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ILLINOIS DOUBTFUL.

Our Chicago Correspondent on the Silver Situation.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 20, 1896.

The silver sentiment in Illinois is causing the Republican state and national committee considerable anxiety, and they have begun to work to stay the tide. Tons of literature are being sent out, and seemingly parties have been hired to argue the question among the people individually on streets wherever object lessons are given, business places, shops and factions at noon hours, parks, public places of all kinds, street cars and suburban trains, to attempt to foment a favorable gold sentiment.

They might just as well stay a tidal wave, like that which swept over Japan not long ago, as to stem the silver wave. It is bound to engulf the opposition. It is so deep seated and the people want fair play. Free coinage of silver is bound to come. Illinois is no exception to the rule, and the "crime of 1873" is seen in the right light, ready to choose the right cause. They do not believe that the Rothschilds should control its own, and use the metal for money she has the greatest supply of. That the Rothschilds and other money lenders should buy bonds payable in coin and then demand gold, and bring about legislation to stop coinage of one metal to raise the value of the other, thus making the national debt more difficult to pay is repugnant and a national wrong.

Why are they not satisfied? Having already made a good bargain they want to double it, thus overreaching themselves. It would be a national dishonor to submit to such robbery. The voters of Illinois, if I mistake not, are not so gullible as all that. Just after the nomination of Bryan and Sewall, state committeeman Jamison gave an interview, stating Illinois was a doubtful state, the silver sentiment at that time was of such proportion, that it was very uncertain if McKinley would carry the state unless they get down to solid work from that time on.

In the estimation of your correspondent it is very uncertain which party will carry Chicago. If straws are to be regarded, test votes in factories, shops, mercantile establishments, etc., McKinley certainly has the best of it. If the wearing of emblems denoting their true colors, McKinley buttons are anywhere from three to one to ten to one, in the lead. But if indications are taken where he lives Bryan is ahead.

The labor congress took action Sunday, the 17th, upholding the action of the Federation of Labor, by declaring for silver, and passing resolutions to that effect, while the Trades Assembly upheld the gold standard in their meeting on the same day. Two of the members of the last named organization, P. J. Mass and M. R. Grady, are going to Mexico in the interest of the Times-Herald, to write up labor conditions there under the silver standard. There was opposition to giving them credentials, but letters of introduction were secured. At the same time the labor congress passed a resolution denouncing the Republicans for appointing Henry C. Payne, an enemy of organized as well as unorganized labor, for his prominent connection with the Milwaukee Street Railway Co., during the strike. The Trades Assembly voted to investigate charges of the forgery of James Flint's name to letter of the president

of the Street Railway Union, exonerating Mr. Payne.

One of the large clothing firms of the city, name not given, the members being gold men, put ballots to their men, favoring gold or silver, but seeing it was a coercive scheme, and chary of their positions, voted solidly for gold. One of the men remarked concerning it:

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