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Silver Question in a Nutshell.
 In every rural town of the country free coinage advocates are promising farmers that 16 to 1 would raise the price of grain and meat and thus reduce the proportions of the produce of the farm that goes to pay the labor employed. Of all brazen performances of the century, the most impudent is that by which at the same time the wage earners are invited to assist in a campaign to make their food more dear to them and to reduce the wages of the most numerous class of wage earners in the country.

There is the silver question in a nutshell. It is simply a question as to whether our wage earners are getting too high wages. They may as well face the question. If our wage earners believe they are getting too high wages and that this country is suffering in consequence, all they have to do is to take lower wages. If they prefer a roundabout way, they can favor free coinage of silver, and they will get their wages cut down half without any further trouble on their part.

In the light of our experience with fiat money legislation, from the greenback to the Sherman pig silver certificates, this long suffering country will finally learn that wealth is not created by fiat, but is made by labor; that the law can put no dollar into any man's pocket unless it first takes it from the pocket of some other man, and that wage earners are first and most interested in opposing interference by law. There has never yet been made a law to put into any laboring man's pocket a single dollar that he did not earn. He of all men, therefore, has the best right to insist that there shall be no law passed that will raise the price of what he has to buy, and thus take from him any portion of what he has earned.—Hon. John De Witt Warner in Present "Problems."

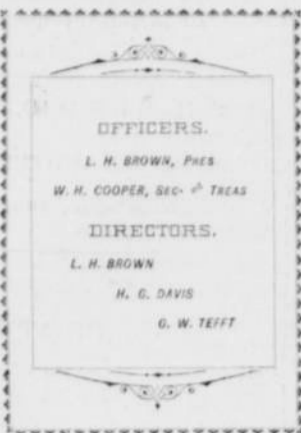
Senator Stewart's Sound Arguments.
 The question never will be settled until you determine the simple question whether the laboring man is entitled to a gold dollar if he earns it, or whether you are going to cheat him with something else. That is the upshot of the whole thing. *** There have been a great many battles fought against gold, and gold has won every time. I do not care how much you discuss it or how many resolutions you pass, they do not make any difference. You must come to the same conclusion that all other people have—that gold is recognized as the universal standard of value. It is the measure that must be used. It is the measure by which your wealth must be tested. It has been and always will be the touchstone of measurement, and when you depart from that and try to figure up any other measure which the world does not recognize you get into confusion. Attempting to recognize them, it is idle to talk about it. It is idle to talk about compromising on any other measure of value. The world will not accept it. We have the experience of every nation that has tried it, and it has been tried in almost every civilized nation. *** Do not let us try to deceive the American people. Do not let us try to make them believe by some hocus focus of legislation that we can give them something of real value—we can give them a measure of value that is better than the universal standard of mankind. Do not deceive them in that regard. Let them know the facts now. I believe that it would be highly injurious to this country to again inflate the currency. *** I need not enlarge upon the evils of a depreciated currency. This country has felt them too severely to require that I should mention them. It matters not what kind of a depreciated currency you have, it necessarily entails many evils. ***

Wages Go Up Slowly.
 Every cheap money experiment ever tried in this or in any country has demonstrated that, while prices respond quickly to changes in the value of money, wages respond but slowly. Hence, though wages appear to rise when money is depreciating, they are in reality falling. The difference in rapidity with which wages and prices go up has been illustrated by prices going up in elevators while wages walk up the stair steps. It is certain that wage earners always lose and never gain by being paid in a depreciated or depreciating currency.

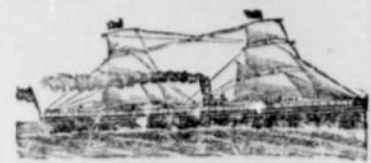
Confiscation of Property.
 A farmer who had his crop of wheat stored in his granary or a manufacturer who had his warehouse filled with the products of his factory would think it an outrage if the government should insist upon confiscating one-half of his wheat or his goods. What better is it by the adoption of free silver coinage to confiscate one-half of the wage of the laborer or one-half of his accumulated savings, or one-half of the dower of the widow, or one-half of the pension of the soldier?—Philadelphia Record.

Restore the Zero Freezing Point.
 In the haste in which the Democrats at Chicago prepared their platform they forgot to include the plank declaring in favor of restoring the natural freezing point of zero. Mankind has suffered and shivered tremendously because of this inhuman standard of temperature adopted undoubtedly at the instigation of coal barons and quack doctors. Without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation let us proceed to lower the freezing point and to reform our climate in the interests of the masses.

Want the Best Tools.
 The farmer and the mechanic must be free to use the very best tools and implements, and the merchant and banker must be free to use the very best money and instruments of credit. An honest and stable measure of value is just as necessary to both as are honest and stable measures of weights and quantities, and it requires no argument to show that without these it would be impossible to transact the ordinary business of the country.—Hon. John G. Carlisle.



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