

This great republic, this glorious republic! where every man is a free man, and sits down under the nice shade tree in front of his rented little house, which the genuine patriotism of his corporate master has vouchsafed to let him occupy at an exorbitant rent. There he sits and dreams of his freedom and manhood in this land of liberty and political and religious franchise. But alas! His dream is only an illusion. His faith in his own importance and his right to vote his true sentiments meets with a crushing blow when his master informs him that he must vote to suit him or lose his position and the maintenance of his family. Mr. McKinley says: "I pity the poor laboring man and believe the circulating medium has been contracted by the demoralization of silver to such an extent as to cause the suffering and starvation of thousands of our poor people;" but the trusts, the combines, the corporations, the bond holders and John Bull enters the ring with the exclamation, "Hold on there, Mr. McKinley, you'll believe and advocate what we desire; we run this part of the government machinery. We have not combined to keep the poor from starving, but to forward our interests and accumulate gold at the expense of these same laboring and producing people with whom you are in sympathy."

Mr. McKinley, with a rush, takes a back seat and answers: "Gentlemen, I am at your service; I must be president if half the people of this glorious republic starves to death." We believe Mr. McKinley, at heart, to be a clean cut silver man and we hope his administration will prove him to be such and that he will give the cold shoulder to all enemies of the laborer and producer and strive as never man strove to better and ameliorate their present deplorable condition. If he does all conscientious, true lovers of the government and the maintenance of its vital republican principles, regardless of present party affiliations, should sustain and uphold him.

Hon. W. J. Bryan has refused the tempting offer of \$25,000 per annum from Messrs. Siegel, Cooper & Co., of New York, to become their legal advisor, because he desires to devote much of his time, the next four years, to the advocacy of bimetalism.

Senator Teller says he does not expect the republican party in the next four years to do any thing to secure an international congress having for its object the success of bimetalism, but reiterates a foregone conclusion that the contest will be made between the gold standard supporters and the organized hosts of bimetalism. Consequently it is the duty of every advocate of free silver to put forth every energy in the cause and begin now the assistance required by organization.

Bryan Silver Leagues should be, as soon as practicable, organized everywhere and Eastern Oregon should be in the front ranks in this

work. We can, at least, control our local politics and undoubtedly it is our duty to do so.

Grover Cleveland hasn't as many followers as he once had, but the country would like to know what he really thinks about the result.

American bicycles are sold in England for less than the same grade of English wheels, which shows that our bicycle industry is not in need of protection.

There is no good in figuring how things might have been different; the first duty of a good citizen is to accept the situation as it exists, and to go to work with a will to make it better.

"Divine Healer Schrader" is now working in New Jersey, where he is creating as much commotion as he did in the west. He is as puzzling as ever, and scoffing newspaper men who visit him with the intention of writing him up as a fraud change their minds after talking with him, and merely acknowledge that he puzzles them.

The result may be disappointing, but it should not be surprising. Human nature will have to undergo a change before certain combined influences can be successfully resisted. In previous campaigns these influences have been more or less equally divided, but in this campaign they have been solidly massed on one side.

The difference between a fool and a fool is a wide one. Many men who are anything but fools have allowed themselves to be used as tools.

Gomez, the Cuban general, is said to expect that he will eat his Christmas dinner in Havana. If he does, it isn't probable that Gen. Weyler will either be his host or his guest.

It doesn't take much to put a man under the ban of suspicion in New York City. One was arrested as a suspicious character there the other day because after standing alongside the track and allowing one street car to pass him he jumped on the next car.

General Fitzhugh Lee returned just too late to vote. He, perhaps, didn't care about making a record, or rather about choosing between breaking his long democratic record and offending President Cleveland.

Secretary Herbert will recommend the building of several more battleships and a number of torpedo boats, in his annual report. Without opposing the strengthening of our Navy, under proper conditions, many people believe that it would be just as well to stop where we are until the government's receipts exceed its expenditures. A navy is a good thing, but the same cannot be said of increasing our public debt.

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