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Another month of leap year irrecoverably gone! Why shouldn't the paper that defends embezzlers and defrauders stand up for forgers?

The Li Hung Chang style of dress may become an American fad, but the Li Hung style of whiskers never.

Remember that the Ak-Sar-Ben parades of 1896 will be totally different from the Ak-Sar-Ben parades of 1895.

Of what advantage is it to have a Nebraska presidential nominee, if he is to spend the whole campaign skylarking about the country?

The Marquis Yamagata will have reason to feel that he was not accorded the same ceremonious reception that has been given Li Hung Chang.

The local merchant who fails to bring his wares to the attention of State fair visitors by judicious newspaper advertising cannot expect to keep up with the procession.

It is to be hoped that the condemnation proceedings against the Omaha Union depot may not come to extremities before the next great Bryan reception in that structure.

Ex-Congressman Champ Clark is going on the stump for Bryan and free silver in Illinois. Bryan once wrote some complimentary things about Champ, and Champ insists on making the score even.

It must be dangerous for Bryan to travel in a trolley car. The boy orator has gotten into the habit of slipping his trolley on every possible occasion and it is to be feared that he will be kept busy trying to get it back where it belongs.

Senator Pettigrew is to speak for Bryan in Illinois. Senator Pettigrew ought to tell his auditors what Bryan printed about him in his paper shortly before the St. Louis convention. His auditors would then think no more of him than does Bryan.

Bryan says it is a man's duty to bolt when he finds himself at variance with the stand taken on any important issue in his party platform. Yet he is also trying to persuade sound money democrats to overlook the free silver part of his program. Consistency never was one of Bryan's jewels.

Mr. Bryan repeatedly asserts that he wants a dollar that is easy to get. Any man can get two Mexican dollars for one American dollar. The Mexican dollar is therefore just twice as easy to get as the American dollar. But how many American workmen want to have their wages paid in Mexican dollars?

If the bank clearings are an index of business conditions the depression has, if anything, become more marked during the week just closed than at any time within the past ninety days. Out of the fifty clearing houses cities forty report a decrease in clearings for the last week, Omaha being one of the ten that have registered an increase.

Four of Nebraska's republican congressmen are before the people for reelection. If everybody who voted for them two years ago votes for them again, there will be no question of their continuance in congress. And there is no reason why any one who voted for a republican candidate for congress two years ago should not vote for the republican candidate this year.

STANDING UP FOR FORGERY.

For persistent mendacity and defiant defense of forgery, commend us to the Omaha World-Herald. Detected and exposed in its campaign falsehood by a letter from the editor of the London Financial News, explicitly denying that the article printed in Mr. Bryan's paper and credited to The Financial News ever appeared in that paper, it seeks to shield itself by impugning the genuineness of the editor's signature.

The facts in the case of the World-Herald forgery are simple and indisputable. That sheet kept standing at the head of its editorial columns for weeks, both during Mr. Bryan's editorship and since his retirement from control, an article said to have been taken from the London Financial News, telling of the advantages free silver would bring the United States and the losses it would inflict upon England.

On August 15, cable advices were received from London to the effect that The Financial News denied having printed any such article. Notwithstanding this denial, the World-Herald, in its issue of August 21, persisted in its falsehood as follows:

It might a good idea to paste in your hat the fact that the London Financial News has never denied and cannot successfully deny the article first printed in this newspaper February 1, and which has appeared in these columns under the heading, "Partis in Your Hat." It is a story which shows that free coinage would help America, but would prove disastrous to Great Britain.

On August 29, The Bee printed a facsimile of a letter received by Mr. A. C. Platt of Lincoln, from the editor of The Financial News, returning to him the clipping from the World-Herald, and saying "that no such article ever appeared in The Financial News." Yet the World-Herald of August 30 again persists in the forgery by insinuating that no responsible attaché of the paper affixed the signature to the "alleged denial."

But Mr. Platt was not the only one who sought to have the World-Herald forgery verified or disclaimed. The editor of The Bee sent the cutting from the Bryan organ to Mr. Walter Neef, London representative of the Associated Press, with a request that he ascertain its genuineness. After calling upon the editor of The Financial News, Mr. Neef returned the cutting with a letter, in which he says:

The editor of The Financial News says the article in question never appeared in their columns in any form whatever, and its sentiments are totally foreign to the beliefs of The Financial News. He also drew my attention to the enclosed note, which appeared in his paper of the 13th.

The enclosed editorial note from The Financial News, of August 13, reads as follows: We have received numerous letters from American correspondents containing what purports to be editorials from The Financial News and which have been reprinted in various western papers as "campaign literature." One Omaha paper prints an article stating it is "from the London Financial News of March 10."

No such article was ever printed by us and its whole tenor is directly opposed to the view we have taken of the effect of free silver in the United States. So far from advocating free silver coinage we have persistently pointed out that it spells repudiation and the withdrawal of all European capital.

All of those documents are in the possession of the editor of The Bee, and may be seen by any one who wishes to satisfy himself that they are precisely as represented. But, as we have said before, it is hardly to be expected that the World-Herald and other lying silver papers will cease their campaign of forgery and fabrication.

READJUSTMENT MEANS PANIC. General Harrison in his New York speech said, in reference to the effects of the free coinage of silver: "Everything would have to be readjusted—the prices of everything, the whole intricate business adjustments of the country would have to be readjusted and while that process is going on uncertainty would characterize business, resulting in panic and disaster."

The average man, who knows very little about the operation of financial and commercial laws, may not be able to understand why this should be so. Undoubtedly all such imagine that the transition from a gold standard to a silver standard would be accomplished without the slightest disturbance, that it would be as simple a matter as that of transferring political control of the government from one party to another.

But every intelligent business man, every man of practical affairs, knows that the work of readjustment could not proceed without producing more or less disorder financially and commercially and since no one could foresee how great, how prolonged and how serious this would be, such uncertainty and apprehension could not fail to cause panic and disaster.

We have been on the gold basis for many years and everything is now adjusted to that basis. The existing methods of doing business have been long established and everybody in business is familiar with them. To depart from the gold basis would necessarily revolutionize all established methods of business and for a time—and probably a very long time—nobody in business would know where he stood or what new conditions would develop from day to day. Financial and commercial affairs would be in a chaotic state, there would be general confusion and general distrust, nobody would feel secure in the present or certain of the future.

In such a situation it would be impossible to avert widespread panic. Even now business men are buying no more than is absolutely necessary to supply current demands. Wholesale houses are calling in their traveling men, either because they have no trade or do not want to sell goods on time extending beyond the election. Uncertainty regarding the immediate future has already produced a panic feeling and any practical business man can understand how greatly this would be intensified if the result of the election should be favorable to the free silver cause and readjustment from the gold standard to a silver standard became assured. This country has never experienced such disorder and disaster as would follow.

Can there be any question as to what classes would suffer most severely from this? The market for the agricultural producer certainly could not improve under such circumstances, but on the contrary there would be a lessened demand while the disturbance lasted and therefore lower prices for his products instead of higher. With mills and factories closed and all kinds of enterprises at a standstill, the labor of the country would suffer immeasurably and hundreds of thousands who have never known want would be reduced to that condition. The savings of millions of people would be swept away and every person who had a debt due would be forced to payment. Transition from a gold to a silver basis, and the inevitable readjustment that must follow, means all this and more and it would fall with crushing force upon the producer and the workman, who have no means of protection or defense against it. Those who propose this revolutionary change, though posing as the friends of the farmer and the men of labor, are the most dangerous enemies of those classes of our people.

THE FORGERY EXPOSED.

The Financial News, 11, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.

Aug. 11th, 1896

A. C. Platt, Esq., Lincoln, N. S. A.

Dear Sir, We beg to return you cutting which you forwarded us, and to say that no such article ever appeared in The Financial News.

Faithfully yours, The Editor

ARE YOU GOING AWAY? Please let me know if you are going to leave Omaha for the next summer. This is your last issue and Omaha people should have a good word said for you.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EDITORIAL FROM THE LONDON FINANCIAL NEWS: "There is a plain moral in the remark that if the United States were to issue a silver dollar it would be to cut the throat of the silver dollar."

THE FINANCIAL NEWS, LONDON, AUGUST 13: We have received numerous letters from American correspondents containing what purports to be editorials from The Financial News and which have been reprinted in various western papers as "campaign literature."

NOTE—For weeks from February to August of this year, Mr. Bryan's paper, the Omaha World-Herald, paraded at the top of its editorial column the cutting here reproduced credited to the London Financial News and purporting to explain the advantages the United States would reap from the adoption of 16 to 1 free coinage.

defensive from the outset and the campaign of education has just begun. Honesty Versus Dishonesty. New York Sun.

Object Lessons Brought Home. A. M. True arrived home from the City of Mexico last Wednesday for a month's visit. He is wearing a suit of clothes which he paid \$50 for in that free silver country and which any Tecumseh merchant would duplicate for \$19.

Harrison's Great Speech. Kansas City Star (dem.). Viewed from a republican standpoint, it may be said that high water mark was reached by Benjamin Harrison last night in his speech at Carnegie hall in New York.

Two Kinds of Bryanite Soup. To western farmers Bryan talked cheap dollars—62-cent dollars, with which to pay 100-cent dollar debts. In New York he declared that the government would lift the price of silver to equal intrinsic value with gold.

Taking Bryan's Measure. Indianapolis Journal. Mr. Bryan is demonstrating to the sober sense of the country his utter unfitness for the presidency. His speeches are the utterances of a man with a glib tongue and measureless conceit, but without judgment.

Facts Against Theories. Kansas City Journal. There is more good, sound sense and patriotism in McKinley's letter than all of Bryan's speeches would yield if squeezed through a sifter.

A Profound Truth. Major McKinley's remark to the farmers, "You get through the factories," was a profound truth which must come home to every man when he thinks that his wealth comes from the work he does in the world and the market he is able to find for the fruits of his labor, and not from the amount of money in existence.

Bryan on the Defensive. The time when Bryan opposed Deaver, a populist and free silver candidate for congress, and supported Jim Boyd, a gold-bug, is still fresh in the minds of many. There are a great many such inconceivable breaks that Bryan will have to explain.

THE DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE ASYLUM FOR feeble minded children at Glenwood should teach a lesson that will be heeded by the state authorities of Iowa. All buildings used to house persons who are mentally or physically disabled, such as the insane, blind, deaf and feeble minded, should be of strictly fire proof construction.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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Whisperer Tribune: Jack MacColl always was popular among the people who know him. Move people becoming acquainted with him every day. In therefore thoroughly competent to fill the high office to which he aspires and to which he will be elected by a large majority on November 2, 1897.

Crighton Courier: Jack MacColl is not letting any grass grow under his feet these days. He is canvassing the state thoroughly and will visit every town before November 1.

Wisner Chronicle: Jack MacColl is making the most energetic canvass of his life. He is not much of an orator, but he has a plain way of telling what he has to say in a way that counts.

MacColl Tribune: The Omaha Bee is becoming the little giant of the money question and is carrying the souls of such noted men as Bryan and Harlan at its belt.

Blair Pilot: The report has been generally circulated in Blair that 1570 Roosevelt in his speech here was wrong in his estimate of the money question. Mr. Roosevelt wishes this statement corrected. He did not state that silver was introduced in 1873, but he did say that the time the silver dollar was demonetized was 1873.

How He is Viewed by a Nebraska Business Man. The Philadelphia Press prints the following communication from a well known business man: "Sir: Young Bryan, the vocal candidate for president on the poperatic ticket, has been known to me for some years. I am a high esteem for his acquirements and associates in business, has held many positions of trust, is a thorough financier, and a Superior Journal: From all over the state the most energetic canvass of his life. He is well at the head of the republican procession. It is one of the best qualified and clearest men in the state."

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