

WHY HE WOULDN'T ANSWER.

McKINLEY KEPT QUIET UNTIL SURE OF A NOMINATION.

Then Told His Friends to Say He Was a Gold Bug.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, 1896. Editor Kohlsatt, who is a pronounced gold bug, and the editor of the Times-Herald, the leading gold paper in Chicago, now comes out and says that he and the other gold men have been assured for over a year from McKinley's own lips that he is opposed to the free coinage of silver, that he would not accept the nomination on a free coinage platform, and that he would stand squarely with the so-called sound-money crowd. Editor Kohlsatt says that he is now at liberty to make this statement public, in as much as McKinley already has enough delegates pledged to him to make his nomination sure. He explains that he has kept this information from the public so as not to hurt McKinley's chances with the great masses of the people. But now, that McKinley is as good as nominated, he wants the whole world to know where he stands. This is the same game that the gold bugs and politicians have always played in the past. They have found out months, if not years, ahead just where every candidate or probable candidate for the presidency stood on the money question; and whenever they were satisfied that they could own and control the candidate if elected, no matter what his past record was or what he had said on the money question, then they were ready to support him. The only difference in this program is that never before have they let the people know where a candidate stood until after he was elected and duly installed in the white house. Then it was too late for the people to protect themselves. But now the people have timely warning before their votes are cast. The delegates from every state that are pledged to McKinley have timely warning and sufficient justification in not casting their votes for him. But if the delegates, in the face of the direct and positive information that McKinley is a gold bug, should proceed to nominate such a man, then let no true American citizen who loves his wife, his children, and his home, cast his vote for such a British tory, and for such an enemy of the money of the constitution, and the prosperity of the people, on next November.

LOOK AT MEXICO.

She Prospers. We are in Distress. We are told very frequently to look at the condition of Mexico, and she is held up as a horrible example of poverty and depravity. We read frequently in our press that we can buy two Mexican dollars for one American dollar. This argument is used as though it were unanswerable. Mr. President, there is absolutely nothing in it. It is a statement for the purpose of deception. But, sir, what is the truth? Why, Mr. president, never since his conquest by Cortez never since the downfall of Montezuma in 1520, never, in all the years of her existence, has Mexico enjoyed the prosperity that she enjoys at this time and has enjoyed for the last ten years. Mexico has more railroads, more factories, more people at work, higher wages, more prosperity, a greater and higher civilization than in all of the years of her preceding history. It may not be uninteresting to read a Mexican view of their situation, but I will not weary the senate with reading all I have on that subject. I read from the Mexican Herald of April 23, 1896, published at the City of Mexico, the capital of the Mexican Republic: Mexico as an awful example— Is the heading of the article. Mr. Carlisle, the gentleman who has been giving the world an object lesson in how not to manage the finances of the great Republic, has had the effrontery to hold Mexico up to an audience in Chicago as an awful example, simply because Mexico is on a silver basis. He has endeavored to show that the laboring population here, paid on a silver basis, is not prosperous, and, while receiving payment in 50-cent dollars, finds the prices of commodities and all luxuries generally much higher than they are in the United States. He declares that the prices of "imported articles especially are exorbitantly high in Mexico because they have to be paid for abroad in gold, and the depreciation of their money is so great that it requires nearly \$2 in silver to pay \$1 in gold."

All we ask here, is to be let alone to work out our own problems, educating our working masses, and creating new industries affording diversified and remunerative employment for all. The problem here is to modernize Mexico, and the United States on a silver basis would put us back half a century at least. The American workingman is now being asked to listen to the seductive pleas of two old parties which, every four years, promise much and do little. While they talk to him of tariff and currency, and the steady growth of unfavorable conditions is making it every year harder for him to advance himself in life. Huge monopolies created by law, voted for by legislators of both parties, are supreme. Their managers laugh at parties and their platforms. Their game is all right however the election goes. This fact the American workingman does not appear to perceive, and men like Mr. Carlisle are not likely to inform him. The representatives of the American manufacturers now here are pleased to find silver-basis Mexico prosperous and likely long to remain so. They also have learned that we are not a bit jealous of our dear old Uncle Samuel, but wish him joy and lots of fun out of his gold standard. There never was a time in the history of Mexico when so much American capital has been transferred to that country as now. American capital that could not be invested in our own country to advantage has gone to Mexico by the millions, and is constructing their railways, their ships, opening wonderful highways

of commerce, establishing successful manufacturing, developing mines of all kinds, and opening agriculture to an extent that had never been dreamed of before. Mexico, with her peculiar civilization, was never more prosperous than she is at this time, notwithstanding she is on a silver basis.—Extract from speech of Senator Allen.

POPULIST TEMPLE OF LIBERTY.

Let all Patriots who Oppose Conspirators Walk in.

The national committee of our party, remembering the words of Dr. Franklin that he who "controls the money of a nation controls the destiny of that nation," have sought to make the populist household the temple of Liberty into which all the patriots who oppose these conspirators could come and array themselves under the banner, marshal 8,000,000 votes against this old British lion and her American whelps, feeling confident that if we lose control of our money at the next election we will lose also control of our land and highways. For he who controls the money of America will control the land of America and highways of America.

The burning question before our people today is, "who shall coin and issue our money and control its volume?" If this power is to be sealed into the hands of those foreign royal rogues by treaty, farewell to human liberty. This the last lingering spot on earth, where man sought to rid himself of the oppression of the kings and the plunder of princes, will amid the ribaldry and revelry of the rich and the agonizing groans of the oppressed, go down an easy prey to the titled usurpers; and from the tomb of the dead liberty will rise a royal regent.—Extract from speech of Cyclone Davis.

What is the Matter?

What is the difficulty with the country? That brings me to the old question of the policy of the republican and democratic parties on the money question. If we take the history of our country as it has existed during your life and mine, we will observe that when the volume of money was greatest there was the greatest prosperity among the people, and when it was smallest there was the greatest amount of misery. Why, Mr. President, misery exists all over the land at this moment. We are told by our republican friends that many of the mills are closed now, and yet I observe by reading the statistics that we have more spindles in motion today than we have had in twenty years. And what, after all, is the trouble? It is scarcity of money. I do not propose, so far as I am concerned, and so far as my limited capacity goes, to see the people hoodwinked and deceived by this combination between the leaders of the two old parties on the tariff issue for the purpose of obscuring the real issue, the money question.

Oh, but we are told, "You want to put the country on a silver basis. You want the people to pay their indebtedness in 50-cent dollars." That kind of argument has been used here for the last three years to my knowledge, and has been refuted successfully every time, so that no one scarcely dares to assert it again. The holders of public and private securities, prompted by selfishness, want a small volume of money. Mr. President, they want low prices; they want poverty among the people, so that they themselves, with their money and bonds, can command the greatest amount of property and service at the lowest price.—Extract from speech of Senator Allen.

For Allen and Holcomb.

SUCROX, Neb., May 12, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—Inclosed find \$1, for which credit me for a year's past subscription, and also send the paper one year to the name mentioned on the subscription blank. I have also got you a few names to send the paper to on trial, and I hope it will not only benefit you, but that it may convert some way-faring demo-rop from the error of his way. Your paper is doing some grand and noble work, and ought to find its way to every fireside, once a week, in the state of Nebraska. I believe we ought to support our reform papers more than we do, for they are not backed by the ring of damnable conspirators who keep the gold-bug literature afloat, but depend on the common people for support. I have contributed all that I possibly could until kind providence smiles on us with a bountiful crop to reward our labor, although we can expect nothing but low prices during the reign of Grover the I. I am in favor of Allen as our standard bearer for president and Silas A. Holcomb for governor, and let us fill all the offices with equally as good men. Come, brother populists, awake to your sense of duty, and help break the chain and shackles that will forever bind us unless we strike for freedom and vote for our homes, wives, and children. Let us march up to the polls and vote for the party that will yet save the Union and bury in oblivion the parties that have brought about the existing condition of our people today. May God bless you, and prosper you in your good work, is the wish of your writer.

CARL SANBORG.

Look Out for the Liars.

Democratic and republican papers are publishing many garbled and fake interviews with populist leaders. Gen. Weaver's name has been used in some instances in the place of Gen. Warner, which put Gen. Weaver in a very compromising position. The populists throughout the United States must remember that we have no way of protecting ourselves from the misrepresentations of the old party papers. We have no control over their columns and populists must be careful in what they accept from published interviews. Very seldom do they report a populist correctly. We make this statement now because, as the time for the campaign approaches, these misrepresentations will be increased in order to show discredit in our ranks. Populists should therefore be very slow in accepting published interviews by the daily press.

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Shall the Populists try to Fight the Coming Battle Alone.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: Four months are gone of a year upheaving with hope and fear. Four months of that year—1896—that is making history that will be remembered for ages. Four months of that year in which political parties are forming and drilling their forces for one of the greatest civil contests. The outlook is so thrilling while yet so full of fear that one might be excused for feeling that all the dead years on either shore of the stream of time are on the anxious watch to see what the common people are going to do for the common people of the future. The common people of all the dark and bitter past, are now pleading as none but they can plead that we so act in the struggle before us that the condition of the coming millions shall not be as low and debased as in the past.

To realize a better condition of the common people, our revered and happy republic for the joy, peace and prosperity of all our millions is the work before us.

These millions have made this republic the wealthiest and grandest nation on the globe. And though we have this national wealth and national grandeur, what is the real condition of the people who have made it? What does the outlook of this condition tell of the future of this people? If things continue the way they are going, how many years will pass before the dark ages will return? The rich blessings of that glorious beginning have been stolen by treachery and treason to the common welfare. The true meaning of that hopeful beginning scorned and slandered by the pride and greed of the few until the nations wealth is a lever of oppression to curse freedom from the land.

The old time despotism, with all its cunning cruelty, corruption and venality is returning to crush our great institutions and enslave our toiling millions. This year an effort is being made to break the chains now forged. The populist party, which has been forming for several years for the great work, is taking the lead in this effort. Though rapidly growing in strength, is it yet strong enough to win the victory? Surely 3,000,000 votes cannot compete with 11,000,000, our total vote being about 14,000,000. And under our present fearful condition, is it safe to wait till we are strong enough to fight our battle alone? Is there wisdom, or truth, or reason, or courage in believing we can do this without running a risk too fearful to imagine? To try to win the battle alone, I believe would show too much confidence and prove to be a grave mistake. Then what should be our course? To draw as far as possible, the political elements that are opposed to the gold bug rule of the two old parties, and form a union that will work together for our country's relief. This I believe can be done without any material sacrifice of platform or principle on our part. Could we do this, would it not add about 3,000,000 votes to our side? The money issue is the leading issue yet there are other issues almost equal to it, and these should not be cast aside to be forgotten. Let us rise above prejudices and passion into the light of reason, truth and wisdom and that love of country that will unite us in a party of brothers that will carry our flag to victory. W. B. LYONS.

A Plain Statement.

The plain statement of the facts connected with the several bond issues by the present administration constitutes an arraignment which no eloquence could make stronger. First, there was the attack upon the credit of the United States by the inspired object lesson from the banks of New York; then the secret contract with the Belmont-Morgan syndicate for the sale of \$62,000,000 of thirty-year 4 per cent. bonds at 104 1/2, which bonds were quoted last December at 121; finally the attempt to give to the Morgan syndicate the last loan of \$100,000,000 at the same figures, and the actual award to them at their bid of 110.6877 of about \$5,000,000 upon which default was made in payment, for which others parties offered 116, and which were quoted in open market at a higher price. Concerning their transactions Senator Sherman said: They did right. Though I hold far different opinion from them on many questions, yet I stand here and say boldly and openly that in managing our financial affairs during the present condition of things I think the secretary of the treasury and the president have done their full duty, and I could say no more if there were a republican president in office. (April 29, 1896. Record, page 5004.)

A Reply Wanted.

The following letter was registered at the postoffice, directed to Major McKinley, on April 28, 1896, and no reply has been received:

UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28, 1896. HON. WM. McKINLEY, JR., Canton, Ohio: MY DEAR SIR: On April 3 last I wrote you the following letter, to which I have received no reply: "UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C. April 3, 1896. 'HON. WILLIAM McKINLEY, JR., Canton, Ohio: 'MY DEAR SIR: Are you for the gold standard, with silver and subsidiary coin, as defined by Senator Sherman, or are you for the restoration of the bimetallic laws as they existed in this country previous to 1873? An answer, yes or no, is requested. Neither silence nor an evasive answer will exonerate you from an attempt to deceive somebody. 'Yours respectfully, 'WM. M. STEWART.'"

At It Again.

The gold gamblers are again withdrawing millions of gold from the treasury and shipping it to Europe. Preparations are being made for a concerted raid on the treasury, and the issuance of more bonds—Silver Knight.

False Prophets. I do not want to see this country go to a silver basis, and I am satisfied it never will. I have no confidence in the judgment of the man who asserts that it will go to a silver basis under free coinage. In 1878, when the Bland-Allison act was passed, the same argument was used. It was then said that if we should have free coinage the country would go to a silver basis, and yet, sir, we accumulated from that time until 1893, when the purchase clause of the Sherman Act was repealed, something like \$236,000,000 of gold, more than we had before. By history it has been irrefutably established that we can successfully sustain the double standard.—Extract from speech of Senator Allen.

Nominate Teller.

If the free-silver democrats will nominate Wm. M. Teller for president he will receive the endorsement of the free-silver convention at St. Louis July 22d, and the endorsement of the people's convention, to be held the same day and place. Let the silver forces nominate Senator Teller as we have outlined above and he will sweep the country south of the Potomac river and east of the Allegheny mountains to the Pacific coast. Senator Teller, nominated on a liberal platform, can be supported by ex-republican populists and ex-democratic populists without sacrificing their honor one iota.—Allen News.

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