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APPEAL FOR THE RAILROAD BOYS.

BRYAN'S PLEA FOR THE CAR COUPLER BILL. CAN YOU PLACE MONEY AGAINST HUMAN LIFE?

The Companies Are Against Bryan Because of His Vote. The Men Should be With Him.

On Feb. 21, 1893, there was a debate in congress on a bill to compel railroads engaged in interstate commerce to use on their cars couplers which would protect the lives and limbs of their employes. There was opposition to the bill, but William Jennings Bryan urged its passage. He said:

"I for one am willing to stay here till this session ends, because I think this bill should be passed. I believe it is dictated by humanity, and I am not willing, if I can prevent it, that these men shall be killed and maimed just because some of the railroads insist that they cannot afford to put these couplers on their cars. The only objection that I have heard made, the only real one in that letter of Mr. Haines' found on our desks this morning, is that it would cost \$75 a car, or \$75,000,000. Some 22,000 persons have been injured. Those of us who have associated with these men know that there is scarcely one of them employed for any length of time in railroading who does not have a hand off, or finger off, or foot off, or who is not maimed in some way, and we have had produced here statements of the startling number killed. Now I ask, Mr. Speaker, does it not appeal to us, who are members of the only body which can give this relief, because states are powerless—does it not appeal to us and to our humanity, to pass such laws as will give them protection to the lives and limbs of these people?"

"I do not question their motives, but if we can keep this question in this position, staying here night and day, the country will notice it and public opinion will be brought to bear upon it, and we are willing to trust to our being sustained by public opinion. The platform of both the great political parties have declared to favor it; and, as has been well stated here today, before the election a bill was passed here without a division. At that time we who now favor it had upon our side many of those who oppose it now, or at least their opposition was not then made known.

"I ask, Mr. Speaker, how can we measure the value of Human life? How can you say that \$75,000,000 expended in equipping cars outweighs 2,000 people killed and 12,000 maimed? We may talk this way about the lives of others, but what if these were our sons or brothers? I ask of any one of these gentlemen what price he would set upon the life or security of a relative? And how dare we hold at a trifling price the lives and welfare of those not kin to us, while we hold as a priceless boon the lives and welfare of those to whom we are related by blood?"

"I appeal, Mr. Speaker, to those who are in favor of this bill to stand by our rights here as a majority and protect the lives of these people who plead to us for their protection. (Applause.)"

Republican Party Money Planks.

Money Plank of the Republican Platform in 1888.

"The republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money, and condemns the policy of the democratic administration in its efforts to demonetize silver."

Money Plank of the Republican Platform in 1892.

"The American people from tradition and interest favor bimetalism, and the republican party demands that the use of both gold and silver as standard money, such restrictions to be determined by contemplation of values of the two metals so that the purchasing and debt paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper shall be equal at all times. The interest of the producers of the country, its farmers its working men, demand that every dollar, paper or gold, issued by the government, shall be as good as any other. We commend the wise and patriotic steps already taken by our government to secure an international parity of value between gold and silver for use as money throughout the world."

Which is the best for Americans? To borrow gold from, and pay interest to England, or dig needed money from home mines? To make a new home market for manufactures and farm products by employing idle labor in developing western mines that do not compete with any American industry, or to help England foster her South African, Australian and Indian interests at our expense? To legislate for starving labor and bankrupt farmers, or for Wall street? Briefly, is it best for Americans to run the United States, or permit English bankers to govern it?

Money Plank of the Republican Platform in 1896.

"The republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payment in 1879. Since then every dollar has been as good as gold. We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained, the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at a parity with gold and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolable the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nation of the earth."

I have been called an anarchist because I have opposed the trusts and syndicates which would manage this country. I am glad to have the opposition of these men. I am glad that if I am elected there is not a trust or a syndicate that can come to me and say, "We put you there now pay us back."—William Jennings Bryan.

When you see gigantic trusts contributing vast sums of money to a political campaign, it must mean something. Possibly it is because they are so interested in the dear laboring man and farmer.

Voters Attention.

Because of the trickery of the republican secretary of state, J. A. Piper, it becomes necessary for every voter to be very careful in marking his ballot or the friends of Mr. Bryan will cast their votes against instead of for him. Neither the name of Mr. Bryan nor Mr. McKinley will appear on the ballot this election, first will be eight names followed by Republican, next will come eight names, designated "Democrat." It is the intention of the republicans who had control in making the ballot to confuse the friends of Mr. Bryan and they expect a large number of Bryan's friends to vote for these men. This second list should be passed over by all and the next list of eight names which will appear on the ballot as follows, are the ones that every Bryan man should put an X after exactly as we have done here:

- NELS O. ALBERTS, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- JACOB N. CAMPBELL, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- FIELDEN J. HALE, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- MICHAEL F. HARRINGTON, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- STANLEY L. KOSTORYZ, Peoples, Independent Democrat X
- OLAF W. PALM, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- X. PIASECKI, Peoples, Independent-Democrat X
- FRED METZ, SR., Peoples, Independent-Democrat X

This is the only way you can cast your vote for William J. Bryan, our next President. The second list of names are the "goldbug" democrats and everyone who marks an X after them will cast his vote for gold and Wm McKinley.

Vote!
Next Tuesday.

Challenge every illegal voter.

Vote as your conscience dictates.

Vote for Iodence for county attorney.

Vote the silver ticket from top to bottom.

Vote for Holcomb and every silver man on the ticket.

Familiarize yourself with the names of the Bryan electors.

The Hannacrats have the money but they haven't got the votes.

Vote for the cause of the common people and protect your homes and your families.

Vote for Amendment No. 1, two Judges elected instead of three commissioners appointed.

With a fair vote and an honest count W. J. Bryan will be the next President. The money power is his only opposition.

McKinley's election would mean four years more of poverty and suffering. Prosperity will never return under the gold standard.

The gold organs continue to sneer at Mr. Bryan as a young man, but they have, as yet, not produced a middle aged nor an old man to match him.

FARMERS should combine and co-operate and all vote on the third of November for the candidate that the "Wall Street Bankers" are trying to defeat.

England is a purchasing nation. She cannot produce agricultural products in sufficient quantities to feed her people. It is to her interest to keep the prices of agricultural products down. A nation with an income from foreign investments is most benefited by cheap agricultural products and dear money.

The Gering Courier is the only republican paper in this part of the state that has the decency to acknowledge that the London Financial News editorials are not forgeries.

W. M. Iodence, the peoples' candidate for county attorney is one of the oldest settlers in the county. He is an able lawyer, honest, straightforward and you can make no mistake by casting your vote for him.

A Gold Standard
and
Tax Sales
Go Together.

Major McKinley says: "It is not more money that the people need, but more confidence!" Now let those satisfied with plenty of confidence vote for McKinley, and all those who would rather have money than confidence vote for Bryan and free coinage.

It is amusing to watch the interest which the railway companies are taking in politics this year, and what grave fears they have if Bryan wins they will have to reduce the wages of their employes. Those roads which have the most persistently fought every attempt of their employes to increase wages are the ones which are now the most anxious about them. The friendship they show for their employes just at this time is enough to make a wooden Indian smile.

Abundant Money
Plenty of Work and Good Wages
Go Together.

A German Farmer's Idea.

In conversation with a German farmer not long since in regard to his views on the silver question, he said:

"I can not talk it very well, but if they can convince me that one horse can pull as great a load as two horses of equal power can, then I will vote for McKinley. Until they can do that I will vote for Bryan. It looks like this to me: the sorrel horse gold is not able to draw the weight of business interests to which he is now harnessed, and I think we had better hitch up the white horse silver to relieve him of part of his burden, and see if the two can not get along better."

We think the German idea a good one.

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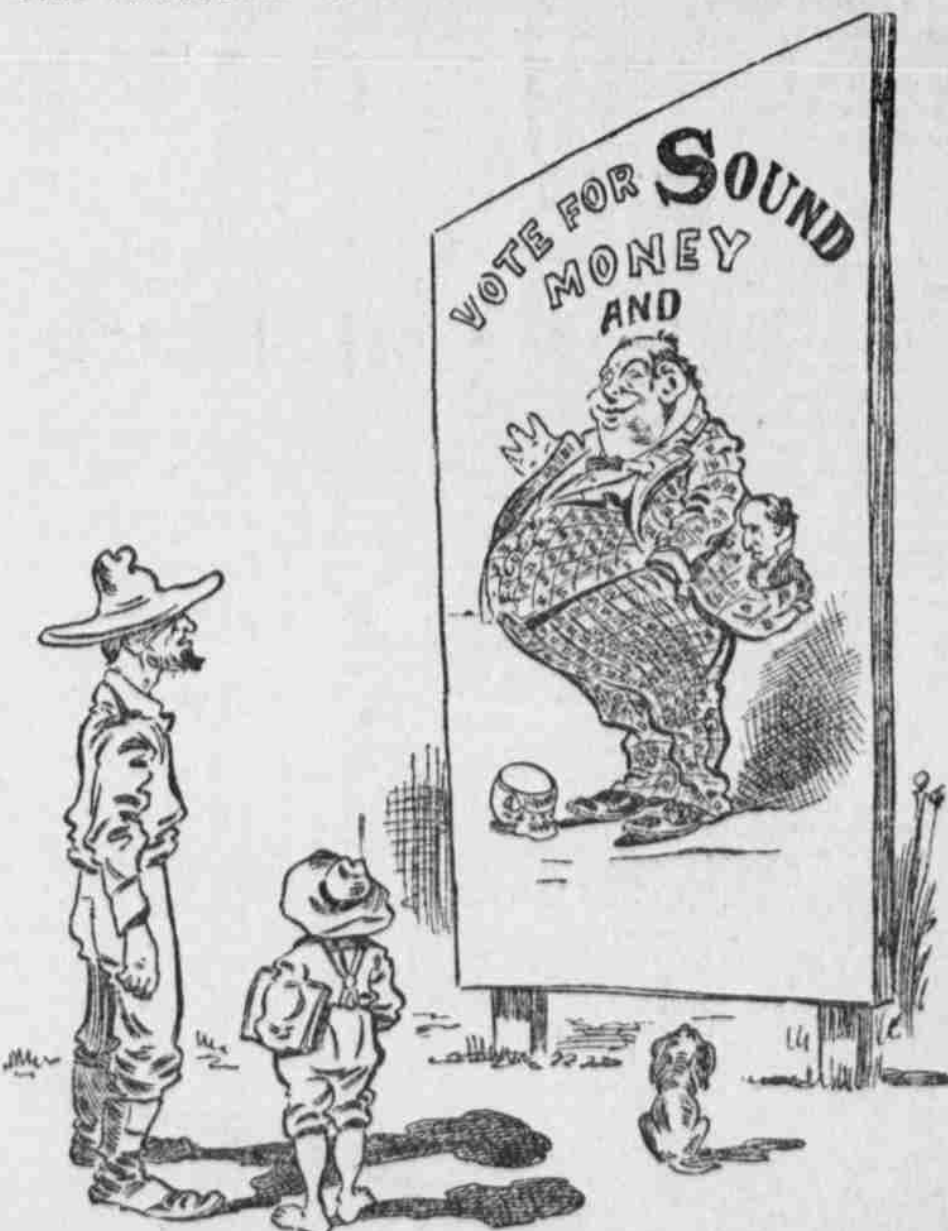
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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION--THE FARMERS' VIEW.



Boy—Father, why do the goldbags call it the sound money party?
Father—They mean all we'll get of it will be the sound of it in their pockets.
—New York Journal.