

THE PRO AND CON OF IT

A Brooklyn Man Expresses Himself Freely on the Question of the Hour.

AND HE GETS A REPLY

The Latter Goes After Him Hammer and Tongs Which Makes Interesting Reading.

Not Intended for Publication.

The enclosed private letter is written by a gold standard McKinley supporter who is a prominent politician of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a cousin of our townsman, S. D. Fitchie, an old settler of over forty years in Nebraska.

ORIGINAL LETTER.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 26, 1896.—My Dear Cousin: Yours of the 19th inst. at hand and in reply would say "guilty."

I was so much interested in promoting the nomination of "prosperity's advance agent" that I sometimes forget my own identity. I know during my trip to St. Louis and return if any of my friends had seen me they would not have recognized me.

I have always been a republican dyed-in-the-wool and a yard wide, and am still a good Abraham Lincoln republican yet that does not go now.

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am intensely interested in the preservation of our government on honorable lines, but I will try and keep in touch with you.

You can tell Mr. C.— that I expect not only California but Nebraska to repudiate anarchy from Chicago and populism from St. Louis, and that both states will cast their electoral votes for McKinley and Hobart.

STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 12, 1896.—My Dear Cousin:—Yours of the 28th of last month reached me several days ago, and it is putting it very mild, indeed, when I tell you that I was "riled" when I read the second page where you spoke of the trail of the silver serpent dragging its poisonous slime over the country.

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There is every reason to believe that the city of Cleveland, Hanna's home, will be carried for Bryan.—Dispatch From Cleveland.—St. Louis Republic

silver, so you are placing them in an entirely wrong light, as silver dollars are a legal tender out here and do not require redemption.

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A VOICE THAT CRIED. Where the people sat in council in the city of the west. Came the strong son of the prairie with the plain fire in his breast;

Let the strong Barabbas suffer, and the innocent go free. "Let the strong Barabbas suffer!" and the lightning of the plain

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UNDER ONE BANNER

Chairman Groot Presents in a Logical Manner the Issues of the Day.

OHIO WILL GO FOR BRYAN

By At Least a Vote of 50,000—The Cause and Cure of the Financial Depression.

Addressed the People.

The Lansing theatre was well filled last night. The occasion was a political rally under the auspices of the silver republicans and from the size of the audience they are quite numerous in Lincoln.

Hon. Geo. A. Groot of Ohio was introduced by Col. Pace, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Groot said that he was pleased to meet with the people of Lincoln and discuss the great question of the campaign.

He compared the present political situation to that of 1860. The candidate of the silver forces has opposing him today, the great daily press of the country and the other forces that were so hostile to Mr. Lincoln.

As in 1860 Abraham Lincoln was abused in the most shameful manner, so today the same vilification is hurled at Mr. Bryan.

The people today are inspired as they never were before to again take possession of this government, and to judge from the present splendid assemblage and similar meetings all over the country they will succeed.

The only motive in political conflicts as carried on by the two great parties for the last 25 yrs, was to get possession of the offices.

Today we are all suffering from a want of money. The one who said that "money was the root of all evil" was wrong, for it is the lack of money that is the root of all evil.

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Prices of all property have constantly depreciated during the last twenty-three years. Yet the goldbugs tell us the volume of money has nothing to do with prices, notwithstanding the fact that up to the time of the demonetization of silver when money was plenty no complaint was made as to prices.

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of 1890 which made a still further increase in the volume of money. In 1893 Mr. Cleveland called a special session of congress to repeal the act of 1875.

The gold standard means an everlasting fall in prices in this country. They say that free coinage means five cent dollars. I am in a syndicate which will buy every silver dollar in the country at 80 cents and pay for it in gold.

Why should the government borrow money when it has the power to make it? There is no more reason why the government should borrow money than there is for an individual to borrow bread instead of making it.

Why maintain the gold reserve? Merely for the purpose of accommodating the money lenders? They first get the gold, then call for the bonds.

We propose to wipe out this gold reserve and coin more silver dollars. Under free coinage the price of silver would be \$1.20. It would be this price the world over. It is the law that gives it value.

The price of our present silver dollar proves this. Thurston says it is the legislation of the country that gives value to both gold and silver. If all the nations of the world demonetized gold the price would go down one-half, yet these men say that law has no effect in giving value to money.

They propose to appreciate the dollar and depreciate prices. This proposition is clearly understood. "I trust that the end of the United States government's borrowing money and voting bonds is at hand; and it is if American patriotism is not extinct."

They charge us silver republicans with inconsistency. I have been in favor of free coinage since 1876 and have voted with the republican party, because I believed that party would restore silver to where it was prior to 1873.

When asked about McKinley he said he lives at Canton, and will continue to live there for four years longer, and like Napoleon will have an opportunity to contemplate the causes of his defeat. It is 16 to 1 that Ohio will go for Bryan by 50,000.

Mrs. Cropper of Chicago now sang the "Silver King of the West," dedicated to Mr. Bryan, which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

Colonel Pace then suggested that the audience extend to the lady a vote of thanks by raising the right hand. Judge Broady was then introduced as the next congressman.

He said that local pride should be enough to induce our citizens to support Mr. Bryan and if that were not sufficient the great principle in the campaign should influence them to vote for him.

This is a contest between the producer and the money lender. It has been going on for some time and it will continue until the cause represented by Mr. W. J. Bryan shall triumph.

In a letter to Judge J. Wade McDonald, read in the populist county convention recently, he says: "The financial plank in the republican platform must drive from that party anyone who believes as I do."

Yours for free education. H. W. HARDY.