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(CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.)

If the gold-standard party have one hundred and fifty votes and the forces opposing the gold standard have three hundred votes, or twice the opposition, and we divide into three parties of one hundred votes each can we win? No. We simply through our love of "party names" permit the minority to rule. Whether you think the financial question "ought to be" the issue or not makes no difference, you cannot escape from the fact that it is and will continue to be the issue until financial reforms are obtained. We should take conditions as they are and make the best of them, and not as the minority think they "ought to be" and lose by advocating something the people are not ready to accept as the issue.

As was said in your paper recently, "The republican party and national (Gold) democratic party stand today committed to Gage's plan; all other parties are opposed to every feature of it. That issue will be fought out in the coming two campaigns. In national politics all other issues will be subordinated to the financial question. It will be the issue. No handful of statesmen can stem the mighty tide of public opinion and public impulse." This is not all. Today we find the gold power has a large majority in the lower house of congress, it has the President and with two more U. S. Senators it will have the U. S. Senate. When this is accomplished, Gage's plan will be put in force. All paper currency will be retired and interest bearing gold bonds issued to redeem them. No paper currency will be issued by the Government, but that function will be transmitted to national banks. Our interest bearing debt will be increased at five hundred million dollars. Money will be scarcer and therefore higher commodities and wages proportionately lower. Your ability to pay your debts will be proportionately weakened—National banks will be rechartered for perhaps fifty years; and more than likely all bonds now payable in both silver and gold will be converted in to fifty year gold bearing bonds. I fear that few realize how nearly these conditions are of realization—that only two more U. S. Senators are needed.

You cannot escape the fact that to run a middle-of-the-road ticket is breaking away from our national and state organizations and abandoning your national leaders; and further, to indirectly become an ally of the gold standard party—whether intent or not—as the middle-of-the-roaders did in Ohio last fall.—Some say they will vote the republican ticket if things don't go to suit them.—Can such men be standing for "principle" when they say they will vote for the gold standard if everything in detail is not as demanded by them? Men of that principle can do us no good in our ranks for they are against us. They must be converted first. No true convert to our principles can ever have so little regard for the welfare of the masses as to vote for the gold standard simply for revenge.

Shall we, by dividing into three parts at the coming election and voting for different men, permit the gold party, with its minority of votes, to elect these two U. S. Senators and further enslave the masses, or shall we "pull together" and prevent this calamity. Remember that nearly all U. S. Senators and Congressmen were elected by a union of the three forces; and that without the union perfected in Idaho and Washington last fall they would have elected their two U. S. Senators now needed so badly in the Human party. I do not question the motives of the middle-of-the-road element. I believe the great rank and file of them are honest and believe they are right; but I do think they are being woefully misled and deceived to a great extent by a few. They are converted into the belief that they are the only people standing for "principle," while as a matter of fact they are holding party name above principle. They will, if their wishes are followed, lose an opportunity to get their principal put into operation for fear of having some other party names harnessed up with theirs. Can you get principal without officers with which to put your principal into operation? If you want to fight for principal and never want any offices why waste time and expenses of campaigns. Did you ever hear of a middle-of-the-roader who refused to accept no office when

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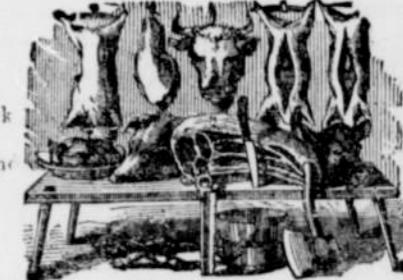
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