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BI-METALLISM.

"Please define bimetalism and cite your authorities. It is asserted by Republican boiters that 'The Republican party has repudiated bimetalism.' Is this a fact, or is it a falsehood?"

A SUBSCRIBER.

Bimetalism is the use of two metals as the standard of values, at a fixed ratio. All dictionaries so define it. But the practical workings of bimetalism, in our own history, and in that of every other nation that has tried it, proves that it is only practicable when the coinage ratio fixed by law, is exactly equal to the market ratio. In other words, if the bullion value in one coin is cheaper than the bullion in the other, the cheaper coin is used exclusively, and the dearer coin sold as bullion. Mexico, Japan, and most of the countries of South and Central America, have bimetallic laws, but the actual standard is silver at its bullion value, while gold coin sells for its bullion value, at twice its face value in silver.

The free silverites impudently claim to be bimetalists. Their ratio—16 to 1—is utterly at variance with the market ratio, which is about 20 to 1. Hence, in practice it would mean silver monometallism. The Republican party has always stood for real bimetalism. The only way in which it is now possible is by international agreement at a new ratio. The St. Louis platform declares for that, and against the 16 to 1 ratio, because the latter means a drop to the silver standard.

Thomas Jefferson, at the time the first coinage law was being discussed, wrote the following, which explains the meaning of bimetalism, as properly used:

"We are in favor of the coinage and currency of silver and gold in our monetary system. The proportion between the values of gold and silver is a mercantile problem altogether. The proportions established by law have varied in different ages and in different countries. Just principles will lead us to disregard legal proportions altogether, to inquire into the market price of gold in the several countries with which we shall principally be connected in commerce, and to take an average from them. A commission should therefore be appointed to inquire what are the proportions between the values of fine gold and fine silver in the markets of the several countries with which we are, or probably may be, connected in commerce, and what would be a proper proportion here, having regard to the average of their values in those markets, and to other circumstances, and the coinage of gold and silver at our mints should be at the ratio thus determined."

THE "MASSES AND THE CLASSES."

In the speech which William J. Bryan delivered in Chicago to the crowds that were cheering him he said: "If I were backed by the great trusts and combinations I know that they, as soon as I had taken my seat, would demand of me that I should use my power to rob the people for their sake." In view of these words it is very reasonable to recall the fact that Mr. Bryan is indeed backed by the strongest and richest trusts and combinations to be found in our country. They are composed of the owners of the silver mines of the Rocky Mountains, and they have united to have passed a free-coinage law. Would our readers like to know how rich these trusts and combinations are? The Chicago Tribune recently furnished a table of their wealth. Here it is:

Table listing names and wealth: Hearst estate, California, \$75,000,000; Fair estate, California, \$50,000,000; John Mackay, \$40,000,000; Hagan, \$40,000,000; W. A. Clark, \$40,000,000; Francis J. Newlands (Sharon estate), \$30,000,000; Dave Moffat, Denver, \$10,000,000; Senator J. P. Jones (Comstock lode), \$25,000,000; Flood estate, \$25,000,000; Denver Silver Smelting Works, \$25,000,000; R. Chambers, Ontario Silver Mine, \$20,000,000; L. E. Holden, Old Telegraph Mine, \$15,000,000; M. Daily, Anacostia, Mont., \$15,000,000; Daily Silver Smelting Works, \$15,000,000; S. T. Hauser, Granite Mountain Silver Mine, \$10,000,000; French Syndicate, Old Telegraph Mine, Utah, \$10,000,000; Leadville Silver Smelting Works, \$5,000,000; Broadwater estate, Helena, Mont., \$5,000,000; Senator Henry M. Teller, Colorado, \$2,000,000; Senator Lee Mantle, Mont., \$2,000,000.

Total \$497,000,000. That those folks have a strong interest in free coinage is obvious. They will furnish the silver, for which, nowadays, they receive but sixty-nine cents an ounce, and for which, after Bryan's election, they hope to receive from the people of the United States \$1.29 per ounce. Even if they were to confine themselves to the present production, which is 50,000,000 ounces, they would, in addition to the present profit, which averages not less than 29 cents per ounce, have an additional profit of 90 cents per ounce, i. e., of \$20,000,000 additional. That would indeed be a pretty penny added to their annual income. But this, too, can be easily proven.

That these silver kings are directly and strongly interested in having Bryan elected. There is, e. g., Senator Stewart, who even in 1874 was a decided "gold bug," but later, after having become a great silver mine owner, became the most fanatical champion of silver, and is now publishing a silver paper in Washington, in which he supports Bryan. The Hearst estate publishes silver papers both in San Francisco and in New York, which work hard for Bryan, and it is well known that Hearst is now negotiating for the establishment of a Bryan organ in Chicago. R. C. Chambers, owner of the Ontario silver mine, has been one of the most persistent silver lobbyists in Washington, publishes the Salt Lake Herald, and is one of the leaders of the "Bimetallic League," which for four years has been pouring a flood of silver pamphlets upon the country and sends out expensive speakers to preach free coinage. The president of this league is General A. J. Warner, who receives an annual salary of \$10,000. That Senators Jones of Nevada and Mantle of Montana are among the most earnest of free coinage men is a familiar fact.

Have you noticed that the reputation of silver as a money standard is still going on all over the world? Within the past few months Chile, Venezuela, and Costa Rica have announced their determination to reform their monetary systems and adopt the single gold standard. Russia has announced the same policy. Russia has over 115,000,000 population—nearly twice that of the United States. She will abandon the silver standard and adopt the single gold standard instead. And now comes France, which has just declared that all silver one and two franc pieces of dates previous to 1866, and all smaller silver coins older than 1864, are not current. The mint is to purchase the old coin at its market value as bullion, in order to get it out of circulation. The holders of these coins will lose half their nominal value. France has thus an experience on a small scale of what would happen in this country if we were foolish enough to adopt the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. In place of a loss of half on only a small fraction of our currency, all silver and paper money would drop one-half in value.

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If dull, spiritless and stupid; if your blood is thick and sluggish; if your appetite is capricious and uncertain. You need a Sarsaparilla. For best results take DeWitt's. It recommends itself. Chas. Rogers.

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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 increasing deficit, skirted out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$282,000,000 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 schedule. 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 ourselves. Reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet 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 Woollens.

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 woollens of the mill—we promise the most ample protection.

Merchant Marine.

We favor restoring the early American 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 shipping, 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 resumption of specie payments in 1873; 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 enjoyment 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

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 declaration 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.

Lynching 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.

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 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.

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