

HITCOCK CHANGES FRONT

When He Dubbed the Sixteen to One Man as Dishonest or Visionary.

SHORT CHANGE DOLLAR NOT GOOD MONEY

Nothing but the Selfish Interest of the Mine Owners Behind the Demand for a Devaluated Currency.

OMAHA, Nov. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I must say that G. M. Hitchcock, in his appeal to popular support in his candidacy for congress, enumerates as the first plank in his platform, "The restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1."

I remembered that at the time the silver question was at its height, Hitchcock and his paper were opposing 16 to 1 coinage. I have looked up the files of Hitchcock's paper and found the following articles, which were written by the man who now says he is for 16 to 1:

What to Do.

World-Herald, July 31, 1893: First, repeal the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman act, for the reason that the effect has been to put into circulation silver currency of such a debased value as to shake the confidence of timid investors and to force out of circulation much money ordinarily used to transact the business of the country, thus producing stringency and alarm.

Second, provide for the free and unlimited coinage of silver on a standard as will put 100 cents of silver in each silver dollar, taking the average value for the last twelve months.

The World-Herald believes that the two propositions contained in the above paragraph appeal to the sound judgment of the intelligent people of the first there ought to be by this time no question. Whether or not timid investors were justified in becoming alarmed at the prospect of a devaluated coinage makes no difference. They may have been foolish, but even then their fears have had an effect on the whole business world and produced vast troubles. Remove the cause of their fears and restore confidence.

The second is the rational, honest and safe bimetallic standard of 16 to 1. It would reopen all the silver mines of the west and be equivalent to affording a permanent market for silver at about 52 cents per ounce. With regard to the first there ought to be by this time no question. Whether or not timid investors were justified in becoming alarmed at the prospect of a devaluated coinage makes no difference. They may have been foolish, but even then their fears have had an effect on the whole business world and produced vast troubles. Remove the cause of their fears and restore confidence.

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obedience to natural laws, yet the fall is out of proportion to what it should be, and debtor nations should unite to defend their interests against conspiracy. Public opinion here is in favor of maintaining a monetary league with the United States, transferring the trade of Latin America largely to Americans, only asking on the part of the United States free coinage of raw materials.

Just who discovered that the fall of silver was "out of proportion to what it should be" or by what means he discovered it, or how he came to admit that there should be any fall at all, is not told. For a silverite to admit that silver could depreciate if every nation on earth demonetized it in rank here, the United States of America would look well tied up in an alliance for the rehabilitation of silver with Mexico, whose credit has been ruined by the free coinage of that metal.

The Market Value of Silver.

World-Herald, August 8, 1893: "The Omaha World-Herald has an interesting article on the ratio of 16 to 1. Nothing is so common as to hear a man say that unless it has stability, and you can't have stability with two money standards, one of which is continually bobbing up and down, like a cork on a choppy sea.—Minneapolis Journal."

There is no reason to believe that the market value of silver would fluctuate if once fixed by free coinage upon a reasonable basis. As a mere commodity silver will fluctuate more or less. Gold itself would fluctuate as reduced to the rank of a mere commodity.

Mere fluctuations in market values of either gold or silver are abolished by free coinage, which forces an unlimited demand for the two metals at an unvarying price. Nothing but stupendous new discoveries or a revolution in mining could affect silver values if free coinage were once established, provided the law establishing free coinage placed it upon the sound basis of market value.

The man who refuses to give silver a chance is as unreasonable as the man who insists on worshipping a silver idol. Government may not be able by law to make the business world accept 60 cents worth of silver as the equivalent of 100 cents worth of gold, but government is able to legalize an average value of silver which experience has shown to be fair and which the markets have recorded.

Moderating Extreme Views. World-Herald, August 11, 1893: It must be conceded that the situation at Washington is assuming a gratifying condition. Many of the free silver men who went to Washington wedded to the 16 to 1 fallacy have indicated a disposition to yield their extreme views. Many of these men go so far as to say that a 20 to 1 ratio will be acceptable, and by resolution the caucus declared for "such a ratio" as would maintain the parity between gold and silver.

Practically the 16 to 1 fallacy is a thing of the past, and now that the once radical silver men are entering upon the high road to conservatism we may hope that their patriotism and the appreciation of the necessities of their countrymen will prompt them to entirely abandon the uncertainty for the certainty of a rational and business-like legislation.

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DAVE MERCER'S REAL RECORD

Chairman Blackburn Writes a Letter to Attorney General Smith. OMAHA, Nov. 5.—Hon. O. Smith, Attorney General, City: My Dear Sir—As you have taken the contract to stand before this intelligent community and attempt to delude the public into the belief that Mr. Mercer had little, if anything, to do with the coming, among other things, the Transmississippi Exposition.

Believing that you must certainly be imposed upon and that you have forgotten the increased currency, that is not their real purpose nor is it the real effect of their agitation. They are only the champions of silver.

A Battle of the Standards. World-Herald, August 7, 1893: The coming issue is not whether silver shall be coined as money with gold, but at what ratio shall silver and gold be coined in the United States.

A majority of congress and a majority of the people unquestionably favor the free coinage of both metals. The principle of bimetalism is triumphant in this country. The goldbugs are far in the minority.

But when "silver grub" undertake to compel the United States to grant free coinage on the ratio of 1 to 16 they pervert the principle of bimetalism to their own selfish ends. They are attempting to make the people accept silver at 50 per cent more than it is worth. They take advantage of a great principle and endeavor to have it applied to enrich themselves at the expense of the rest of the people.

There is no virtue in bimetalism at 1 to 16 which does not also belong to bimetalism upon the standard of the market value of the two metals. That is to say, the free and unlimited coinage of 100-cent silver dollars has every advantage that the coinage of 50-cent dollars has, without any of the dangers. The only difference is that the silver mine owners do not get an enormous premium for their product.

The silver champions like to arrogate to themselves the sole championship of bimetalism. They have no legitimate monopoly of the principle, however. The real issue is not for and against bimetalism nor for and against silver, it is a question of values. Shall our silver coinage be based upon the experience of the world as recorded in the markets of the world or shall we undertake to fix a fabulous and exorbitant value on silver simply because it formerly had that value?

An Unholy Alliance. World-Herald, August 8, 1893: "There is a project on foot here to unite all Latin-American nations in a monetary league to resist the depression of silver. It is asserted that while silver has declined in

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In South Omaha during the campaign which is drawing to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wyaong report the birth of a son.

Services will be held at St. Clement's mission in the Third ward this evening.

The remains of Herbert V. Whiting were interred at Bellevue yesterday afternoon.

George A. Smith and Miss America Bell were married Friday evening by Rev. J. A. Johnson.

Miss Jessie Carpenter leaves Tuesday for New York, where she will study music during the winter.

C. M. Johnson will lead the senior Endeavor meeting at the First Presbyterian church this evening.

Charles E. Hoff will lead the men's meeting of the Young Men's Christian association at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The "Rural Church" will be the topic of Rev. Dr. Wheeler's morning sermon at the First Presbyterian church this morning.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

The officers of election for the South Omaha precincts are as follows:

First Ward. First District: Judges—L. D. Walbridge, rep., block 88; J. W. Cress, rep., 646 North Nineteenth; Joseph Murphy, dem., Twenty-fourth and N.; Morris O'Connell, dem., South Omaha; J. C. Graham, rep., South Omaha; Clerks—Ellery H. Westerfield, 431 North Twenty-third; Samuel C. Schrieger, rep., Twenty-fourth and M.

Second District: Judges—Burt Davis, rep., South Omaha; George Smith, rep., South Omaha; John Condon, rep., South Omaha; Third District: Judges—George W. Howe, rep., 734 South Eighteenth; Ralph Sage, rep., Nineteenth and I; A. H. Murdoch, rep., Twenty-third and J; J. C. Shaver, rep., Twenty-fourth and M; A. Adams, rep., 816 North Eighteenth; Clerks—Korn, rep., Twenty-first and H; J. J. Breen, dem., South Omaha.

Third Ward. First District: Judges—A. S. Dixon, rep., Twenty-sixth and O; H. W. Reed, rep., Twenty-fourth and N; D. Grandon, dem., South Omaha; John O'Connor, dem., 225 North Twenty-sixth; P. A. Barrett, rep., 223 North Twenty-sixth; Clerks—J. J. Zolnick, rep., 188 South Twenty-third; A. A. Abbott, dem., 2417 O.

Second District: Judges—Burton Rice, rep., Sixteenth and M; J. T. Tobin, rep., Nineteenth between O and P; J. J. Looney, rep., 2112 S; James Kreck, dem., South Omaha; A. L. Furr, rep., Eighteenth and O; J. J. Malv, dem., Eighteenth and O; Joseph Dwork, rep., Sixteenth and Q.

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Fourth Ward. First District: Judges—C. E. Bruce, rep., Thirty-third and J; C. D. Gray, rep., Thirty-second and J; James A. McCarthy, rep., Thirty-third and K; John Anderson, dem., Forty-second and J; Thomas Fitzgerald, rep., Thirty-fifth and J; Clerks—Albert Yaszinski, rep., Thirty-second and L; Patrick Broderick, dem., Fortieth and L.

Total Registration. The total registration up to the closing of the polls last night was 3,215. This shows an increase over last year of 328, but is a decrease over the registration of two years ago, when 3,212 voters registered. The total registration is as follows: First Ward—First precinct, 510; Second precinct, 340; Third precinct, 421; total, 1,271.

Second Ward—First precinct, 381; Second precinct, 376; Third precinct, 215; total, 966.

Third Ward—First precinct, 359; Second precinct, 297; total, 656.

Fourth Ward—212.

Last Rally of the Campaign. On Monday evening the republicans will hold the last grand rally before election at Blum's hall. Senator Thurston, Congressman Mercer and Hon. James H. Vandusen will speak. An effort will be made by the local committee to induce a large number, especially democrats, to attend this meeting.

The speakers will touch on the issues of the day and will discuss the methods of the fusionists in detail. Captain Austin of the central committee and Henry C. Murphy are looking after the details of the meeting, which promises to be the best one held in Omaha since the election of 1896.

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