

SEWALL AS A SILVERITE.

Inside History of His Conversion to the White Metal.

The Washington correspondent of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican gives the following account of the motive which prompted the democratic candidate for vice-president to espouse the free silver cause:

The nomination of Arthur Sewall of Maine for vice-president is a part of the consistent policy at Chicago for administering every possible affront to Mr. Cleveland. The history of Sewall's conversion to free silver reads like that of southern and western politicians who have been working for silver because they had been "turned down" by the president.

Harold Sewall, the son of the nominee for vice-president, was a democratic consul in Samoa during the first Cleveland administration. He conducted himself there in a manner not entirely satisfactory to Secretary Bayard, and was given leave of absence, which did not expire until after the beginning of the Harrison administration. He was a good deal petted by Harrison and Blaine, but he did not abandon the democratic creed until after the beginning of the present administration. He was then appointed assistant secretary of state and half a dozen diplomatic or consular positions, promptly filing a new application when one of the places was filled on which he had set his heart.

His father was a favored visitor to the white house during the first Cleveland administration and went there frequently early in the present administration. A kind word for his son often dropped from his lips, but somehow these words failed to impress Mr. Cleveland. The president at last wearied of the versatility of young Harold as an applicant for office and said flatly to Arthur Sewall, on the occasion of one of his calls: "Mr. Sewall, I shall appoint your son to no office."

It was not long after that that a burst of patriotic resentment against the foreign policy of the administration led young Harold into the republican camp. His father did not, apparently, think it wise to trust all the family eggs in the republican basket. He took his revenge in another form. A certain newspaper sent out inquiries to members of the democratic national committee a year or two ago asking their position on the free coinage of silver. New England democrats were astounded when they read among the replies to these inquiries one from Arthur Sewall, declaring that he was in favor of the free coinage of silver. Sewall has voted with the silver men on all occasions since then. His son made such rapid progress in the protectionist school that he was sent as delegate-at-large to the St. Louis convention. He is now supporting McKinley and the gold standard while his father is running as the mate of Bryan and free silver, but it is safe to say that the family interests will not suffer whether Maine casts her vote for Bryan and Sewall or for the candidate of the young man of whom President Cleveland said to the father, "I shall appoint your son to no office."

BRYAN AS A BOLTER.

On June 11, 1895, William J. Bryan spoke at Jackson, Miss., and in reply to a direct question by Judge Brame if he would support the action of the democratic national convention if it should fall to put free silver at 16 to 1 in its platform, said: "So help me, God, I will die in my tracks before I will support it." And this is the same William J. Bryan whom sound money democrats are asked to support for president, now that the convention has put free silver at 16 to 1 in the platform and nominated him upon that platform.

BRYAN IN ILLINOIS.

Mr. Bryan, the nominee of the Chicago convention, is not unknown in Illinois. In the memorable contest in the Eighteenth Illinois district, where the issue was clearly drawn between sound money and free silver, Mr. Hinrichsen gave his personal attention to the canvass for the democrats. Mr. Bryan was brought into the district as one of the great silver orators. The district has a nominal democratic majority of 3,000, but in that election Judge Hadley, the republican nominee, was elected by a big majority. Mr. Bryan may be able to carry a free silver populist convention off its feet with his eloquence and stampede it to himself, but his eloquence had a decidedly different effect on the substantial democrats of southern Illinois—Quincy Whig.

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