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THE SINGLE ISSUE AGAIN.

Even if the Money Question Were the Issue, the Free Coinage of Silver is Not the Money Question.

If any one doubts that the single issue of financial reform is, on a glance through the populist exchanges would be convincing.

There are none so blind as those who will not see. Perhaps the Watchman has trimmed its exchange list, as it has its platform, and only reads such journals as have abandoned all the Omaha platform except the free silver section.

The contemptible sneers of the Watchman at W. S. Morgan and George C. Ward should arouse the indignation of all editors who love fair play.

But go ahead, Mr. Watchman. When you get the heads of the irreconcilable editors chopped off fetch them around.

I am not only under many obligations to Brother Loucks for his kind defense of me, but I am also glad that he clipped the item from the Watchman, as it affords me a chance to judge of the present attitude of a paper which the editor no longer sends me.

The Watchman deserves to rank with Artemus Ward's "Komical Kass." For many weeks past I have had a leading article upon the financial question each week in the Kellogg page, while almost the entire page is weekly devoted to the "money question."

These "single issue" men want the money question, or the "single issue of financial reform," to be defined as consisting of the free coinage of silver and the issue of all "paper promises to pay coin" by the government.

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all issues but that of financial reform, I must say that all the papers I see are in "the middle of the road" and defend and advocate the land and transportation planks of the Omaha platform as freely and firmly as they do the finance plank.

So far as are concerned the Watchman's threats, they are liable, like chickens, to come home to roost. The Watchman is trying to obstruct the march of a mighty army, and if he does not get out of the way he will be trampled under foot.

The graduating law students of Yale college at their commencement in June were addressed by Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, of the United States supreme court, who shocked the country with his dissenting opinion in the income tax case a few weeks ago.

Justice Brown traced social and mercantile development in the century. Then he dealt with municipal corruption, corporate greed, and touched on the labor question.

"While I feel assured that the social disquietude does not point to the destruction of private property, it is not improbable that it will result in the gradual enlargement of the functions of government and to the ultimate control of natural monopolies. If the government may be safely intrusted with the transmission of our letters and papers, I see no reason why it may not also with our telegrams and parcels, as is almost universally the case in England, or with our passengers and freight, a state ownership of railways, as in Germany, France, Austria, Sweden and Norway.

"Such at least is the tendency of modern civilization in nearly every civilized state but our own, whose great corporate interests, by parading the bugbears of 'paternalism' and 'socialism,' have succeeded in securing franchises which properly belong to the public. The fear, too, that these monopolies might be used for political purposes has hitherto proved an insuperable objection to their exercise by the state, but the development of civil service reform has of late been so rapid and satisfactory that its introduction into this new field of usefulness would follow as a matter of course, and would obviate the most formidable difficulty in the way of the proposed change."

All over the nation the populist leaven is working, and the able and aggressive fight made by the populist press in advocacy of the "ragaries," the Watchman so much deprecates and deplors, is bearing abundant fruit. Let us march on to victory.

GEORGE C. WARD.

COME INTO MY PARLOR.

Until the End of the World There Will Be Canning Spiders and Foolish Fies.

Since the Cleveland fiasco, Senator Dubois is talking this kind of rot. Says he:

"One point has been made evident by the recent conventions, and it will enable the silver men to plan their campaign with greater clearness. They do not now believe that the democratic party will declare for free coinage or for any radical recognition of silver in the next national convention. This view is based upon the developments of the silver convention in Memphis, when it was made very plain that the southern democrats were not willing to leave their party, no matter how obnoxious the financial plank of the platform might be. Consequently, when the national convention meets next year, and the northern and eastern delegates demand a sound money, anti-silver plank, the chances are that the southern delegates will acquiesce rather than go into any new political organization. Believing this, the republican silver men are not disposed at this time to suggest the formation of a new party upon strictly silver lines, but will endeavor to secure within the republican party some recognition for silver. This they believe they will be able to do. They say that the next republican platform will probably contain a demand for the restoration of silver to the place held by it in the national currency before 1873, and if they can secure this, they will be satisfied. Anything less than this, however, will make a republican campaign in the western states worse than useless, as any ticket nominated upon a free coinage platform can sweep the entire western country."

"With the belief that if anything is to be gained for silver, it must be within the republican lines, the plan of campaign will now be directed toward making more converts in that party. It so happens that in the complexion of the next senate the silver men will hold some advantage, because without their votes the republicans will be unable to pass any legislation. Out of this situation may grow some interesting compromises, the result of which will be seen when the republican national convention meets next spring."

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