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The silver leaders are fond of representing their as the cause of the South and West against the rich and overbearing East. The East, according to them, is the land where the goldbugs merrily buzz, as they lay up their shining stores, drawn as tribute from the impoverished West and South.

Those of the silverites who are also anti-protectionists further claim that the Republican tariff laws have favored the East at the expense of the rest of the country; assuming, what is far from being the fact, that all the great manufacturing interests have their chief seat in the East.

All of them seek to force a sectional issue, reasonable grounds for which are utterly lacking. It is true that the East is richer in moneyed capital than the West.

But it is also older. It has had more time to accumulate, and its accumulations have promoted their own increase. But a large portion of the accumulated capital of the East has been invested in the West, and a large proportion of the population of the West is made up of people born in Eastern or Middle states who have come west.

Some with means and others without any other capital than their brains and hands to aid in the development of the West. Thanks largely to the aid of Eastern capital, the West is growing in wealth and population and in industrial power at a rate which in a few very years will outstrip the greatness of the parent states of the East.

In manufactures the West has been forging ahead with wonderful rapidity. Its growth in this direction has been temporarily checked by the unfriendly legislation of the present administration, principally brought about by the same free trade philopostrophers who are now sounding the free trade bugle; but with the restoration of normal business conditions and a fair degree of protection for her industries, the West will resume her grand march of industrial development, and the time will soon come when the states of the upper Mississippi valley and of the Great Lakes will surpass their older sisters on the Atlantic slope, as the seats of the leading manufacturing industries of this country.

The South and the Pacific slope will share in this great movement of American development under the twin Republican policies of protection and sound money.

These policies know no North, or South, or East or West, but look to the common advantage of the whole country and to all its sections—and to the resources with which nature has endowed them.

LIVING CONDITIONS IN MEXICO. An unusual amount of interest has been manifested recently regarding conditions in Mexico, the nearest to the United States of any of the countries where a silver standard prevails.

Of course, it is owing to the hearing which the information may have on the campaign discussions regarding the free coinage of silver in the United States. Among those who have contributed to the understanding of conditions in Mexico is Mr. James W. Porch, of Philadelphia, who was formerly consul general at the City of Mexico.

Mr. Porch's personal experience in Mexico has covered a period of twelve years, during which period, he says in an interview in the Philadelphia Press, he has seen silver gradually depreciate from about 84 cents on the dollar to 53 cents, and at times go even lower.

Whenever there has been a rally in its value it has been because of a demand for silver in China, Japan and the East Indies, and as soon as this demand stops the Mexican silver dollar sinks to a point lower than it was before the rise. The tendency has been downward, and his opinion is it will go even lower, as its value is based entirely on what it represents in the markets of the world.

There is, he says, no part of Mexico with which he is acquainted where the cost of living has in any degree depreciated in comparison with the depreciation of their money. It needs to be understood that Mexico did not go to a silver basis as a matter of choice, but as a matter of necessity.

It is no gold to speak of to be found within her borders. There is enough silver in Mexico, when the value of silver shall be increased, to supply the markets of the world. In case of the success of the free coinage advocates in the United States, he believes that we will hear of more silver being mined in Mexico than the most sanguine ever dreamed of, and that our country would be flooded with silver mined in Mexico with cheap labor, and that that commodity would be almost as common as the debased metal. Miners get about fifty cents per day in silver, and the most skilled of them not over a dollar. All other labor does not ex-

ceed thirty-seven and one-half cents a day.

"In Mexico," Mr. Porch adds, "is to be found the most striking contrast between the rich and the poor. There is no middle class to speak of, and fully one-half of her population of thirteen millions of people have never known what it is to be free from want. I do not mean free from such want as certain classes in our own country are afflicted with, but free from wants of the actual necessities of life. Millions of them never know what it is to wear a pair of shoes or sleep in a bed, and their entire housekeeping outfit with their wearing apparel included would not be worth five dollars of our money."

It is true that Mexico is making progress, but there is no comparison to be made between the tolling millions in the United States and those of Mexico.

"The business men of Mexico, outside of the mine owners, are not in favor of silver, and were it possible for them to change tomorrow to a gold basis it would be done. My experience there under a free silver regime showed me that the people are poorly paid, poorly clothed, poorly housed and poorly educated. Of course I am speaking of the masses. We would rapidly degenerate to the same condition as soon as the purchasing power of our dollar was cut in two. We would not only suffer from the depreciation, as they do, but we would suffer from an equality as great a curse—fluctuation. You can readily understand that the purchasing power of the dollar changing from day to day, wavering in its decline it is true, but gradually down, makes all business ventures that have a future settlement as a part of the transaction very unsafe and very hazardous."

Conditions in Mexico are hardly of a kind to tempt sober-minded citizens of the great republic to change from the existing gold standard to a silver basis for their currency.

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