SENATOR MITCHELL.

(Continued from Saturday.)

DANGER OF STATE RIGHTS.

"You are protectionists. You believe in the great American policy of protection to American labor and American industries. You believe in a home market. You are opposed on principle to the Democratic heresy of free trade, and yet, simply because the Democratic party, which has never in the past given silver any proper recognition whatever, but which is a bond-issuing, deficit-creating, syndicate-dealing, free trade party, has in its present platform stolen the silver plank of those who believe in independent bimetallism in order to enable it as a party to continue it power, you propose to turn your backs upon your own party and give that party your support? Are you willing by your votes to condemn the great doctrine of reciprocity inaugurated by Blaine and McKinley and Harrison and put into operation by the Republican party, and whereby new outlets were opened for our surplus products of farm and factory? Are you willing by your votes to endorse the suicidal act of the Democratic party and the present Democratic administration in repealing and destroying this policy? Are you, as Republicans, by your votes willing to endorse the statement in the present Democratic national platform denouncing the late Republican congress as profligate and wasteful, and in attacking the integritv of the organization and the ultimate decisions of the supreme court of the United States? Are you willing by your votes to give sanction even by the remotest implication, to the attempted revival upon the part of this new Democartic party, of the old doctrine of state rights, and the lack of supremacy in the national government. In a word, are you willing, as some of our Populist friends have been willing, to be caught in the cunningly-contrived trap, constructed and set by the present leaders of the Democratic party for the purpose of catching enough Republican and Populist votes to continue in power the free trade Democratic party? For one I do not intend to be caught in that trap.

INDEPENDENT BIMETALLISM IMPOSISIBLE?

"And right at this point I desire to attract the attention of my silver friends and also all others interested to the financial plank of the Repulican platform as laid down by the Republican national convention at St. Louis. There seems to be a misapprehension abroad to the effect that the St. Louis platform declares in favor of the single gold standard as a desirable permanent policy for this country, and, therefore, to be maintained at all hazards, under all circumstances and for all time. This is not the Republican platform as laid down in the late St. Louis Republican convention. In fact is is precisely the reverse. It is certainly no part of either my desire or intention to misinterpret or miscontrue the financial plank of this platform, but on the contrary it is my earnest wish, and moreover my bounden duty as a supporter of McKinley and Hobart to give it before the people of this state its correct interpretation, as I understand it. The The Republican party, as a party, does not now believe it, it never has belived in or advocated the single gold standard as a desirable permanent policy for this country. But upon the contrary the position and policy of the Republican party always has been, is today, and is so declared in the St. Louis platform, that the bimetallic standard, the double standard, as sometimes erroneously designated, that is the free coinage and use of both gold and silver at a fixed ratio is the better policy in the true interests of the country, than is that of a single standard of either gold or silver. And hence it is that the late Republican covention at St. Louis declared in the most unqualified terms in favor of the bimetallic standard. This, however, in the judgment of the Republican party, as expressed in its St. Louis platform, can only be obtained through an international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, and until this can be secured the platform declares the existing gold standard must be presrved.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM NOT FOR GOLD?

"It will not do for those who oppose electing the Republican ticket to insist that those who favor that ticket are gold monometallists or that the Republican platform declares in favor of perpetuating our existing gold standard, except only until such time as the bimetellic standard can be secured through international agreement, and to promote which the Republican party stands pledged by the St. Louis platform. That platform is not, therefore, a single gold standard platform, but a bimetallic platform. While I have heretofore been in great doubt as to our ability to obtain an international agreement on the subject, I am now and have been for some months past firmly of the opinion that the prospect at the present, especially in the event of the election of the Republican ticket, for securing such an agreement is not only very much better than it ever has been in the history of this government, but really exceedingly good. The real truth is President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle during their entire administration have, instead of endeavoring to bring about such an agreement, thrown obstacles in its way.

BIMETALLISM FOR PROTECTION.

"But is entirely clear to you as an advocate of bimetallism that it can be maintained in this country in connection with the enforced policy of free trade, and when entirely divorced from the policy of protection. While I personally, following the platform of Republican party of this state upon which the legislature was elected which appointed me to my present term in the senate, have advocated and voted for independent bimetallism, and have done so earnestly and honestly believing that it could be maintained in connection with the policy of protection. I have always insisted in every speech that I have made upon the subject, that it must be coupled with the protective tariff, otherwise we could not have prosperity in this country. In other words I have believed that any good effect that might come from free silver would be more than destroyed by the policy of free trade. And I am firm in the belief, and always have been, that without a proper policy of protection in this country we can never have that prosperity which rightfully belongs to us whether we have bimetallism or not. Therefore I believe now, as I always have believed and urged that bimetallism in this country, whether secured through international agreement or otherwise, must be accompanied by a protective system otherwise we will remain slaves to Great Britain and other foreign countries, both commercially and financially. While I have argued earnestly and honestly in the past in favor of independent bimetallism. I have never as it seems is supposed by some, opposed through international agreement, but on the contrary I have always insisted that if such an agreement could be brought about it would be in all respects a better and more satisfactory settlement of the question, and such is still my conviction. And therefore for these reasons in part, I appeal to my silver friends to stand by the Republican ticket.

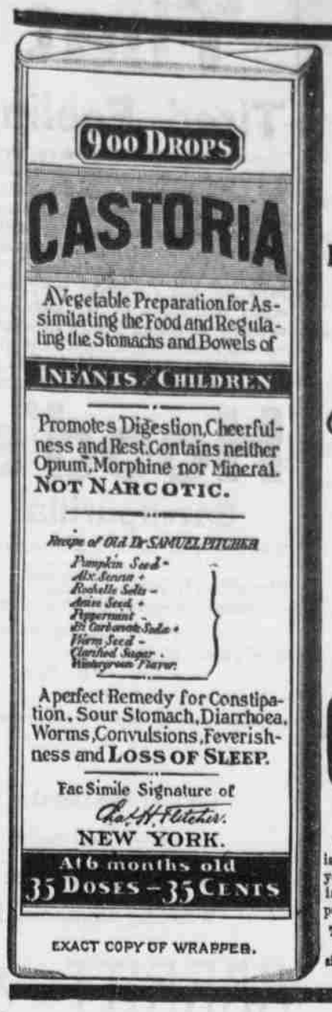
BOTH PARTIES FOR SILVER(?)

"The precise difference then between the two parties upon the financial question is simply this. Each believes in a bimetallic standard as preferable to that of the single standard of either gold or silver. Therefore, each declares in its platform in favor of a bimetallic standard as the better permanent policy. The Democrats and Populists and silver Republicans insist that this can be done with safety by this country alone. The Republicans deny this, and insist that it can only be done through international agreement, and that free silver by the independent action of this government alone would mean silver monometallism. I take it however all will agree, even the most radical independent bimetallist, that if we could secure the prompt establishment of a bimetallic standard in this country through an international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, that it would not only meet every purpose which it is believed by the independent bimetallist could be obtained by independent action, but would in addition in very many respects be infinitely better.

M'KINLEY FOR SILVER.

"It must, therefore, be plain to all who are Republicans, but who believe in the policy of independent bimetallism, that by standing by the present standard bearers of the Republican party, and by aiding in restoring to power the Republican party, you not only hold on to all the great national policies of that party, aside from the financial question, but you also in so far as that question is concerned are standing upon a platform which pledges the Republican party solemnly to labor for the abolishment of the single gold standard by the adoption of a bimetallic standard through international agreement.

"Furthermore there seems to be an impression abroad that the adoption of the St. Louis Republican platform, and the election of McKinley and Hobart, would mean that silver is to be entirely ostracised and eliminated from our financial system. This is a most egrecious mistake What has the Democratic party ever done for silver? Nothing whatever. On the contrary what has the Republican party ever done in this direction? By the acts of 1872, 1878, 1890 and 1891, all passed by the Republican party, there has been coined into legal tender silver dollars the sum of $438,821,279, which with silver certificates making an aggregate of nearly $625,000,000, every one of which is legal tender today, and there is no attempt or disposition on the part of the Republican party to either retire from circulation any part of this vast sum of silver or its representatives, or to take from any part of it the function of legal tender.



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