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Issued by the Patriotic Ladies of Tecumseh.

Every Patriot Should Read It.

The ladies of the Mary Bryan Silver League of Tecumseh, Nebraska, have issued the following valuable and scholarly address to the voters of this state:

We are living today under conditions and circumstances that are frightful to contemplate. The thought of continued life under these conditions is appalling. Poverty is increasing. With increasing poverty, vice and crime increase. Suicides are more frequent, and despair is fast displacing hope. The wealth of the world is drifting under the control of the few. Syndicates manipulate our industries. The farmer is becoming or has become a hopeless toiler. The day laborer sees nothing ahead but a hand to hand struggle for existence. Hungry tramps abound.

"Where field produces free and fair
The golden waving corn,
And fruit grows plenty, rich and rare,
And fleecy flocks are shorn;
While thousands roam with aimless feet
And sing the careless song,
We starve, we die, give us to eat,
There must be something wrong."

Many of our sisters, wives and mothers, are forced into the ranks of the bread winners, in order to sustain the family. Thus driven from the home they add to the already fierce and fearful competition in the ranks of labor. The young and tender children too are forced into the same or worse channels.

"Do you hear the children weeping, O, my brother,

Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young hearts
Against their mothers

And that does not stop their tears.
The young lambs are bleating in the meadows,

The young birds are chirping in the nest,
The young fawns are playing with the shadows,
The young flowers are blowing towards the west.

But the young, young children, O, my brothers,

They are weeping bitterly;
They are weeping in the spring time of the others,

In the country that is free."

From the homes thus made desolate, husbands, fathers, sons and brothers oft seek and find cheer and comfort in the saloon. From cheerless, homeless homes, and cheerful, comfortable saloons, the

school and church get few recruits and small support.

Something is wrong. The days are just as long, the sun shines as brightly, and the rain and dew are just as refreshing. Our people are quite as industrious. House wives are far more economical and the opportunities for bettering our condition should not be fewer. Still prices are falling. Real estate is a poor investment. Business enterprises produce far more recoverships than profits. Mortgages are being foreclosed and deficiency judgments entered up. The courts are busy running railroads at the instance of bondholders. Money at 2 per cent is more profitable than employing labor in industrial enterprises. The nation is a constant borrower and though taxes are excessively burdensome the public revenues are insufficient. This sort of thing has been going on for more than 20 years. Unless there is a change there is no certainty for the future but universal bankruptcy.

The cause for this deplorable state of affairs, as stated by the advocates of the gold standard, is that there has been overproduction. That is to say, an unusually large proportion of the people are poor, and nearly all are poorer, because there is too much wealth in the land. People are starving because there is too much to eat. Railroads are going into bankruptcy because there are too large crops to move. Men are in rags because the sheep have produced too much wool. According to this theory mankind should do less work. Droughts should dry up the crops and make breadstuffs scarce. Factories should be closed. Universal laziness is what is needed and impoverished soil is a blessing. We have been teaching our children wrongfully when we have taught them the duty and need of industry. At the same time these advocates loudly declare that the closed factories must be reopened. This in the face of an over supply and in the face of continually falling prices. But they argue that the fall in prices can be checked, that they can even be advanced, and the advance maintained by an increase of taxation. Can one lift himself by the boot straps? Can he hold himself out at arms length? Is it not a fact that the whole trouble is caused by a contraction of the money volume? Is not that the experience of mankind, the teaching of history? How clearly this has been demonstrated by many of America's most eminent statesmen and thinkers. Men whom the present advocates of the gold standard have delighted to honor, and in so doing have honored themselves. How truly and forcibly they have stated the proven fact. We quote: "A sinking volume of money is the most insidious foe with which civilization has to contend." "Its baneful effects are intensified as civilization advances." "It is my firm conviction that the inexpressible miseries inflicted upon mankind by war, pestilence and famine, have been less cruel, less unpitying and less unrelenting than the persistent and remorseless exactions which this inexorable enemy has made upon society." A shrinkage in the volume of money is the prolific source of bankruptcy and ruin. It is the canker that unperceived and unsuspecting is eating out the prosperity of our people." By reason of the almost universal inattention to the nature and function of money this evil is per-

mitted unobserved, to work wide spread ruin and disaster. So subtle is it in its operations that it eludes the vigilance of the acute. It baffles all foresight and calculation. It sets at naught all industry, all energy, all enterprise."

Obviously then the proper thing to do is to put a stop to the further contraction of the money volume; to put an end to this continuous fall in prices with its inevitable bankruptcies, repudiations, confiscation, ruined fortunes, blasted hopes, bleeding hearts and miserable miseries incalculable and inexpressible. Obviously too the first step in that direction is the restoration of silver to its ancient place by the side of gold as a money metal. How can this be done? Only by opening the mine to the coinage of silver on equal terms with gold at the old ratio. The act of congress that will do this will constitute a decree of emancipation as veritable as any that ever freed serf from thralldom but more universal in its application. It will proclaim the freedom of the white race the world over. It will lift the bowed head of labor. It will hush the threnody of toil. It will inaugurate the true renaissance—a renaissance of prosperity without which industry, learning, science, literature, art are but as apples of Sodom."

The election of William J. Bryan to the presidency of these United States, with a congress pledged to the enactment of such an act, is the only present way of accomplishing such a glorious result. Dear Brothers and Sisters, the members of the Mary Bryan Silver League of Tecumseh, Nebraska, hereby earnestly urge you to so labor and vote that this desirable result may be accomplished. We do this in the confident belief that if success crowns our efforts there will be established at least one precedent for the incoming of God's Kingdom on earth, when his will can be done on earth as it is in Heaven: That a distinct advance will thus be made toward that time for which we are all working and praying; that time of peace on earth and good will from man to man, concerning which the Angelic hosts so sweetly sang that wonderful night some nineteen hundred years ago. Mrs. MARY A. WARD, Belle C. Heilman, Sec. Pres.

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SOME QUEER ARGUMENTS.

But it is the Best That the Goldbugs Can do.

ARCADIA, Neb., Oct. 10, 1896.

To THE EDITOR:—Here is one of the best arguments for free silver that we have seen, and taken from a gold standard paper where it appeared as gold standard argument. The Mexican dollar must indeed seem cheap beside a dollar that is worth \$1.90. The paper says "The Mexican dollar buys as much of products as when it was on a par with gold." While the United States dollar with 47 cents of flat and 90 per cent of gold basis in it, buys from three to five times as much as it did. Is this what the farmers of the United States are in favor of?

If the Mexican dollar buys as much of Mexican labor as it did when on a par with gold, and as much of products, then the Mexican laborer is as well off as he ever was.

"The Mexican continues to work for from twenty-five to fifty cents per day, although his wages are worth only half as much."

Will some goldite kindly explain why it is only worth half as much when by a previous statement it buys as much as it ever did?

The writer of the above must have a great deal of confidence in the credulity of the average voter in this country, if he thinks this will be swallowed at its face. If the Mexican greaser were such a fool as to work for fifty cents per day when he could go across the line as the writer says, and get \$1.25, then certainly he is worth only fifty cents per day.

These statements are as hard to reconcile as the statement of George W. E. Horsey in congress in 1890 in favor of silver bullion certificates, when he gave the per capita circulation in 1886 as over \$52, while the New York Commer-

cial Advertiser in a recent issue gives the circulation in 1887 as \$18.28. This is quite a falling off in the short space of one year, is it not?

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Failing in his efforts to bribe and subsidize the great agricultural newspapers and periodicals, this man of money, Hanna, has sought and paid for pages in several weeklies, into which he inserts regular advertisements, detailing the alleged virtues of the gold standard as though it were Paine's Celery Compound or Carter's Little Liver Pills.

In the last issue of the Western Rural appears a full page advertisement labeled—"A Few Common Sense Facts for Agriculturists and Home Owners." Beneath this heading appears in big black type five reasons why the producer should take the Hanna gold cure.

Though the Western Rural prints the advertisement, labeled such, it is true to the masses of the people it represents, and speaks thus editorially of it.

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"2. Because we are convinced that those who have read our paper, in its discussions on the money question for four years past, or for four months, or even for four weeks, know the difference between 'facts' and bare assertions, and between facts that are pertinent and mere platitudes. . . . "A vote for McKinley is a vote to

perpetuate the gold standard, and our readers, be they agriculturists or 'home owners' of any kind, recognize this as one of the pertinent 'facts' in this campaign."

The Western Rural at length attacks and destroys in its editorial the paid-for-statements in its advertising columns.

Men advertise quack medicines to float them, but this is the first instance on record where the advertising columns of a newspaper have been resorted to to float a candidate for the great office of president of the United States.

BRYAN'S SAVINGS.

Extracts from the Philadelphia Speech of the Democratic Candidate.

"The agitation of free coinage will never cease in this country until the gold standard is driven back to England."

"Every enemy of good government is against free silver. You can know a cause as you can know an individual, by the company that it keeps."

"Our record is clear. The democratic party never declared for a gold standard and no man in office ever agitated a gold standard after he was elected until he betrayed the people who elected him."

"When I find that my conscience will not permit me to carry out the platform on which I was elected I will resign and let some other man have the office."

"I deny the right of any public servant to secure office upon a partisan platform and then abandon the platform. My friends, I was reared in a different school of democracy."

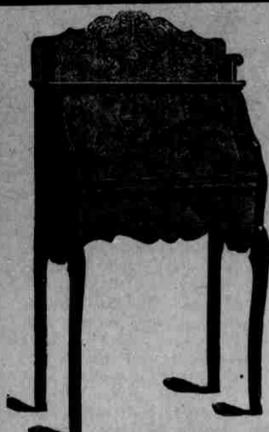
I do not use the word gold bug in an offensive sense. I use the word in that same kindly spirit in which the gold bugs use the word lunatic when they speak of me."

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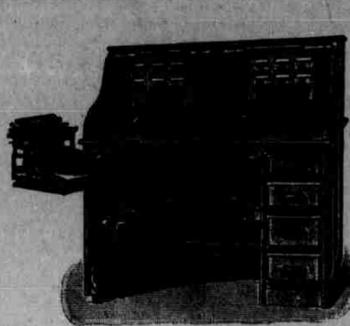
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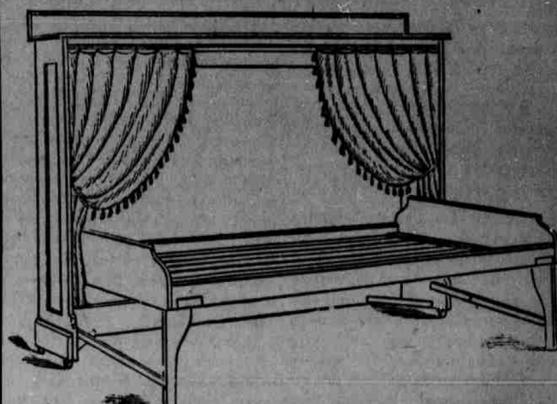


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