

QUESTIONS FOR BRYAN.

An Open Letter to the Popocratic Candidate for the Presidency.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Apprehension Excited by Campaign Utterances Refuses to be Allayed.

The New York World, in an open letter to Candidate Bryan on Tuesday morning, puts some grave and important questions to him, and urges him to answer them if he wants to be elected.

The World says, under the caption "To Mr. Bryan: On the 10th of July, the very day of your nomination for President, you addressed a communication to the World in the following words: "The restoration of silver to its ancient place in the gold coinage, in my judgment, restores the parity between money and property and thus permits a return of general prosperity."

1. Will it not be in fact a repudiation of about one-half of all our debts, public and private?

2. Is there not danger that it will cause the return to us of all the American securities held abroad—government, railroad and industrial stocks and bonds thus creating a panic of great proportions, with long years of depression to follow?

3. Will not your election upon the Chicago platform cause the calling in, by the National Bank, on November 1, of all collectible debts, all loans and mortgages that have expired? And will not this produce such a distress as this country has never known, particularly in the South, where capital and credit are most needed and depend upon confidence as their basis?

4. Will not free and unlimited coinage drive all the five or six hundred millions of gold and bank certificates out of use, and cause a currency contraction of the most disastrous proportions, inasmuch as the utmost capacity of the mints to coin silver cannot make good this withdrawal for several years to come?

5. Will not free coinage place us at once on a financial level with Mexico, India and China, and can we afford to go upon that level?

6. Is there any country in the world today which gives free and unlimited coinage of silver? Mexico does not. India does not. None of the Central or South American States does. We know of no country that does, of no example that can be studied.

7. Will you explain to us our country's position on the silver question in the world now on the silver basis which is as prosperous as the United States, even in this time of depression? Is there any country where wages are so high as they are here, which the dollar received in wages will buy so much? Is there any silver-basis country that has a large commerce, prosperous manufactures, or a well-to-do agricultural class? Is it not a fact that in every silver-basis country there is more abject and hopeless poverty on the part of the masses in the rule?

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CANNOT STAND ALONE.

Foolishness of the Declaration in Favor of Monetary Independence.

POPULIST IDEAS OF FINANCE.

Feeble Attempt to Invoke the Nation's Fathers in Support of Free Coinage.

Among all the crazy assumptions of the Populist platform, perhaps the most foolish is the one that we can create and maintain a monetary system independent of that of other nations.

I believe it will be a blessing to the United States to lose five hundred millions of gold.

I believe it will be a blessing to the United States to take half the purchasing power out of its five hundred millions of silver dollars.

I believe that the farmer will be better off when he sells his corn for half its value than he does now at the same rate.

I believe that the city workman would be better off if he earned half as much as he does now.

I believe that all the widows and orphans whose means of support is invested in bonds will be blessed by getting back 50 cents on the dollar.

I believe that it would fall like a benediction upon the holders of thirteen billion dollars' worth of life insurance, on which they have paid 100 cents to the dollar.

I believe that it would be an encouragement to home makers to know that the four hundred and fifty million dollars in building association shares were to rise to half their value.

HALSTEAD'S LETTER.

Writer Introduces Himself to the Farmers Telling of His Own Rural Experiences.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH FARMING?

Propounds and Answers This Question Advocating McKinley and His Policy as a Panacea.

Special Correspondence of the Chicago Daily News.

New York, Aug. 5.—I desire to introduce myself to the farmers by saying I am by trade one of them, though for a long time engaged in daily labor on the dairy papers.

The simple fact is that the United States has a very much larger actual supply of full legal-tended silver money than any other country in the world.

What would talk in this of "silverites" convention, "in favor of restoring to the people of the United States the time-honored money of the constitution—gold and silver—not one, but both?"

More truth cannot be crowded into an equal number of words than is found in this passage of Maj. McKinley's speech in reply to a congratulatory address from some of his old comrades in arms.

What did he do? Consider sugar bounties, for one thing. If the law had been allowed to remain as he drew it Nebraska by this time would have teemed with beet-sugar manufactures, every one a help to the farmers, and the soil of Nebraska is better for sugar beets than that of Germany.

What is the matter with farming? The owner of one of the finest farms in England, within sight of the forest of Windsor and the towers of Windsor castle, stated to me that wheat had got so cheap in England that the straw was worth more than the grain.

What is the matter with butter? As to wheat: The use of green corn in new butter at this time has caused a good deal of trouble to the farmer.

FREE SILVER AND WAGES.

A correspondent attempts to explain how wages would be increased under free silver coinage by asserting that "trades unions throughout the world would be forced to raise the price of labor to a higher standard."

THE DIFFICULTY IN THE TARIFF.

In a recent speech at La Grange, Ind., Senator Burrows said:

"With all the varieties of the three Bryan platforms they all unite in the demand for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and to that question Mr. Bryan devoted a goodly portion of his time in speech of acceptance. He declared that 'times are hard, prices are low, and something is vitally wrong.' It is not the crime of '73, however, but the folly of '92, when Harrison was defeated and the prosperity of the United States desecrated."

"Mr. Whitney says: 'Don't talk about the tariff. But the whole difficulty today is tariff. When McKinley is president the money question will settle itself. It is for the people, not the tariff, that we are going to fight.'"

"Panic always accompanies free trade. During the thirty years from 1801 to 1829, when our country had advanced in wealth and prosperity, and stood ahead of all other nations until March 4, 1833, the public debt was reduced during Republican administrations, and increased under Democratic. There is not a single day but the government is run on a deficit. The deficiency during July, 1890, alone was \$10,000,000."

"The result of the Democratic policy are such that a new issue was necessary to give them even a slight chance before the people in this campaign, and so they say that in 1873 the Republican party caused the trouble by debasing silver. If that is so why did not the Democratic party cause it? We were prosperous in '72, and the crisis had been committed before then."

Gen. Walker's Bimetallism. Francis A. Walker, president of the National Institute of Technology, may be called the leader of the bimetallists of the United States, so far as a man not in politics can be called a leader of a movement which has become a political issue. He has been an ardent advocate of international gold and silver bimetallism for more than twenty years. He speaks with authority on all economic questions, but bimetallism may be called his hobby.

To Sound Money Democrats. Here is a brief and simple catechism for sound money Democrats: "Do you want to beat Bryan?" "If you want to beat Bryan, do you know of any other way of doing it than electing McKinley?"

Curiosities of Our Money. Few persons are aware that silver certificates are not legal tender, though receivable for public dues. The fact was recently, it is stated, forced to the attention of the postoffice department by a person who refused to accept the certificates in payment of a money order.

What is the remedy? We can answer confidently that the coinage of more silver dollars will not be a help. We ought to raise our own barley, our own hops, our own sugar, chickens, calves and potatoes, to make our own sugar and our own tinplate, so as to give the advantage of our own markets, the most valuable in the world or that ever were in it.