

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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Coin Redemption. Editor Independent:

In making our protest against the populist party fusing to assist in carrying into effect "specie payment or coin redemption," we have been told that the benefits which we would derive from silver coinage would insure the perpetuity of the party to carry out its other demands.

But we know that it is not so, and that a great political struggle over the coinage of silver with the coin redemption attached is time and opportunity wasted, and when won it is a fruitless victory so far as the laboring class is concerned.

There is no principle involved and so long as "coin redemption" is fastened upon us there is no emancipation to labor.

When the coin payment act was passed (1893) Horace Greeley said that the slave was not freed, but by that act all labor white and black was dragged down to the same low level.

A truer prophecy was never uttered, and we are held at that low level by the power of the Shylock crowd and the lever which they used in "coin redemption."

Perhaps our bimetallic friends think that by the use of both gold and silver we can pay our debts and be free. If they know so little of the situation they should get in the rear rank and not presume to lead.

Mr. Gladstone and other eminent authority puts our foreign debts at seven billion dollars. Since the act of 1869 this is all coin debt and we are trying to pay the interest on this with all our surplus products and gold, but we fall short according to Gen. Warner (good bimetallic authority) \$260,000,000 each year.

Now our greatest production of silver has been about 85,000,000 dollars of which \$25,000,000 is used in the arts and \$5,000,000 for subsidiary coinage, leaving about \$55,000,000 to apply on the \$260,000,000 annual increase of debt which will still leave over \$200,000,000 of yearly increase. We cannot meet it with both gold and silver.

Why We Should Repudiate New as Well as Old Bonds.

For repudiating our bonds we have many just causes. 1st. Issuing bonds and making the people tributary to bond holders for raising money to meet the expenses of the government, when we have millions worth of uncoined silver in the vaults of our treasury, which silver was purchased with the labor earned proceeds from the labor of the people for the express purpose of coining it into money to meet the expenses of the government; is not only usury but the most abominable fraud, which ever was perpetrated.

The objection of our money changers that silver has not the real intrinsic value as money is only a humbug to deceive the people. The intrinsic value of a useful thing is fixed by the costs of production and what it costs to change the raw material in such a form that it can be used. Through machinery and especially by separating the metals through electricity the costs of producing gold and silver were reduced over one half therefore neither one of them has its real intrinsic value.

Rothschild has a gold mine in Africa where it costs about 5 cents to produce the gold which is necessary to produce a gold dollar. This gold dollar has therefore about the same intrinsic value as a green back dollar. Demote the gold today and it will have less value than silver because the costs of producing gold and silver are about the same but the gold dollars contain only 1-16 of the weight of a silver dollar.

Not only for centuries but even for thousands of years silver and gold were the money of civilized nations and always at parity and they are today the money of our constitution and they would be at parity today if our government had not given up the control and issuing of money to the money changers.

Silver and gold are today at parity in France and the bank of France was the only money institution of the world which was able to loan gold to the bank of England and thereby saving the bank of the goldbugs from bankruptcy by the Baring Bros. calamity because the French people and banks have the option to pay their debts in legal silver or gold coins, therefore they can spare their gold in panics.

Money is only a medium of exchange which shows in ciphers what value a useful thing has according to its usefulness. This medium of exchange is endowed with a fiat of the government whereby it receives a power so that everybody can use it as a medium for exchanging it for all useful things which he needs. Money is a value for measuring values and therefore it makes no difference from what kind of material money is made.

We have now a war at hand and must use all our resources to make the burden for the people as easy as possible, therefore we must coin our silver before we give out bonds.

Even if our silver and gold stores are exhausted we don't need to issue interest bearing bonds. This nation with its inexhaustible resources can issue 500 or even 1,000 non-interest-bearing green backs which are more secure than bank notes, without affecting or hurting the credit of this nation. Greenbacks have several times saved this country from ruin and they will do it again.

3. When Cleveland issued the last bonds he shut himself up with one of the Rothschild agents and here behind closed doors and in the dark he sold to this money changer United States bonds away below their real value so that Rothschild made about \$10,000,000 profit by this deal in less than 24 hours. We never heard what Cleveland cleared for himself by this deal. As these two schemers knew exactly what these bonds really were worth, this deal was the most infamous fraud, and fraudulent debts cannot be enforced, but that's not all, Cleveland had even no right to sell these bonds as the constitution endowed congress with the power to borrow money on the credit of the United States.

Cleveland asserted that in the year 1873 congress passed a law which transferred this power to the president, but even congress has no right to transfer its own duties to the president. Congress may empower the president from to borrow money. He cannot abdicate an article of the constitution.

It is remarkable that our supreme court never declares any acts as unconstitutional which are in favor of the money changers. 4th. Our fundamental principle says no taxation without representation, but craftsmen, farmers and laborers are not represented in our congress and these assemblies are composed of bankers and lawyers. A poor man has not more chance to become a member of congress than a rich man according to Christ's teachings, has to enter into heaven as a camel can go through a needle's eye. In electing senators people have even no vote and it is a well known fact that bribery and fraud are committed by electing senators and congressmen and that these men even hold bribery as a legal act. Captain Billingsley a sound and solid republican said in denouncing City Mayor Graham in his impeachment case for taking bribes:

"Office getting has been corrupt away back in history long before Jackson gave utterance to that principle. 'To the victor belongs the spoils.' Mark Hanna gave \$150,000 to get McKinley nominated and Hanna is now at the head of the kitchen cabinet and dispenses the patronage. An investigation of the senate of Ohio has found out and declared that Mark Hanna had acquired his seat in the United States senate by bribing

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and fraud but, nevertheless he took his seat. Such a man should have a seat in the penitentiary but not in the United States senate but as it sometimes depends only from a few votes for issuing laws and bonds. It is just such kind of fellows which have the balance of power and they always used it for their own benefit and therefore can their acts not be binding for the people. Laws should express the will of the majority of the people and with our new mediums of intercourse namely: telegraphs and rail roads it is an easy matter to ascertain this will of the people in a few days whereas such a course would have been impossible without telegraph and rail roads.

Our laws as they are issued now are only traps to catch fools. If our bankers and lawyers issue bonds let them pay such bonds as they are issued in their own interest. If two years ago we had acknowledged the insurgents of Cuba as a belligerent power, they would have freed themselves without needing further aid but Cleveland said in his message that we have to consider that citizens of this country have invested in Cuba large sums of money which we must protect. If whole Cuba would be destroyed the forty or fifty millions of craftsmen and laborers of these states together would not lose a single cent, they have no money invested there. It is not selfishness, it is for humanitarian principles and empathy that the people are willing to aid the Cubans to free themselves, but it is not necessary to make ourselves slaves to free the Cubans. Make the money changers pay their just share.

5. Repudiating bonds is even justifiable from a moral and religious standpoint. Our moral and religious principles are based on the bible which is our moral code and the old as well as the new testament as condemning taking interest as usury and neither the old nor the new testament knows anything about sacred private property they do not acknowledge absolute private property.

The most of our bonds are owned by Mr. Rothschild, a Jew, and one of the most faithful believers in the Mosiac doctrine. Moses was the first socialist and according to his doctrine a man can not acquire ownership of any property; he can only be a usurper and to make it impossible that single individuals could take possession of more property than they really needed for their support. Moses introduced the year of jubilee which returned every fifty years and whereby all property was again equally divided up and leased anew for another fifty years. Now as we have had no years of jubilee for over 1900 years, it is getting time to have one again and therefore Mr. Rothschild, as a good, faithful, pious Jew, should without doubt consent to the dividing up of his bonds according to the census for 1900 and should gladly be satisfied in receiving his just share in cash according to this census.

To our christian brother bond holders it is hardly necessary to say that Christ declared that all men are brothers, the sons of the same heavenly father, and of another earth, and therefore entitled to equal shares in the gifts of their parents. From this standpoint our christian bondholders can make no objection if the government takes possession of their bonds in the interest of the common weal.

As these highest and most sacred principles of brotherly love and equality of men by and by become to be forgotten by the people our clergy should at once stop preaching over the righteousness of their God which will condemn men to eternal damnation if they should not listen or if they should have the least doubt in their sermons and instead of instructing people over the immaculate conception and the infallibility of the pope, the horrors and tortures of hell and the golden mansions of heaven, they should instruct the people of an universal international brotherhood of men, based on brotherly love and justice to all men without any exception of creed, race, color or nation, which will be the best preparation for men for their future life so that their souls need only be provided with wings when they will fly right away into eternal happiness.

Whoever reads the proceeds of the international religious congress of Chicago will find out that most of the delegates of the different creeds and nations had a longing for the introduction of such a universal brotherhood but that it was the infallible popes of the different christian sects which were opposed to such an international union of men, because they had to give up their precious privileges as they would be put on a level with common men. Their God is not a God of love, justice and equal rights, theirs is the God of privileges, greed, intolerance, hatred and vengeance and in the cause of the existing social evil. In my next article I will quote some sentences from some delegates to the religious congress as a proof of my assertion. FRED SCHWEIZER.



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A Brittany Butter Farm.

One hears so much nowadays, writes a correspondent of the Globe (England) of the excellence of foreign butter, and of the inferiority of the home product, that it may perhaps be interesting to get an insight into the surroundings of one of our many competitors in the manufacture of this useful article. It is true that Brittany by no means stands first on the roll of foreign manufacture. So much so, in fact, that a great deal of its butter is sent to Denmark to be reshipped thence to England, and so come into the English market under the prestige which rightly attaches to the Danish product. This, however, is by the way. The fact remains that a large quantity of Breton butter goes direct to England, and is sold as such on its own merits. Those who use it are prepared to maintain its superiority over that made at home.

Let us take a glance at the Breton farmer and his surroundings, and see if this be so. Take almost any high road in Brittany—very excellent they are, too—and you will soon arrive at a green lane leading out of it. A most picturesque lane it will be. Possibly it will lead between high banks, thickly studded with pollard oaks, beneath which the swine will be greedily munching acorns, and an old woman in a white cap and a blue dress will be herding a solitary cow, or a flock of geese, or a mixed crew consisting of a cow, a sheep, and a couple of geese, and, as a matter of course she will be knitting busily. Or it may lead down an avenue of chestnuts, whose fruit is common property, and you will see two or three women, and twice as many children, stamping the nuts out of their prickly covering with their wooden sabots. The chestnuts form a valuable addition to the peasants' homely fare of bouillon, black bread, and the inferior potatoes. The best are given to the pigs of the family—the pigs, to wit. This plain fare is washed down with copious draughts of cider, tea and coffee, being luxuries which amuck too much of extravagance to the thrift-loving peasant. It is not too much to say that saving is the one absorbing passion of the women, and only rivalled in the men by their love of strong drink. The lane will debouch into an open field, where the men will, supposing it to be October, be seen shaking down the fruit from the apple trees, and the about which may possibly greet your arrival will be, not a tribute to you, but in honor of their having just finished a tree. On these occasions the cider mug goes round, as, indeed, it will on beginning the next. As there are many trees on every farm, and farms on every hand as well, a Bacchanalian festival appears to be in progress, what with the continual shouting and cheering (one farm answering another) and the state of drunkenness which prevails everywhere.

But let us enter the house itself, and see the actual surroundings in which the Brittany butter has its origin. Here you will find no cool, cleanly dairy; on the contrary, there is a mud floor of the dirtiest description, sometimes with puddles of water standing on it. You go into a room, which from its table scattered with unwashed cups and platters, from its array of cupboard (sometimes of priceless oak), from its "close" beds which line the wall, is evidently the living and sleeping room of the family. Here, from an oak chest, you will see Madame, in the whitest of caps, in strange contrast to her surroundings, take several terra-cotta colored earthenware bowls full of milk. These she will skim, and then she will pour the skim milk into a tub for the pigs. If you watch closely you will see a fair quantity of black dirt dribble out of the bowl with the last cupful of milk. She will then churn the cream in a churn shaped something like a bottle with a stick in it, which works up and down. But perhaps the most disgusting feature of the performance is that, instead of wetting her finger with water when she is making up the butter, she moistens them with her tongue. This is an eradicable item in Breton butter-making. People have been tried in their own houses to make their "bonnes" use water, but unless the mistress actually stands over her servant the latter will at once return to the old familiar habit.

The butter, when made, is of good flavor and color, and is palpable enough to those who are unacquainted with its manufacture. Near Quimper there is a lalterie, or dairy, where everything is done on improved modern principles, and the proprietor asks and actually obtains three francs a pound for the article he produces. This, in a country where butter fetches from half a franc to one franc at the ordinary farms, speaks volumes for the estimation in which common cleanliness is held, and how extremely rare it is. The better class of residents in Brittany will not drink bought milk on account of the filthy habits of the peasants who provide it. When the sanitary arrangements on English farms, the cleanliness which prevails, and the inspection of dairies is taken into consideration, it seems strange that anyone can prefer foreign butter to that made at home. For the consumer knows absolutely nothing, as a rule, of the conditions under which the foreign article is produced, whereas he can be tolerably sure that every possible precaution is taken in his own country to ensure cleanliness and the absence of contaminating atmosphere, to say nothing of the health of the cows themselves.

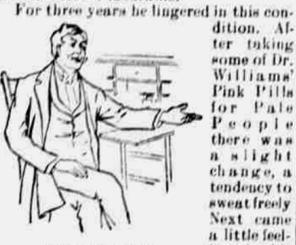
Resorting to a milk diet is the latest fad in restoring health to the victims of overwork, indigestion, or dyspepsia—it is said to purify the stomach, destroy microbes, make thin people fat and fat people thin.

But the Flag Went Up. A Johannesburg correspondent states that Jameson would have gone on lighting at Krugersdorp, but when his officers saw the Staats artillery coming up with the Maxims in charge of German gunners, "flesh and blood could stand it no longer." Jameson, adds the writer, was watering his horse when Col. Scott came up to him and said: "Sir, we must surrender; it seems hopeless." The only answer he got was: "I will not surrender; let them shoot where I stand, but surrender? Never!" The colonel moved away and the next minute up went the white flag.

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A Remarkable Case.

The following case was printed originally in The Monitor, a newspaper published at Menford, Ontario. Doubts were raised as to its truthfulness, consequently a close watch was kept on the case for two years and the original statement has now been completely verified. Mr. Petch had been a hopeless paralytic for five years. His case had had wide attention. He was confined to his bed, was bloated almost beyond recognition, and could not take solid food. Doctors called the disease spinal sclerosis, and all said he could not live. The Canadian Mutual Life Association, after a thorough examination, paid him his total disability claim of \$1,650, regarding him as forever incurable.



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