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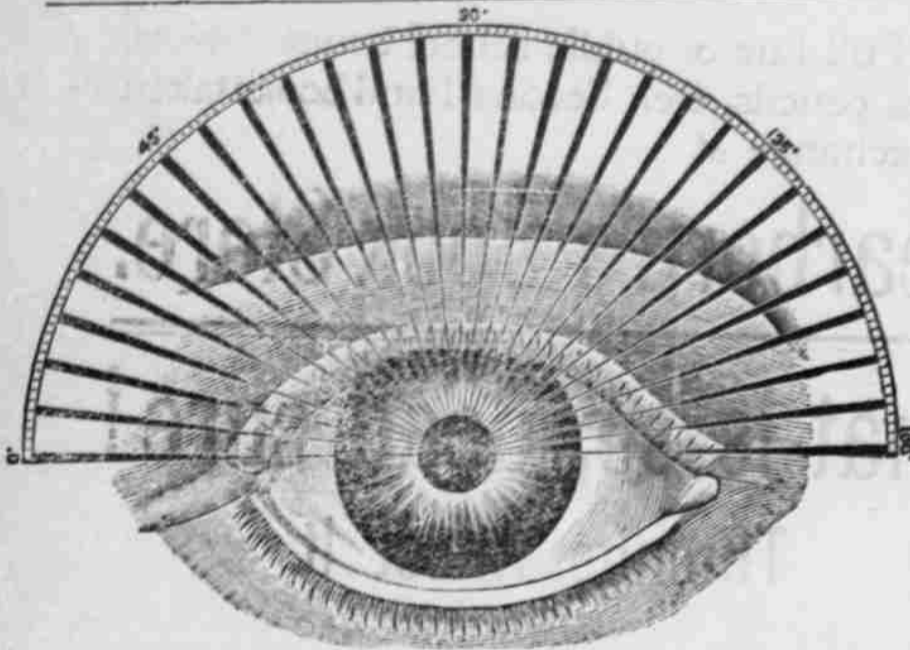
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MR. BRYAN IN IOWA.

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ment bimetallic is gone down, that moment hope for national bimetallic is gone. Let the elections this fall show the growth of the silver sentiment, and I think we will have an international conference. But it won't do anything before the next election, and then if the next election goes against it, they will adjourn without doing anything; but if we can scare them enough this fall to get a conference, and elect a free silver congress next, they will know it means free silver in 1909, and the Republicans may, without waiting for us, be able to secure an international agreement, and thus get the victory.

Some people say that last fall's victory was a victory for the gold standard. I have seen papers containing long editorials to that effect. Well, my friends, if it was, why did the president send a commission to Europe? when a Republican tells you that the last election was a vindication of the gold standard? You ask me why the president sent a commission to Europe; and when a man tells you that prosperity has returned, and that the gold standard has been vindicated, you tell him you will not believe it until Mr. McKinley calls the commission home. That is the way to find out.

My friends, if you say that the victory last fall was a victory for the gold standard; I want you to remember that in saying so you admit that it was a victory won by fraud. If it was a victory for the gold standard, it was won behind the mask of international bimetallic, and that the president understood. If it was a victory for the gold standard, then excuse, if you can, the insincerity of the commission to ask for a thing we do not want in this country. You say that it was a victory for the gold standard. Then I say to you that is another chapter in the secret fraudulent history of the progress of the gold standard.

I said that if the victory last fall is claimed as a gold standard victory, it must be acknowledged that it was a victory won by false pretense, and that the American people did not vote for the Republican candidates on the theory that the gold standard was a good thing, and should be kept on its merits.

Just before the close of congress the president sent a message to congress asking for the appointment of a commission to reform the currency.

The lower house, responding, passed a bill creating such a commission, but the senate refused to join in the action of the house. Well, in that message, the president appointed, with approval, to a conference held by financiers in the city of Indianapolis, and that some time last January; and when congress refused to appoint a commission the executive committee over at Indianapolis created a commission; and that commission is now at work preparing a report to be considered by congress; that commission acting in place of the commission which the president desired to have the authority to appoint. That Indianapolis convention declared in favor of the retirement of greenbacks.

The president, when he recommended the appointment of a commission, recommended it on the plan and intended that the commission should recommend the retirement of greenbacks. I call your attention to the change; and then I want to say to you that the Republicans in the last campaign did not tell the people that they intended to retire the greenbacks; and if they retired them without the question being submitted to the people, they will take another step in the fraudulent and underhanded process by which they have defrauded them by conspiracy in the United States.

There is a pledge that the Republican party will keep the greenback in circulation, and an attempt to retire the greenback is a violation of the contract and pledge of faith. And, my friends, I want to ask you why the president of the United States listened to England and the financiers' assembly at Indianapolis and be deaf to more farmers and laborers, who have never asked for the retirement of greenbacks?

Republicans, your election this fall will have something to do with the

retirement of the greenback. The president has sent his message to congress. He did not ask for the retirement of the greenbacks, but he asked for the reform of the currency. That is more euphonious. (Laughter.)

They say reform the currency instead of retiring the greenbacks for the same reason that they said sound money instead of gold. It sounded better. (Laughter.) Do you know what it means? You know that the gold standard conspiracy includes two things. It includes the making of the gold the only legal tender money of the United States, and the making of National bank notes the only credit money of the United States. The gold standard conspiracy means the turning over the money changers of the world the control of the only money that will pay debts, and turning over to the National banks the issuing of the only money that passes in circulation besides the legal tender money. That is what the gold standard means.

My friends, if you ask me what influence was most potent in determining the last election, I will say to you that it was not the enormous campaign fund, although it was unparalleled in the political history of this country. The most potent influence in determining the result of the last election was the influence that came from London. The financiers of London notified the financiers of New York that independent action in this country meant that they would draw out their money and create a panic, and the financiers of New York notified the country financiers that the triumph of free silver meant panic to them, and the country financiers notified the employers of labor, the merchants, and business men that the triumph of silver meant bankruptcy to them; and the employers of labor notified their employes that the free coinage of silver meant idleness to them. There was the influence that began on foreign soil.

Mr. Bryan proceeded to say in substance:

The 70,000,000 people of the Nation have given up by accepting the Republican policy, the right gained by the 3,000,000 of 1776 of legislating for themselves, delegating it back to England. We must wait on her for bimetallic.

Nothing has happened since election to prove the silver party incorrect. When the Democratic party lost its orators, orators came from the people. They told us all we needed was confidence, and McKinley's election meant confidence. McKinley was elected. And for six months people thought Bryan was elected instead of McKinley, for the times they predicted if the former was elected came to pass.

What was the first thing that came to aid the Republican party? The Klondike. And they claim it. Yet how can they? They told us we had enough money. More than enough is too much; and the gold men have no right to be glad over the Klondike.

Said Mr. Bryan: They talked about a dollar that would buy more and more, and cheapness was the thing that they most prated about. Why, my friends, they have to take one side or the other. If they want a dollar that will buy a great deal, they cannot rejoice over the rise in prices, because when wheat rises, it takes some of the purchasing power out of the gold dollar, and where are they going to stop? Why, if the people get an idea that taking a little of the purchasing power out is a good thing, they want to take more; and the people find that wheat is high because of a famine is good, they may conclude that the increased value of money is all right. If they find it is a good thing to have high wheat, they want it without thinking all the time of the millions of starving people who have raised the price of American wheat.

My friends, the first hope came to the Republicans from the discovery of gold in the British possessions; the second from a famine in the British possessions. Isn't it strange that all the good things came to the Republican party from the British possessions? (Applause.)

Now, there is an old saying that there is a skeleton in every family closet, but the Republicans are the only people that bring the skeleton out and brag about it. They are now parading the starving people of the old world whose necessities have raised the price of our wheat, and some of them are in some way trying to claim the credit for it. I noticed some fellow the other day who didn't know just how it was, but some way or other somehow wheat was always higher under a Republican administration than under a Democratic. Now, my friends, the rise in wheat is something that we can rejoice over, or could rejoice over were it not for the contemplation of the cause of the rise. We want to raise the price of the product to the bimetallic level and we want to do it by increasing the value of money, and taking out of gold so much of its purchasing power as the law put into gold.

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