

country for \$17, and laid down here at that price.

International bimetalism was both an international danger and an international impossibility. Gladstone had said that within a few years England would never consent. Such an international agreement was a menace and danger in case of trouble between two countries.

As in 1839 there was a conflict but it was the peaceful conflict of ideas. As veterans and sons of veterans he plead for them to present an united front against the enemies of humanity, who were marshalled under the banners of the gold standard.

MR. GEORGE'S SPEECH.

Mr. Geer was now introduced and disposed of several fallacies, of his predecessor. The Republican party was not to blame for men being out of employment. It had not done anything to throw a single individual out of employment, the Populists did that. Workingmen might better be employed hunting employment than standing on the streets arguing about the money question. Jeffreys was not right in quoting Ingalls at a time when he was a demagogue. We have had the gold standard for fifty years. All the old time patriots, like Benton and Jefferson, were gold standard men and declared for the gold standard. Mr. Geer read from a message of Gov. Boies, asserting great prosperity in 1891 and 1892. A money system is good for nothing unless based on something which has intrinsic value. The proposition, now made, was to coin silver at 16 to 1. When it is worth 31 to 1 in the world's markets, as a commodity, we could only coin it up at its commercial ratio. Where did the fathers of our country ever abandon the commercial ratio? They had weighed all the silver coins of all the civilized countries, and had found the commercial ratio to 15 of silver to 1 of gold. Later they changed it to 16 to 1.

Mr. Geer related how with a self-binder he and his son now harvested 140 acres of grain that formerly took five or six hands to harvest. He declared that legislation had never affected the value of a single dollar in any country in the world and never would. When shown the constitution declaring it to be the duty of congress to "coin money and regulate the value thereof," he changed his statement to "purchasing power of a dollar," and asserted that legislation had never affected that.

Mr. Geer closed with another appeal to Republicans to hold their lines solid and to vote straight. This was the banner Republican precinct of Southern Oregon and it should not fail in November to give a rousing majority to that grand man from Ohio, the standard bearer of sound money and protection. Mr. Geer closed amid great applause and had made the best presentation of the Republican side of the argument that has ever been heard at Ashland. He is the ablest champion of McKinley in Oregon.

HANDSOME BOQUETS had been presented to Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Geer. Mr. Hofer of the Salem Journal now arose to reply to the champion of the Waldo Hills. He again complimented his opponents on their ability and honesty and said although Mr. Geer had devoted half his time to personalities, he should try to devote himself solely to the question at issue. Shall we in November declare for gold monometallism or for independent American bimetalism? The old soldiers present had been threatened that their pensions would be paid in fifty-three

cent silver dollars. In 1860 when Mr. Geer said we had the gold standard the soldiers had enlisted at \$13 a month in coin. They were paid in depreciated money and while every effort had been made to protect the bondholder against loss by depreciated money, the country had never concerned itself about the 40 and 50 cent dollars the soldiers were paid in. The old soldiers would as loyally uphold every dollar ever issued by this government as they had the flag. [Applause.] They would prefer pensions under a money system that would restore general prosperity to pensions under a gold standard that would crush the industries of the country they had fought to preserve. The "speaker" again resented the imputation that the supporters of Bryan were hostile to wealth. The producing classes of our country were interested in protecting wealth and property. They would say to the men of wealth, keep your wealth, enforce your gold contracts, take if need be the property that must pass into your hands, but let us make it possible to create new wealth out of the boundless resources of our soil and our labor and give us a just money system founded upon labor and not a constantly appreciating measure of values. [Applause.]

THE REAL PROBLEM.

In this campaign was found in the depressed condition of agriculture. Under constantly falling values of farm products the produce of the soil could no longer meet the fixed charges on land. The farmers of our country were compelled to pay their debts under the gold standard and sell their products in competition with silver standard countries. We exported \$47,000,000 worth of silver bullion at half price last year to be converted into coins to buy wheat, wool, hides, meats, cotton and other staples in the silver standard countries with which our farmers had to compete in the markets of the world. We were giving England the cheap silver club to beat our own brains out with. Under this competition the farmer could not pay his interest, support his family and educate his children. He could not employ labor at cash wages but laboring men were forced into the cities where not half of them could be employed but were fed at the soup-houses and only the worst evils could follow such a condition.

WAGE-EARNER AND BIMETALLISM. That policy is best for the wage-earner which will lead to the greatest demand for his services.

Wages and profits of business come from sale of products. If products bring low prices or are produced at a loss labor will suffer. Falling prices are not beneficial to employed or unemployed.

Whatever cuts into the profits of industry throws wage earners out of employment on factory and farm.

In 1872 acreage of cereal crops was 68,290,197, value \$874,594,459, average value per acre \$12.81. In 1895 value of cereal crops was \$1,017,316,936, value per acre \$6.78, or \$6.03 less per acre than in 1872. Total loss by decline in values \$900,000,000. Decline on all crops \$1,500,000,000 as measured by prices in 1872. Under this fall in prices farmers cannot consume products of American factories. Distress of both farmer and laborer is greater than ever after twenty years of falling prices.

With the fall in prices that has taken place in twenty years debts have become doubly burdensome. The debt or mortgage contracted ten or twenty years ago takes twice the products of labor to pay it off. We have reduced the national debt one-half but have contracted the debt-paying power of products more than one-half. The disparity between money and debts and money and products is far greater than the disparity of gold and silver.

The people must create and own the money of our country instead of being owned by it. Money must be the servant of the people, not their master and oppressor. Laws must govern wealth, and the interests of wealth must become subordinate to the interests of the people. The people cannot surrender their sovereign power "to coin money and regulate the value thereof." It will only lead to commercial anarchy and turn the human race back to the semi-civilized ages of barter and trade.

WHO HAD BEEN SWALLOWED.

Mr. Geer had said the People's party and Silver party have been swallowed by the Democratic party. It is not true. The Democratic convention swallowed the best principles of the People's party and the old patriotic American doctrine of the Republican party, that the people are sovereign over the money power. [Applause.] The Republicans denounced Cleveland's tariff policy and then declare for his financial policy—the establishment of the British gold standard.

The Democrats kicked the gold standard and Wall Street crew out of their convention and hoisted the flag of independent action, while the Republican convention endorsed Cleveland's financial policy, knuckled down to Wall Street, and hoisted the flag of financial distress, begging old England to come to the rescue of our country.

In conclusion Mr. Hofer said the gold standard advocate does not expect the support of Democrats or Populists. Mr. Geer says he does not hope to convert a single Democrat or Populist to his views. He does not give silver Republicans credit for any intelligence. He says he simply wants to hold all the old Republicans in line and thus carry Oregon by 20,000 for the gold standard. He will not be able to carry Jackson county, or Marion county, or the state of Oregon by an appeal to partisan spirit rather than patriotism. God pity a cause so weak that it can appeal to a majority only because it is a majority and not because it is right!

Mr. Hofer was also presented with a bouquet by the ladies of Ashland and warmly congratulated by all present on his reply to Mr. Geer. A good report for Bryan and bimetalism will be sent up from the McKinley stronghold of Jackson county. On Saturday a large list of subscribers was raised for THE ONE CENT SILVER DAILY and Mr. Hofer went to Medford to organize a Bryan club.

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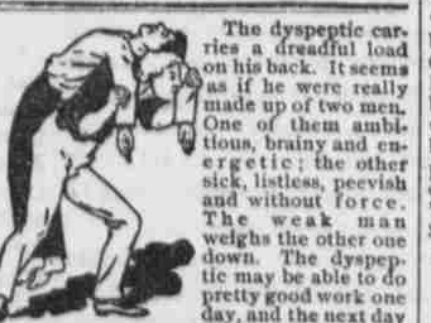
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