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A FEW more joint debates, such as that between Rosewater and Bryan and Reesey and the goldbugs wouldn't have a peg to stand on.

LIKE Hancock on the tariff question, McKinley is trying to play double on the money question. He will find to his sorrow that the people don't want straddlers.

ONE of these days Rosewater will discover that he cannot get the support of western people while standing up as the representative of Wall street and the east. He has already lost seven thousand subscribers to the Bee by his dought-faced course.

ROSEWATER'S idea of cheap money is that which is loaned at a low rate of interest. The answer of Bryan to that proposition was a searcher. Hereafter the silver men can not be charged with advocating cheap money. They want money so plenty that the wheels of industry will start again and it will command a better rate of interest.

SINCE February 1, last, the U. S. treasury has lost forty-nine millions in gold coin. And still there are men in this country who want as a standard a money that is so fleeting that it cannot be held in the treasury better than that! It is safe to say most of these men have more interest in making the dollar dear than they are in the independence and prosperity of the people.

THE objection to the rules adopted by Czar Reed was, not that they did not assist in pushing business, but that they were essentially tyrannical, and worked to the overthrow of every right of the minority, and in derogation of American ideas and principles. Under Reed's rules he has been able to push such business as he chose to completion in a hurry. The czar of Russia could guarantee the same thing.

THE term "honest money" as used by the gold standard people, is simply another form of saying bank money. Under their definition one of the present silver dollars nor the greenback is not honest money. They do not represent the dictation of the greedy hands of Shylock, and that's what hurts. A silver dollar, under free coinage, with a full legal tender quality would be as honest as any dollar ever issued.

IN sorrow we have received intelligence that the talented Dr. Devries, of Fremont, has fallen a victim to the cocaine habit, and that his mind has become hopelessly unbalanced. All Nebraska newspapermen recall with admiration the brief career of Dr. Devries as editor of the Fremont Herald, which, under his hand, was one of the brightest journalistic lights within our field. We sincerely hope his condition is not as bad as reported, and that he may be restored to health and strength. —Papillion Times.

THE State Journal and other thick-and-thin protection organs are worried very much lately over the fact that treasury statistics, recently published, show that the McKinley act during the four years while in force turned a surplus of \$105,000,000 into a deficiency of \$72,000,000, while the Wilson bill, during the three years of its existence has turned a deficiency of \$72,000,000 into a surplus. With all the howls raised against the Wilson bill, in practice it is shown that it is, as a revenue producer, far superior to its predecessor.

THE so-called "sound money" committee offers to furnish free of charge to the Times a full page of plate matter each week, and we understand the same offer has been made to every country newspaper in the United States. These plates cost \$1.50 per page, and as there are some ten thousand country newspapers to be supplied, the kind offer of the gold-bug committee, if accepted by all the papers, would entail an expense of \$15,000 per week, \$60,000 per month, or three-quarters of a million per year. But Wall street has money to burn when it comes to fighting the "crazy western cranks" who believe in free silver, and the expenditure of a million in the cause of "education" is a small matter. —Papillion Times.

ORGANIZING BOLTS.

There are strong indications that the goldites have a well-laid scheme to capture the national democratic convention by organizing bolts in enough of the silver states to keep the honest delegations from voting in the organization, so that they can admit the bolting delegations and thus obtain a majority. They have put out a mint of money from the New York and Chicago banks into Illinois, hoping to swamp the state into the gold column, and in the event of failure at the primaries and in the convention, will call a new convention, and go through the form of electing delegates to the national convention. They even now profess to have an organization affected throughout the state for that purpose. The goldbugs are desperate. They have the people by the throat and don't mean to loosen their grip if there is any means at their command to prevent it. That power has now complete control of the republican party, and they want to exert the same power over the democracy. Will they do it? We shall see. Meantime they must not forget that the worm may turn; the democratic masses may conclude not to submit to such barefaced robbery of their rights. The country is ripe for a political resolution. The grip of poverty and distress is felt at too many hearthstones—because of the conspiracy of the gold power—to calmly submit to a spoliation of their rights in the national convention. That convention will either give the free silver states their rights or they will forever wish they had.

An Apt Contrast.

In the republican primaries and conventions it is purely a conflict of rival personal ambitions. The vital issue of the day, the great money problem, is ignored. On the other hand the democratic party has grappled with a mighty question and two well-defined factions are contending for the mastery not in the name of personal ambition, not for the promotion of personal interests, but for the final settlement of a problem that involves the prosperity of the people and the salvation of their property. Rent and torn as the democratic party is by the great struggle it stands in favorable contrast to the republican party, pulled and hauled as it is by contending political leaders for personal interests. —Omaha World-Herald.

ROSEWATER'S argument, based on the statement that silver was the dearer money—that it was at a premium of three per cent—when silver was demonetized, that therefore it was to the interest of the Rothschilds to demonetize gold instead of silver, because they would lose \$30,000 out of every million by that process, was very thin. The fact was that the ratio between the two metals in France and the Latin Union was at 15 1/2 to 1, and therefore the only silver that was at a premium was the very little that was in use in the United States, where the legal ratio was 16 to 1, and the reason why American silver was at a premium was that it was more valuable for re-coinage in Europe. It is the boast of the goldbugs that only eight millions of silver dollars had been coined in America and that was a mere bagatelle of the world's coinage up to that time. The real reason why the moneyed class sought to demonetize silver and go to a gold standard, was that they could corner gold and make bank notes a necessity—and they being the bankers would reap a harvest. Mr. Rosewater was very lame.

ONE hundred and twenty years ago, coming Fourth of July, a feeble line of colonies, containing scarce three million souls, spread along the Atlantic coast of America, declared their independence of rich and powerful Great Britain. The cowardly and unpatriotic goldbugs, like Rosewater, are today telling the American people that we cannot adopt a financial policy of our own, independent of that same Great Britain. Today this is the most powerful nation on earth, yet they would make people believe that we must depend on the Rothschilds for our money standard. It is dollars to dimes that the men who make that claim found their counterparts in the tories of the revolution, who would have seen their neighbors hung at the yard-arm rather than help them gain their independence. Their patriotism is measured by the size of their pocketbooks.

ROSEWATER has the gall to assert that the "prepared" assertions he read in his recent "debate" with Mr. Bryan, "will give republicans all over the state material with which to refute the specious arguments of free silver cranks." Why! bless the poor little ignorant creature, there is not a silver crank in the land that cannot knock his "prepared" speeches galley west in one round. Just as Bryan did him last Friday evening in every round. —South Omaha Sun.

A TRUE PROPHECY.

IN 1878, when the silver restoration question was up in congress, and Hayes occupied the presidential chair, the Chicago Tribune was on the side of the people. What it said then can almost be accepted as prophesy now says the Butler County Press, so truthfully does it portray the conditions, after eighteen years: "To undertake to do the business of the world on a single gold basis of measurement and equivalent means loss, bankruptcy, poverty and despair. Debts will grow larger and taxes more onerous. The farmer will receive smaller prices for his crops; labor will be forced down, down, down, and there will be a long series of strikes, lockouts, and a suspension of production. Those who own property but owe for it in part, will see their mortgages increasing in proportion as gold acquires new purchasing power, while the property itself will be shrinking in value. There will be no relief, it must be kept in mind, for gold will be the only recognized equivalent of values. The stock of gold, with its power will be constantly growing, and the circle of wealth will be uniformly contracting." The evidence of its predictions is ever present with us, yet, the Tribune, like Carlisle and others, who have had a change of heart, and are trying to explain away the evil effects of a cause which they once clearly foresaw and condemned for the wrong it would do and misery it would create. They are not above the suspicion of having changed their minds for other reasons than the good of their country.

JOHN SHERMAN says: "There can be no doubt as to the opinion of Major McKinley on the money question. He is committed in every form, and otherwise to the republican policy of maintaining the present gold coin of the United States as a standard of value." And yet some of the republicans straddle the question by electing McKinley delegates and declaring for free silver when they must know that with McKinley there is no more hope for the recognition of silver than with Cleveland. —Scribner News.

ACCORDING to an interview given out by Senator Faulkner, the contest between the gold and bimetallic forces at the Chicago convention is likely to turn on the Nebraska delegation. If that should turn out to be true, there is no doubt but silver will triumph. The gold delegation from this state has no legal standing.

A PIE BITER says: "A man cannot be a democrat and fail to stand by his party officers." This is a good deal like the law laid down by the leader of a gang of highwaymen. It is the duty of the officers elected to stand by the party and people who elected them and not go back on all promises made and join hands with the ancient political enemy to bring about legislation never contemplated by the party. —Cretedemocrat.

ROSEWATER'S statement that the cause of depressed times was that "there are too many Bryans in the country" is about all there is to the goldbug argument. If there were more Bryans—men who have the courage of their convictions and the ability to present them to the people—and fewer Rosewaters—men who have not the patriotism or intelligence to advocate the rights and interests of the people—the people would be on the high road to prosperity.

THE position of the two Colorado senators is a striking illustration of the respective power of principle and political servitude. Both believe in the free coinage of silver, and each considers the financial question the paramount issue before the people. Teller brushes aside the political associations of years and declares he will follow where free silver leads. Wolcott expresses a willingness to brush aside principle and keep in the wake of party. The result is people respect Teller and repudiate Wolcott. —World-Herald.

"THE threat of protected capitalists to close up shop unless the people vote them protection is an old dodge," says the Utica Observer. "The manufacturers of pig iron, of cotton ties, of steel rails and steel billets, all protest against free trade. We were told that foreigners would deluge us with pauper-made products. Cotton ties were put on the free list. The other articles mentioned were sufficiently protected. Yet the foreigner has not deluged this country with cotton ties. On the contrary, our manufacturers are deluging foreign markets with them. We ship pig iron to England, steel rails to Canada and Japan, wire nails to all parts to Europe, and iron goods to all parts of the world. Yet we are threatened with closed factories if we do not vote the manufacturers the right to charge American customers more than foreign customers."

SENATOR MORGAN, the most profound statesman in the senate, has proposed a joint resolution for the recognition of war in Cuba, and argues that it is a duty congress owes to the country and to common humanity to pass the resolution, and leave the responsibility with the president to issue the proclamation. The people of the United States are in accord with the sentiment of Mr. Morgan.

BEFORE he goes into another debate with Bryan, Rosewater had better study up the money question a little. He didn't seem to know what money is or what it is used for. Neither did he meet the question so often asked him—"what interest the money lender has in a dollar that rises in value, and why he wants that kind of a dollar?" His philosophy would make times harder for the poor man and make the rich man richer.

THAT there has been for years a fearful stagnation of business and a hard struggle for the masses of working people to make both ends meet everybody will agree. For this condition the advocates of bimetalism offer a speedy and certain remedy, while the advocates of the gold standard can promise nothing. "Stop agitation," is their only slogan, and it is as deceptive as their promise was that the repeal of the Sherman act would bring immediate prosperity.

IT is daily becoming more apparent that the administration, backed up by Wall street money, is encouraging bolts in the silver democratic states for the purpose of controlling the national convention. They could do nothing to defeat their ultimate purpose more thoroughly. The whole body of silver democrats will bolt that convention if the gold men control it that way. There is no question on that score. The silver men in the democratic party are far more in favor of free coinage than of the democrat party when it becomes an empty name or means only goldbugism.

Decoration Day Program.

The following program has been arranged for Decoration Day, the exercises to be held at White's opera house at 2:00 p. m. on May 30th:
Reading of General Order, by Adjutant.
Song.
Invocation, by Rev. Post.
Address, by Rev. Couflet.
Song.
The parade will form on Main street, between Fourth and Sixth, and will march to the cemetery in the following order:

Mayor and Council.
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The exercises at the cemetery will consist of the reading of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. rituals, followed by the decorating of the graves of the departed veterans by the G. A. R.

The Memorial Day sermon will be preached by Rev. Freund, of the German Lutheran church, at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, May 24, at 11:00 a. m. All other churches in the city are requested to suspend services on that morning and attend the union services on that morning at the Presbyterian church.

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