VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

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Some History Upon Coin Redemption.

EDITOR INDEPERDENT.

Sir:—Friend Bryant very properly calls attention to what insignificant questions the American people have used as an issue to organize political parties upon, and some of them still seem disposed to rally on nothing. The republicans go to the ballott box to the jingle of the word "protection." The democrats are equally as enthusiastic over a phrase just as meaningless so far as its economic application is concerned viz. "free coinage." But we need not to expect to find much difference in the issues of the two old parties for there has been no real difference for 30 years. Both aimed to serve the money power but in slightly different ways. But so far as the toiling masses were concerned there was not a farthings difference between them. At the present time the republicans promise the money power that the people shall produce wealth and exchange it for one metal (gold) to liquidate the indebtedness held them by the same money power, while the same power has absolute control of the whole gold supply, and can make it as hard for the people to get it as they please. This power is supreme the world around. Only starvation can break their control of the price of what the people produce—and from that they are to be paid. Voters, what do you think of a people who will vote that they must pay their debts in a material owned and controled by the fellows who hold the debts. And then expect prosperity from such payments! And what do you think of a lot of fellows (mis-) called statesmen managing a nation so that it takes every dollar's worth of wealth produced to pay the interest on the debts they owe and the indebtedness increases thirteen millions in 10 years. In my opinion no hell was ever hot enough for such villians. But their rascality is no greater than the utter imbecility of the voter who supports them.

Our democratic brethren are a little more on the compromise order, as is usual with that party, and they promise the money power that the toiling masses shall make the same payments in two metals (gold and silver) but they too are promising to make payment in something which the other fellows absolutely own and control, both just as much as they do one of them. The principle is the same in both cases. We are compelled in both cases to pay in something we have not got, and that the sovereignty of our nation cannot produce. So far as the Shylocks are concerned it can make but small difference to them as in either case they get it all. It makes no great difference to the toiling wealth producer, as either one means homeless peasantry weighed down by endless debt into the abyss of servitude. The foundation of money is the nation's sovereign power, and both these parties debase that sovereignity and violate the principle of money. With a money system based on its rightful foundation, the shylocks are powerless and can exercise no control over the people's wealth. But with the coinage of gold and silver with a "coin redemption" promise, the dominion of the money power is absolute and the people are serfs.

So you will notice that the record of the two old parties is still unbroken—both serving the money power, both bound to accomplish the same results, both promising that the people shall make "bricks without straw." And the people, what of them? Poor fools. Instead of burying both those untrustworthy and traiterous organizations in the same grave, and taking their own, they carry on a great pow-wow treedeldum and treedle-dee. One party says that the people shall be crucified on a cross of gold, the other one says No! The cross must be 16 parts silver to 1 of gold, and the wooden headed voters say yes, we prefer to have the cross made of two metals instead of one. Is it not grand? And wise men look more wise and write books about how much better it is to have the cross upon which one is to be nailed made of two metals instead of one. And great campaigns are fought over it. Verily, "what fools these mortals be." And the man who damns them both and refuses to be crucified on any kind of a cross, he is a crazy crank and can't see how nice it will be to have the offices no matter if the people do groan.

But populists, is it not rather disgusting to think that the men who organized for freedom dropped down into the wallow and took a hand in this Shylock prepared jangle over metal money? And do you fully comprehend the wide difference between it and Populism? The "wild cat" banking system was a promise of "coin redemption and stole millions from the people for the Bankers. The infamous "credit strengthening act" was a promise of "coin redemption" and under its cover the government stole $500,000,000 from the people and gave it to the money sharks.

The "specie resumption act" was another promise of "coin redemption." It is under such promises as these that our people have became almost a homeless and propertyless people. Continually and forever putting the wealth they produce into the accursed maw of the "coin promise."

But, my friends, the democratic platform at Chicago reiterated this promise of "coin redemption." It endorses by that promise every one of the above acts passed by the republican party and pledges itself to continue them. And the populist party went to the ballot box and supported the "credit strengthening act" promise, the resumption farce promise, the "wild cat" bank schems, for my friends, the principle was the same in all.

Do you think it will ever be done again? Never, No, Never! Let the standard of freedom be again raised and if the professional politicians whom we have chosen as leaders, can not carry it, the farmers who first raised it can still bear it aloft.

In the forepart of my letter, I asserted that the money power had just as absolute control of silver as they have of gold. I will prove it. Everyone will remember that in a few weeks after the war broke out, gold and silver disappeared from sight and use, and secretary Chase says that the government could not command enough of both "to pay three month's expenses." That was 36 years ago. Do you think that they are less powerful now than then? The same thing has been demonstrated a dozen times in the last one hundred years, but still our Silver friends tell us that if we elect them, we will have two metals to pay with. We will, if shylock sees fit to let us have them, but he will only let us have enough to pay our interest, and we never will have anything to pay with until the nation does its duty and exercises its sovereignty and issues a currency for its people.

Some people may still be found who honestly think that "coin redemption" is a necessary qualification of money. I will prove to you that such is not the case, and by our own history. The greenback was issued as only a partial money. The Government herself dishonoring it by refusing to receive it for custom's dues. This was the money power's scheme to give them a chance as speculate and they did so relatively to coin depreciated the greenback. So when the war was over, (in 1869), they had congress pass a solemn promise that these depreciated greenbacks should be redeemed in coin. Now if coin redemption is necessary to maintain money, they would have immediately advanced to par with coin, but they did not, and not until ten years after did they reach that point. And what was it which brought them up to par with coin? On Jan. 1, 1879, we were to resume specie payment, but when that day arrived, it was discovered that Shylock still had the coin and we could not resume with it any more than we could fight the war with it. So to save the nation from financial dishonor, Secretary John Sherman, ordered the customs officers to receive greenbacks for customs and on the issue of that order, they stood par with coin. I don't expect that a hide-bound block head will see anything in this, but the man who is looking for the truth, will understand that the only essential qualifications of money are full legal-tender power and fully receiveable by the Government that issues it, and that "coin redemption" cuts no figure, and is but a vile scheme to steal beneath.

Yours,
H. G. STEWART.

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The President's Message

EDITOR NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT:

In reading the president's message I got so disgusted that I threw it into the fire because I have never before read a document which was such an affront and disgrace to a country. The author of this trash must really believe that this is a nation composed of a mass of idiots who don't know anything about inalienable rights of men, political, economic and duties of government. The great philanthropist, McKinley, before the election, in the sweetest and most flattering words, declared himself as the best and unalterable friend of the farmers, laborers, and of the destitutes. He said if elected he would first of all use all his power to improve the conditions of the farmers, laborers and destitutes by creating a demand for all our products, starting the fires and the smoke of our factories—thereby creating for every man an opportunity to work at renumerative wages, which would produce a general prosperity and happiness for all. Now as this pious gentleman has had a chance, and as his official duties really demands that he redeem his pledge to his so well beloved friends, he must have forgotten everything about it. In the whole message you cannot find a single word about the most pressing of all questions not only in this country but in every civilized state in the world—namely, the labor question.

The philanthrophist, McKinley, never did read anything about inalienable rights of men for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, that people need some food for the sustenance of life, and that governments are instituted for securing these rights, and that even in monarchial states the governments provide for the destitute.

This gentleman never heard that an insatiable glutten class of moneyed nabobs rob small business men, farmers, and laborers out of the fruits of their hard labors, thereby creating general bankruptcy and misery whereby millions of honest, industrious men are thrown on the street, chased from one place to another by dogs and police and if they do not move quick enough they are shot down like wild beasts. Of all this Mr. McKinley never heard anything, and if he did hear it he don't care for it, as he is not the keeper of his brother. This gentleman don't care if, thousands of peaceable men are assassinated, thousands killed through neglect and the insatiable greed of our nabobs on railroads, intombed alive in man traps, or if innocent girls and children are shut up and starved to death in sweating shops. All he does and has to care for is to protect the money bag. He was hired as a servant of Mark Hanna and it seems that it is his only duty to wait on the Rothschilds and this duty he performs to the full satisfaction of his boss. Already he sold to him the Pacific rail road, thereby selling soul and body of the people of the west to this nabob as this road is the bread of life and the key to the great west and who ever owns this key is the absolute ruler of this grainery of the world. With this sale the government lost its last control over the road.

To further please his boss Mr. McKinley recommends striking from our currency $900,000,000 non-interest, bearing money and replacing it with interest bearing gold bonds and usurer's profit bearing bank notes. It is not enough that this people has already to pay every day of the year $1,900,000 interests to English money sharks. We have to add about $35,000,000 more interest to it.

In looking over the natural resources of this country, Mr. McKinley has found out that land, forests, mines, factories, railroads, telegraphs, telephones—in fact all and everything is sold and owned or at least mortgaged for all they are really worth to English capitalists, except 25,694,564 acres of land in the Indian territory which is the last refuge of the original inhabitants of this country, to which place they were chased from one place to the other until they could not move any further, when this territory was granted to them by the United States forever for their support. This land is the common property of the Indians, and can never be divided up, but Mr. McKinley is afraid that an Indian aristocracy will be established and the common Indians will not get the full enjoyment of the common property, therefore it will be necessary to make this land tributary to the English nobility also.

It is remarkable that Mr. McKinley is so anxious to secure to every Indian his full share of the common property, but that he never thinks to secure to the common people of this country their full share of the land in this country—the inheritance of all men, but now owned by a Scully, Lady Coats, etc., in England, who never had a foot in this country and never spent a cent for its development.

The time has arrived in this country which the wise and far-seeing Patrick Henry described in his protest against the adoption of the constitution when he said:

"If we make a king we may prescribe the rules by which he shall rule his people and interpose such checks as shall prevent them from infringing them."

Every death which is caused from want of food or fuel, is a murder which cries to heaven, accusing government, Senate, congress, supreme court and clergy of criminal neglect of their duty.

The stomach of starving people will not become satiated by your making long faces, singing psalms, reading bible verses and babbling nonsense in congress. All that must be said for solving the labor question can be expressed with a dozen words. Give them shelter, food, clothes and fuel.

There is only one way to do this. You must take these necessities from those who have a superfluity of them and give them to the destitutes. If those who have a superfluity of the necessities of life will not give them voluntarily to the destitutes, then the state must take it by force.

Necessity knows no law, and the poor man has a right to his neighbor's bread. Issuing interest bearing gold bonds and increasing taxes on sugar, coffee, tea, beer tobacco and everything that we must eat, drink and use will bring no relief to the common people. The main duty of the government is now to create such conditions that every person in this land can acquire everything that is necessary for the sustenance of life. This must be done at once, without regard to costs. Not a single person should die from want of food or fuel.

The time of talking common sense and acting accordingly, like intelligent men, has now arrived.

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Bryant Answers Hand.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

HARTINGTON, Neb., Dec. 25, 1897.

In your issue of the 23d inst. appears a letter from W. L. Hand, of Kearney. The writer refers to my letter in your issue of the 16th and asks me a question. Now, I am a very busy man, and have little—practically no time—to debate a political disputation.

But the gentleman's question is so easily answered that I will take time for that.

"Will Mr. Bryant give us a satisfactory reason why the populists, silver-democrats and silver-republicans should not drop fusion, drop their separate organizations and names and form a union under a new name and upon a single platform embodying all of the most vital industrial reforms, such as free coinage of silver, government issue of all paper money, government savings banks, government ownership of telegraphs and telephones and main track line of railroads, municipal ownership of all city utilities, graduated income tax, election of president and U. S. senators by direct vote of the people? I do not undertake to mention all of the essential reforms."

Now, if my friend from Kearney had really read my letters, the one in reply to Mr. Sheldon as well as the one in reply to Father Snyder, he could have got at my reasons, I think. If he expects me to convince him against his will, I decline the task. A reason is one thing, a satisfactory reason is quite another thing. The reasons given are satisfactory so far as the present writer is concerned. If they do not satisfy my friend from Kearney I can not help it.

However, I will answer his question at the risk of repetition. My friend wants to know why we cannot form a new party with a new name and a single platform, with nine planks in it (which he specifies as "most vital industrial reforms,") and a lot more too numerous to mention. Mr. Hand has a platform of his own, and he does not see why everybody else should not be willing to stand upon it. Just like me. When I was a child it seemed to me that my mother was the most beautiful woman in the world, and that my father was the strongest and brightest man; and it astonished me to learn that other people did not all see it in the same light. But, as I grew older, I found my parents were very ordinary people. Brother Hand is an excellent gentleman no doubt and believes in the election of the United States senators by a direct popular vote, but there are a lot of people just as good men as he is who do not agree with him on this point, but do agree with him on the coinage question. The railroad problem is the hardest question of them all—a veritable Gordian knot. The present writer has been a believer in government ownership for more than twenty years, but I do not deny there are strong objections to it; to make it effective might require an amendment to the national constitution, extending the legislative power of congress and the jurisdiction of federal courts. Would not this tend to centralization? The initiative and referendum is the popular fad. Woe to the presumptious man who dares insinuate that it is impractical! But there are some people who do not believe in this, but do believe in free silver.

Free silver is in sight. Why not stick so that, and not hunt for a dozen Paritian apples of discord.

Mr. Hand criticises my history. The republican party was crystalized by the civil war, and not by a lot of fellows getting together and making a new party order. Just so now. Let events shape themselves.

I might add, what everybody knows, that I am an original populist, and helped to organize the party in this state. I am a populist still, having no desire to change my name. We started out on three lines: (1) Finance, (2) transportation, (3) land. Let us stay by our old creed, and not go "chasing after strange Gods," to use the language of scripture. I am willing to work with the democrats on one of these three lines, but please excuse me from marrying them 'til they have courted us long enough to give us "a satisfactory reason" to believe that they mean business. In the meantime, if any democrat or free silver republican gets impatient let him join the populist party.

WILBUR F. BRYANT.

P. S.—Allow me to call the attention of your readers to the communication from the pen of H. Wm. Smith in your issue of the 23d inst, which I have just read. It "hits the nail on the head."

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THE JEWESS IN HER HOME

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Emerson has said "If you would know a thing truly you must see it in its setting." The setting of the Jewess is her home; she cannot be known elsewhere, and how many Christians ever see her there? If necessity, or perversion of taste, or greed, place her behind a counter, or bring her to the marts where merchants do congregate she does not appear as her true self, metaphorically speaking, she does "man's garments," something forbidden in the Sacred Law of Moses. The Jewess was never meant for a society lady nor for a devotee of the literary and poetical art; only in time of the deepest national emotion a Miriam or Debora would arise. Although she knows the use of the tongue as well as any of her sisters in other regions of the earth, she is never applauded for being "a brilliant conversationalist." Neither is she intended for a saintly recluse or flesh-and-world-subduing penitent. Her mission is the gospel of sweetness and light, to smooth the rough places of this world; to delight by her grace and beauty, if so favored by God. Otherwise, she consoles herself with the assurance of her classical poet, that, after all, "Grace may prove deceitful and beauty a vanity, the woman that feareth God, her praise endureth forever." "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her."—Dr. Gustav Gottheil in Ladies' Home Journal.

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ALBERT E. HOWARD,
Plaintiff.