

ARCHBISHOP WALSH, ROMAN.

His Work Favoring Free Coinage of Silver a Democratic Text Book.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 24, 1896.—The announcement that THE AMERICAN will support McKinley and the sound money cause gives me great pleasure.

As to Major McKinley, I have known him since 1888, when I had some business with him in relation to the contested election case of Thobe against Carlisle. He has always appeared to me to be the most gentle and the firmest man I ever met.

As to the financial question, let me say that the people of the West have, like the people of the South, been misled by designing men. This question has been forced to the front largely through the efforts of such men as Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, whose book on bimetalism and monometallism has been and still is the handbook of Democratic workers.

"Some newspapers in this state are teaching very dangerous doctrines, which ought to be combated for the sake of the people. They have confused the public mind on nearly every point of political economy. Unable to generalize correctly, they have accepted as scientific principles the haphazard conclusions of men like John Law.

"Their position in respect to silver is, of course, not so bad, but it tends in the same direction. There is a difference in the commercial value of the silver and the gold embodied in what is called a dollar, and this difference goes up and down. It cannot be fairly regulated by statute, and hence bimetalism has proved a failure.

"At a local school, during a reading lesson, the phrase 'mental occupation' occurred. The teacher asked: 'What is meant by mental occupation?'

"A pupil replied: 'One in which we use our mind.'

"And a manual occupation?" "One in which we use our hands." The teacher then said: "Now, which of these occupations is mine? Come, now, what do I use most in teaching you?"

"A knowing pupil quickly answered: 'Your cane, sir.'—Answers.

scarcity gives it value; and value—permanent, determinate, portable value—is the essence of money."

Another North Carolina Democratic paper says:

"It has been demonstrated time and again that the act of 1873 which omitted the silver dollar from the list of authorized coins of the United States, 'simply recognized an existing fact,' by dropping a coin which had formed no appreciable portion of our circulation for nearly half a century, and had not the demonetization of silver taken place in 1873 it must necessarily have taken place a few years later, or else this country would have resumed specie payments in 1879 on a silver instead of a gold basis."

"At no time had this government alone any power to maintain the two metals at their old ratio in the face of the whole of Europe, and the only possible effect of free coinage of silver, hitherto as now, would be the demonetization of gold and the voluntary assumption by us of all the commercial disadvantages of a depreciated standard."

"We are glad to see that the discussion of finance is drifting from the silver question to that of banking. This indicates great progress towards an ultimate understanding of the subject. In every country affected by the price-level of commerce there is plenty of money, just as there is plenty of water in the vicinity of Winston. But as in Winston there is an inefficient system of water-works—a lack of an effectual mechanism for collecting and storing the natural supply from scattered fountains, and distributing the same according to the needs of individuals and families; so there is in the South and West a lack of banks—of money tanks—of the mechanism for collecting, storing and distributing money among the population in proportion of their needs.

I might adduce many more articles like these to show that Archbishop Walsh's following among southern Democrats is on the wane, and that southern men are studying finance in these latter times independently of the primates of Ireland and his agents. North Carolina will cast its electoral vote for McKinley and sound money.

As it has the smallest proportion of foreign population and the largest proportion of Protestant church members, so it will take its position at the head of the patriotic American column. Let Nebraska nobly stand by her southern sister.

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Muscular Education. At a local school, during a reading lesson, the phrase "mental occupation" occurred.

SOUND THE ALARM.

A Warning to Americans Who Are in a Dangerous Sleep.

From an adjoining village there comes the startling sound of intermingled whistles and bells. What does it mean? A fire alarm, we say. Something must be the trouble in M—

By night the daily paper brings the news. A blaze started in the packing room of a large hosiery establishment. It commenced to spread with rapidity, and for a while it seemed as if not only that, but the building almost adjoining might be involved in destruction.

But at last, through the efforts of the brave fire department, the flames were checked—the hosiery was saved. The owners sustained not a total loss, but partial injuries to their property.

But suppose the foreman had not shouted with vehemence! Suppose no one had rung in the alarm! Think you there would have been any difference in the outcome? Or suppose there had not been immediate action? They might have said, "No use to be in a hurry; we can put it out any time we choose, for we can easily subdue it."

How foolish such talk would be! Had there not been a prompt alarm given people would have been ignorant of the impending danger back of the hose, with their powerful streams of water and the efforts of the ready firemen. I believe the shouting foreman and the one who gave the alarm were, in reality, the one who saved the building.

But to-day, if we give a warning regarding the evils of Romanism in our nation, many think we are "out of order." They think we had better be quiet and not cause so much commotion. Ah, had we! Imagine for a moment, that some evening you are enjoying "Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," when suddenly you hear some one stepping about your halls and chambers, and you have good evidence for believing there is a burglar in your house.

You feel confident that he is ransacking closets, bureaus, and securing your choicest treasures. But you say not a word. You neither stir yourself nor arouse any of the rest of the family, but turn over for another nap, wondering if it is not a dream after all. When morning comes you awake as usual. Arising, you go to the bureau for your gold watch, which you had placed there when you retired. It is gone. You reach for your pocket-book. It is missing. You examine your wardrobe, and behold it is shorn of its most beautiful apparel.

What does it mean, you exclaim; and then it dawns upon—that dreadful nightmare, that fearful recollection of the burglar, which you made yourself believe was but a dream. Ah, it has become a terrible reality! Your house is shorn of its beautiful treasures and adornments. But you say this is too absurd! The illustration is overdrawn. I answer, No! Did you ever hear the like before? I know of a certain nation called the United States of America. Among her possessions are the costliest liberties and the most noble institutions. She knows that within her borders are Romanists and Jesuits prowling about, like the midnight burglar, eagerly grasping everything valuable within their reach. Yet she seems to think it is but a dream, and sleeps on. But let her beware, for

At midnight in her guarded vote The Turk was dreaming of the hour When Greece her knee in supplication bent, Should tremble at her power. An hour passed on, and the Turk awoke— That bright dream was his last— He woke to hear his sentry's shriek, "To arms! They come—the Greek! The Greek!"

Shall our nation sleep on until her independence is gone, all her sacred positions of trust seized, her public funds appropriated, and her public school system destroyed?

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