of the people of the territories and of the United States. All the federal officers appointed for the territories shall be selected from bona fide residents thereof, and the right of self-government shall be accorded as far as practicable.

Alaska Representation.

We believe the citizens of Alaska should have representation in the congress of the United States, to the end that useful legislation may be intelligently enacted.

Summary Legislation.

We sympathize with all wise and legitimate efforts to lessen and prevent the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

Rights of Women.

The Republican party is mindful of the rights and interests of women. Protection of American industries includes equal opportunities, equal pay for equal work and protection to the home. We favor the admission of women to wider spheres of usefulness, and welcome their co-operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule. Such are the principles and policies of the Republican party. By these principles we will abide and these principles we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people.

Confident alike in the history of our great party and in the justice of our cause, we present our platform and our considerations, in the full assurance that the election will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of the United States.

Ladies and Children

who travel by the Burlington Route are given particular care and attention.

Just to illustrate what this means: A few months ago, five children whose ages ranged from three to eleven years, made the journey over our line from Ellensburg, Wash., to Kansas City, ENTIRELY UN-ACCOMPANIED.

Tickets, time-tables, and full information about our service to Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago upon application to the nearest ticket agent or by addressing A. C. SHELDON, G. A. Portland, Oregon.

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