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LIFE INSURANCE AND DEPRECIATED CURRENCY.

Every man and woman in the United States who has laid up money in life insurance as a bulwark against sickness or misfortune or for the protection of widows, orphans, parents, or other dependents, must look with just alarm upon the proposal so to alter the monetary system of the country as to rob them of 50 cents on every dollar their investment has earned.

Farmers to whom the free silver craze is supposed to present a peculiarly plausible aspect, are numerous among the holders of life insurance. What will it benefit them to give their votes for a change from the existing gold standard to the silver standard when they know perfectly well that they will be robbing themselves of one-half the value in policies that mature during their own lives and robbing their children of one-half of the value of policies to mature only with the death of the premium buyer?

Will a temporary and artificial rise in the price of commodities be a compensation for such suicidal folly as this?

The head of one of the great life insurance companies, addressing a letter to its 250,000 policy holders, says: "Supposing the free silver party to succeed in November next, we shall be on the single 32-cent silver dollar basis. One hundred-cent dollars do not swap for 32-cent dollars of silver, iron or copper. Fifty-two cents' worth of anything can never buy more than 32 cents' worth of anything else. Then the purchasing power of your policies will be cut in two."

While the farmer is being tickled with the idea that he will get two prices for what he has to sell, the fact is being kept from him that the dollar which will then remain to buy things with will have lost one-half its purchasing power.

Will it do the farmer any good to have the beneficiaries of life insurance able to buy only one-half as much of what he has to sell as he does now? There are in force in the United States nearly 2,000,000 life insurance policies. They represent the vast sum of \$3,568,166,664. More than half this money is spent in the purchase of the products of the soil. Will it do the farmer any good to take, by his vote, one-half the purchasing power out of this princely quantity of money?

In 1894 the disbursements of thirty-three life insurance companies were \$177,563,332. Of this the farmer received fully one-half. Will he be more content herewith to have the half shrivel to a fourth?

A Georgia man who says he is a 45-to-1 man, but does not want any halfway measures, declares that he accepts the arguments of the advocates of free silver and agrees with the remedy so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. "I am," he says, "in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of pig iron at a ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States alone, and can prove by the best authority that such a policy on our part will raise prices, put plenty of money in circulation, give the honest debtor a chance to pay his debts, thereby making the whole country prosperous." The writer proves by liberal quotations from Bry- and Senators Jones and Stewart that the free coinage of pig iron and the stamp of the government would make its bullion value the same as its mint value. "He also proves by the same authorities that there need be no fear of a contraction of the currency, for if gold and silver should be driven out by the baser metal there is plenty of pig iron to take their places and to give the people plenty of money. He declares that wages would be compelled to rise, because no man would be fool enough to work for \$1 a day when he could make \$1.000 a day picking up rusty nails and old horseshoes and taking them to the mint for coinage."

How can Mr. Stafford and other Republicans say the money question is only a secondary issue in the coming campaign, since it is upon their ability to fool the people with that very issue that the Populists hope to elect Bryan. If it were the Democrats that the Republicans had to fight this campaign, the country would be swept from one end to the other for protection. But, unfortunately, it is not free trade Democracy that is the dangerous enemy this time; it is free silver Populism, and the hardest part of the battle will be to keep a certain class of Republicans out of their ranks. Does Mr. Stafford think it error to combat the specious arguments which are taking Republicans away from McKinley and into—not the Democratic, but—the Populist camp right here in Oregon as well as elsewhere every day? No, Mr.

Stafford, the country is already converted to protection, but if McKinley is to be elected it must now be carried for sound money. There can be no dodging the issue, and the quicker Republicans realize it and make up their minds to face the music the better will be McKinley's chances in November.

Annually there is sent abroad an immense sum of money by our thrifty citizens of foreign descent. This money, as a rule is sent in international money orders, but sometimes in the form of exchange on London. Its purpose is to assist dependent relatives in the old country or to add them in coming to this country. This business is all done upon the gold standard, and as we now have the gold standard with us the whole cost to the sender is very little, and always the same. But let this country come to a silver basis and all this will be changed. The government would either have to go out of the business of selling international money orders, or it would have to sell them only for gold. At the banks the price of gold would have to be watched every day, just as it was in war times, and foreign exchange sold in accordance with that price. This would vary from day to day as the price of silver bullion varied in the London market. The result would be an endless annoyance and increased expense to the class of people above mentioned who send small sums to their old homes. Our foreign born voters ought to reflect on this point.

The English silk weavers are concerned to find that a grade of silk worth 45c a yard in Manchester is now turned out in Japan for less than 11c a yard. In the opinion of the British workmen a little intelligent protection would be advisable, as they can not exist on the Japanese wages of a few cents a day.

As long as workmen remember that the "great crime of 1873" did not reduce their wages a penny and there was plenty of work for them to do until the "great blunder of 1883," it will be pretty difficult for Mr. Bryan to get their votes for free silver and free trade next November.

A GREAT BOOK FREE!

When Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., published the first edition of his great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, he announced that after 600,000 copies had been sold at the regular price, \$1.50 per copy, the profit on which would repay him for the great amount of labor and money expended in producing it, he would distribute the next half million free. As this number of copies has already been sold, he is now giving away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this most complete, interesting and valuable common sense medical adviser ever published—the recipient only being required to mail him at above address, twenty-one (21) one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent post-paid.

It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. Contains 1008 pages, profusely illustrated. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50, except only that the books are in strong manilla paper covers instead of cloth. Send now before all are given away.

Now, here is a perfectly truthful illustration of human nature. "What does your father like for breakfast?" some one asked a little child. The answer was, "He always likes most anything we hasn't got." Think of that and put in one less crumple just to surprise yourself.

TWO LIVES SAVED.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her, and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 125 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these rare samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottle at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

It often happens that the woman just home from Europe is positively afraid to don her Paris-bought clothes, as they are so much in advance of what she sees worn here.

OLD PEOPLE.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alternative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price 50 cents per bottle at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store.

Egg for dipping purposes is far better when diluted.

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

It seems as though modistes had gone embroidery mad.

WEAK MEN
CURED AS IF BY MAGIC.

Victims of Lost Manhood should send at once for a book that explains how full manly vigor is easily, quickly and permanently restored. No man suffering from weakness can afford to ignore this timely advice. Book tells how full strength, development and tone are imparted to every portion of the body. Sent with positive proof (sealed) free to any man on application.
ERIE MEDICAL CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.



"Knocks Out All Others."

Battle Ax
PLUG

The Large Piece and High Grade of "Battle Ax" has injured the sale of other brands of higher prices and smaller pieces. Don't allow the dealer to impose on you by saying they are "just as good" as "Battle Ax," for he is anxious to work off his unsalable stock.

There are many who declare that when a woman is rushed to death she has an engagement with her dressmaker.

El 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.

Not until the new woman is admitted to the order of Free Masons will she feel that she has conquered destiny.

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.

There is no reason why a woman should not look fetching in a traveling gown as in a recreation toilette.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter 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.

There is no use talking, the small sleeve is certainly depressing to look upon.

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.

Every well-regulated household is enlivened by an imaginary burglar about once a month, provided the women members live up to their reputation on that score.

Pass the good word along the line. Piles can be quickly cured without an operation by simply applying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Chas. Rogers.

When a man is really concerned he can outdo anything in that line attempted by women.

Pure blood means good health. De Witt's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, cures Eruptions, Eczema, Scrofula and all diseases arising from impure blood. Chas. Rogers.

A woman in a shirt waist wearing big diamond earrings is an incongruity frequently met with these mornings.

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

The gay colorings that distinguish the rest of his attire have crept into the summer man's hosiery.

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.

Why is it barbers act as though they thought the whole feminine world thought they were too beautiful to live.

There's more clothing destroyed by poor soap than by actual wear. "Hoe Cake" soap contains no free alkali and will not injure the finest lace. Try it and notice the difference in quality. Ross, Higgins & Co.

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 unending deficit, eked out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$382,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, to a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund, pawned 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.

Reciprocity With Other Nations.

We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity, and we demand their renewal and extension on such terms as will equalize our trade with other nations, remove the restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in the ports of other countries and secure the enlarged markets of our farms, forests and factories. Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy, and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both, and both must be re-established. Protection for what we produce, free admission for the necessities of life which we don't produce, reciprocal agreements of mutual interest which gain open markets for us in return for our open market to others. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade and secures our own market for our surplus.

Protection to Sugar Producers.

We condemn the present administration for not keeping faith with the sugar producers of this country. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all the sugar the American people use, and for which they pay other countries more than \$100,000,000 annually.

Wool and Woolens.

To all our products—to those of the mine and the field, as well as to those of the shop and the factory—to hemp to wool, the product of the great industry of sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished woolsens of the mill—we promise the most ample protection.

Merchant Marine.

We favor restoring the early Ameri-

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 unreservedly 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 hopefully 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 employee 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 needful legislation may be intelligently enacted.

Sumptuary 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 opportunity, 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.

A YEAR AND A HALF AGO

the Burlington Route's New Short Line to the East and South was opened for business.

During these 18 months thousands of travelers have patronized it and by so doing have not only saved much valuable time but have gained new ideas of how a railroad should be run.

They have learned, among other things, that Burlington trains are always on time; that the Burlington's track is incomparably superior to any other in the West; that the phrase Comfort, Speed and Safety means something on the Burlington. Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago. Write for information about rates and trains. A. C. SHELDON, G. A., Portland, Oregon.

