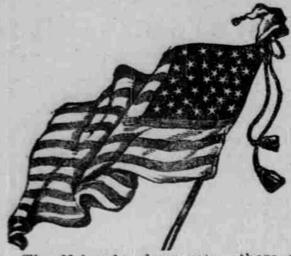


SILVER IS THE THING.

WITHOUT IT AS MONEY WE ARE BEATEN.

Free and Unlimited Coinage Would Do for America the Reverse of Everything That English Gold Standard Advocates Say It Will Do—Plain Talk.



The Nebraska democrats, those of the goldite persuasion held a convention at Lincoln, Neb., the 5th instant, with about six hundred delegates from all counties, present.

No silverites were allowed, therefore, the convention declared itself the regular state democratic convention.

The resolutions, as a consequence, were infamous. They endorse the president in emphatic language in his robbery of the people in the last issue of bonds, and in his policy of misinterpreting the currency plank in the democratic platform upon which he was elected.

They continue: "We insist upon this policy" (that of the president) "as especially necessary for the protection of the farmers, laborers and property owning debtors, the most defenseless victims of an unstable and fluctuating currency."

What clap-trap! Probably nearly every one of those delegates were either usurers by profession, or borrowers of money in the clutches of usurers to an extent that they dare not say their souls are their own.

With this class, that is the spokesmen, it is always a case of professed interest in the plain people, laborers, etc., merely to deceive the public. They know very well that they are talking for their own short-sighted profit, and care mighty little for the people they rob in their method.

The resolutions go on: "Free silver means a poorer money and less of it; it means less wages for the laboring man and less actual money for the farmer, and very much less credit, as well as money, for the business man; it means bankruptcy for all save the mine owners."

What lies! Free silver would do the very reverse of all these things, because free silver puts more money in circulation rather than less. It would restore the farmers' normal price of cotton, wheat and other allied products, to double present values; render safe the manufactures of this country, who, in competition with silver basis countries, are now threatened with ruin; increase the wages of the worker in the demand for his products through more money and better incomes to the farmers; make credit better for the business man in stopping this currency contraction due to the exclusive gold policy; and if honestly carried out by an administration at Washington, it would at once stop this robbery of the people in the shape of more infamous bond issues, and would tend to make trade stable by stopping these constant agitations due to the scare induced among usurers and money lenders through raids upon the country's gold; all this would be the effect of free silver, although, as the Item has recently said, even free silver is not the cure-all of our currency situation. It is in that direction, that is all. It is in the direction of "more money and less misery."

But this convention does not stop with the above declarations; it resolved that the government's outstanding paper money "is a menace against the nation," therefore it must all be destroyed—as accords with the president's message—in favor of another currency "devised by a competent non-partisan currency commission."

This part of the resolution was brought fresh from London, where it was originally concocted; the chairman of the convention having only arrived the same day of the opening session straight from London for the purpose of presiding. As the resolutions were all made and passed on the day of his arrival, in all probability they were all prepared in London for American indorsement. And indorsement they obtained with no delay or opposition whatever. The haste was remarkable.

What a convention! And in a silver state, too! However, it was packed to order.

But it does make the spokesmen of delegates of this class howl when they read dispatches such as the following, showing the present prosperity of silver basis countries. This is taken from the Boston News Bureau of the 5th inst., it being reproduced from the Boston Herald:

"City of Mexico special says the country is booming. Hotels are full of people and mills are running extra time. There will be a bonanza corn crop this autumn. Mexican capital is beginning to enter new lines of investment. The banks are gorged with funds and the government has large revenues."

Travelers in all parts of the world are now daily sending home correspondence to show that the only prosperous nations in the world today are the silver basis countries. Every one of them is expecting a degree of prosperity heretofore unknown. This is all due to the unnatural premium of 100 per cent they now possess in the present price of silver when they sell at home or to gold-basis countries; their

home trade being solid and very large, because this cost of silver bullion is a wall of 1 per cent protection to them, consequently they are developing farming and manufacturing plants of all kinds at a tremendous pace and all this at the expense of our producers, exporters and manufacturers, as well as those of the same businesses in other gold basis countries.

In plain English, this convention contained a lot of short-sighted fools, who don't know that they are cutting their own business throats, as well as those of the entire country.—Philadelphia Item.

Gold Standard for England. London Cablegram: Replying to an invitation extended to him by Mr. George Peel, secretary of the Gold Standard association, and son of Viscount Peel, formerly speaker of the house of commons, to express his views on the question of bimetalism, Mr. Gladstone writes that he has not altered the opinions which he expressed in parliament two and one-half years ago. He adds that he regards the bimetallic schemes at passing humors, doomed to nullity and disappointment. He is convinced, he says, that if London stands firm for the gold standard no power that bimetallic commands or is likely to enlist will be able to overcome it. Mr. Gladstone adds that he regrets that age and its disabilities prevent his active participation in the controversy.

For the benefit of those who do not know that Mr. Gladstone's opinion, as expressed by him in February, 1893, in the house of commons, was, we will reproduce it here. It is as follows: "England," says Mr. Gladstone, "is the great creditor of the countries of the world; of that there can be no doubt whatever, and it is increasingly the great creditor of the countries of the world. I suppose there is not a year which passes over our heads which does not largely add to the mass of British investments abroad. I am almost afraid to estimate the total amount of the property which the united kingdom hold beyond the limits of the united kingdom, but of this I am well convinced, that it is not to be estimated by tens or hundreds of millions. One thousand millions probably would be an extremely low and inadequate estimate. Two thousand millions or something even more than that is very likely to be nearer the mark. I think under these circumstances it is rather a serious matter to ask this country whether we are going to perform this supreme act of self-sacrifice."

The "act of self sacrifice" to which he refers was whether Great Britain should even discuss the question of giving a larger use to silver.

The above dispatch must be very pleasant reading for bimetalists of the Jimmy Campbell stripe who think we should wait in this country the action of Great Britain.

In point of fact these men are not bimetalists at all; they are simply goldbugs without the courage of their convictions. J. H.

Ready for Business. Chicago Press (free silver): Leaders of the silver movement exhibited wisdom in consolidating their forces and establishing their headquarters in Chicago. The cause of silver has been checked by the lack of a common head and a united system of education. Heretofore there have been three leagues working independent of each other and the shortcomings of such a method of campaigning are obvious. These three leagues have determined to consolidate and place Gen. A. J. Warner of Colorado in charge of the work, which will be carried on from Chicago. Gen. Warner is an honest, capable and conscientious friend of silver, and under his executive leadership the work of spreading the gospel of the white metal will succeed.

International Agreement? Bosh! The Mining and Industry Review. Denver: Why should there be an international agreement about money, when there is no such thing as international money? Our gold coin in England sells by weight, just as gold or silver bars or wheat or cotton or pork. A dead hog, fit for market, is just as much international money as gold. International balances are always settled by swapping. The London creditor of an American firm asks for exchange, or gives an American order for that commodity out of which he can make the most profit. "International money" is the talk of a scoundrel or ignoramus.

Would Bring Relief. Industrial News (Farmers' Alliance and Pop.), Jackson, Mich.: Free coinage of silver and a declaration by congress that all money bearing the stamp of the government shall be full legal tender and that it shall be at the option of the government, as well as all other debtors, to pay in either gold, silver or paper money, would bring speedy relief. Supplement this with a law declaring that all contracts which discriminate against any of the different kinds of money issued by the government are contrary to the public welfare and therefore void.

A Tight Fit. In a certain district of Bradford there is a man who has caused his friends a great deal of anxiety, through his strange behavior of late.

Having lost sight of him for a short time, a search was recently made in his house, and on reaching the attic, they found him hanging from a beam the rope being fastened round him under his armpits.

He was at once released, and on being asked the reason for this strange act, he replied: "I tied it around my neck, but found I couldn't breathe."—Spare Moments.

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At this place there is a sign for the admonishment of small boys in summer time: It reads: "Ten dollars fine for swimming here."

Persons who saw the unfortunate fellow fall into the water thought he was safe, for he struck out boldly for the shore. Suddenly he cast a despairing glance towards the land and sank from sight. By the efforts of a number of persons on the bank he was saved. He was asked why he stopped swimming so quickly. "Don't you see that sign, '\$10 Fine for Swimming Here?'" he gasped as he was being resuscitated.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Got the Best of It. Uncle—Have you seen your father lately, Cisse? Cisse—No; but as ma is out, I guess you'll find him in the kitchen flirting with the cook.—Judge.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON V—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3—SAMUEL THE JUDGE.

Golden Text: "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us"—1 Samuel vii: 12—How Samuel Was Presented to Eli—The Crusade.



INTRODUCTORY: The section includes chapters 7 and 12, the beginning of Samuel's judgeship, and his farewell address after his place had been taken by the choice of a king. Time.—B. C. 1114, forty years to the inauguration of Saul as king in 1075 (or twenty years from B. C. 1114 to 1095). Place: Samuel's home as judge was at Ramah, four miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Samuel was now about 52 years old and recognized as a prophet throughout Israel. He had been judge of Israel since the death of Eli, twenty years before, making circuits to several places for the purpose of administering justice. Samson was a judge further to the southwest during most of these twenty years, dying in the ruins of the Philistine temple at Gaza about two years before the time of this lesson. Today's lesson includes 1 Samuel vii: 5-15.

5. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord. 6. And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7. And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9. And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel



Altar for Burnt Offerings.) cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him. 10. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car. 12. Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15. And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. Explanatory: 5. Gather all Israel to Mizpeh. A hill near Samuel's home at Ramah. There must be a unification of the nation by religious worship. 7. The Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together. The lords naturally regarded a national assembly of their vassals as a preliminary step toward revolt. The lords of the Philistines. This implied a united invasion of the five great dukedoms of Gaza, Askelon, Ashdod, Ekron, and Gath (vi: 16-17). Went up against Israel. They would nip the rebellion in the bud. The children of Israel were afraid. They were probably poorly armed. They had not come prepared for war. They were unorganized, with a new and untried leader. 8. Cease not to cry unto the Lord. The people began now to believe in God and in prayer. 9. Offered it for a burnt offering. Not with his own hand, but by the priests under his direction. 10. The Lord thundered. Thus the deliverance was plainly from God, in answer to prayer; and thus it showed his approval of the new religious feelings, his readiness to forgive, his public recognition of Samuel as judge. And discomfited them.

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