

The report that Governor Altgeld had dropped dead seems to have been fired as was the recent rumor that Mr. Bryan had broken down, by the wish of the Hannacrats.

ANOTHER STRAW.

The goldbugs are constantly shouting about the business men all being opposed to bi-metallism. Like nearly all the declarations of the goldites it is false in every particular. The sound business men of the country, those who rely upon legitimate trade for success, realize that their prosperity is dependent upon those to whom they wish to sell. The bulk of their business comes not from the millionaires but from the great middle class of people, the farmers and working men. When agriculture languishes, business houses languish or go into bankruptcy. When the farmer prospers it has a like effect upon the man who is engaged in trade.

This is the way the business men of the country are beginning to look at the matter and they are rapidly falling in line under the leadership of W. J. Bryan. In support of this statement we wish to quote the following despatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Toledo, Ohio, October 5.—An eloquent reply to the statement that business men generally are for McKinley has been made by means of a recent mail ballot. J. W. Gunnells, of this city, publisher of Gunnells's Monthly, recently sent out 10,000 returned postal cards. On them was the request that the recipient would simply give their preference for President, without going in to the issue involved.

These cards were sent to business houses with which Mr. Gunnells had dealings, advertising agencies and to many subscribers for the Monthly. Mr. Gunnells has received 8,395 replies to date. Eight thousand three hundred and thirty-four are for Bryan and only 161 for McKinley.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

Everyone who favors the free coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio is also in favor of free coinage by international agreement. They believe that the only way to get free coinage by international agreement is to declare in favor of independent free coinage, and by so doing compel international agreement. That is the only way in which international agreement can ever be secured. If this country should declare in favor of free coinage, England and the other gold standard countries would be compelled to adopt free coinage to protect and preserve their commercial interests. It would be better for the United States if this country would adopt free coinage and the other gold standard countries were to decline to do so, as it would soon enable this country to control the commerce of the world, but if this country were to declare for free coinage the other gold standard nations would break their necks clambering into the free coinage band wagon in order to enable them to preserve their commerce. The foreign gold standard countries will never declare in favor of bi-metallism until they are compelled to do so. Their governments are dominated by royalty and aristocracy, who profit by the appreciation of the value of money and the depreciation of the

value of property. There is not a foreign nation that dares oppose the will of the Rothschilds and their confederates. The common people, the middle and industrial classes, have little to say in deciding the financial policies of monarchies. Even in Europe those classes are inclined to free coinage, but they are powerful as to secure it. The money dealers have the upper hand on their lawmakers. Hence it is that the European countries will never declare for free coinage until compelled to do so to defend their commerce from the rivalry of other countries.

Many of the chief advocates of the platform which asks that free coinage be delayed until other nations consent would, if a contest therefore arose, be as bitterly opposed to free coinage by international agreement. American money dealers, and the American agents of foreign money dealers, would fight international free coinage just as bitterly as they are now fighting independent free coinage. They do not want free coinage of silver under any conditions, nor do they want any change in governmental finance that will make money more plentiful and cheaper. Their constant aim and desire is to diminish the world's supply of money and make money dearer. Cheap money and dear labor and property are their soul's abhorrence. If the fight against independent coinage does not prevail in this country, we shall never see free coinage by international agreement. All who are sincerely in favor of free coinage by international agreement ought to be able to see that they are allied with those who will never consent to free coinage under any circumstances, and are opposing the patriotic efforts of those who are fighting for the restoration of silver coinage the world over.

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SPIRIT OF GOLDBUGISM.

Laboringmen can hardly fail to appreciate the conception of free American citizenship entertained by most of the arrogant aristocrats who are struggling for the maintenance of the gold standard. This plutocratic conception of citizenship is exemplified in the recent utterances of Dugald Crawford, the wealthy St. Louis merchant, who, when he returned a few days since "from my summer residence in Canada" and ascertained that several of the men employed in his big department store had become convinced that the best interests of their country demanded the restoration of the free coinage of silver and had determined to vote accordingly, promptly and angrily discharged them. He did not attempt to disguise his reason for dismissing them, but was outspoken in his wrath. It is true that after indignation meetings had been held, industrial circles had inaugurated steps to emphasize their resentment of such a flagrant assault upon the rights of citizenship and a movement had been begun looking to Crawford's arrest for violation of the law against intimidation of voters, he realized that he had made a mistake and recalled, with an outward show of penitence, the men whom he had discharged. If he had stopped there the world might have believed that his unlawful, unpatriotic act was due to the heat of sudden passion, which the law recognizes as a human attribute entitled to some weight in the mitigation of punishment or censure. Subsequent events, however, show that Crawford's expressed penance was a measure only of cunning precaution, designed to shield him from the public wrath. This is proven by his subsequent published interview, in which he said that he simply exercised the right he had to discharge or employ any man whom he thought detrimental to his interests.

"Those men," said he, "seemed to me like vipers that I had warmed and were now awaiting an opportunity to sting me. Many of them had been working for me for several years and had been living off my prosperity. My interests should have been their interests, and they should have seen that they were bent on hurting me, and through me themselves."

This is a fair expression of the spirit of patriotism that animates the gold standard buccannier the world over. He will not recognize the right of the men who have built up his prosperity for him as human beings endowed with brains which they are entitled to use to their own advantage, to think except in lines laid out by him. According to the most zealous gold standard advocate all employees who do not vote as their employers prompt are "vipers" who have been "warmed" by their employers.

This tenet of gold standardism must indeed touch a responsive cord in the industrial heart. It must awaken a spirit of resentment in the breast of every patriotic American, and it will be discovered in a few days that the woods are full of "vipers."

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President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle have recommended as a cure for present financial ills, the retirement of greenbacks, stating as a reason for such a recommendation that they are a constant menace to the credit of the government, in that they are a credit issue, redeemable in gold. They attribute the whole financial depression to the fact that unpatriotic men collect and at the most inopportune time force them upon the treasury for redemption, and thus withdraw the gold.

It was on account of the operations of this endless chain that the president attributed the necessity for the recent bond issues. Secretary Carlisle further argues that if the greenbacks were retired, it would not be necessary to maintain the gold reserve and the gold circulation of the country would be increased to that extent.

The secretary of the treasury now takes the advanced position, a position hitherto taken by no distinguished authority on finance, that the silver dollars are only kept at par with gold because the government stands ready to redeem them in gold. If the secretary is correct, then unquestionably the silver dollars are merely a credit issue and bear the same relation to gold as the greenbacks.

The query then arises, what is to prevent the silver dollar, like the greenback credit issue, from becoming a menace to the financial integrity of our government? What is to prevent them from becoming the links in the endless chain process of which the secretary speaks? What is to prevent them from being used, by designing individuals, to withdraw gold from the treasury and force the issue of bonds? Then would it not logically follow that the next step would be a recommendation from the secretary of the treasury requesting that silver dollars be retired from circulation to avoid the necessity for keeping a large gold reserve for their redemption.

Are the American people ready to discontinue, entirely, the use of silver as money? Do they wish still farther to contract the currency? The present low prices, due to the scarcity of dollars, would most certainly incline one to the opinion that they do not. They only way, and the business like way, to prevent such a contingency is to increase the volume of primary money, the money of ultimate redemption, by discontinuing the use of silver as a credit money and placing it on an equality with gold, a position it occupied prior to the demonetization in 1873, a period the most prosperous of our country's history. Or in other words to restore bi-metallism, to open the mints to the free and unlimited coinage of both metals without discrimination against either.

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Let us make the change and save the money by a change in these "Boards." "Stand up for Nebraska."

One rallying cry of the gold standard crew appears to have dropped out of the campaign. One hears no more about the silver of the world being "dumped" upon this country. Even the republic can street corner cliquer has realized that this cry scares no one. People realize that no foreign country can "dump"

silver in this country without benefitting this country. A foreigner could, under free coinage, bring his silver to the mint and have it coined, but unless he gave it away afterwards, he could not "dump" it unless he purchased with it American property or products. Americans could stand all that sort of dumping that foreigners care to attempt.

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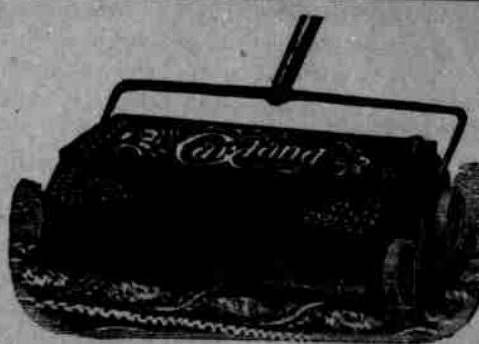


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