

SHERMAN ON SILVER.

John Sherman has written a letter to the Philadelphia Press concerning what is known as the Sherman silver law, which was enacted two years ago. Just a short time before the present congress adjourned, Mr. Sherman introduced a bill repealing the law.

In his letter he says:

The act of 1890 was adopted to prevent much worse legislation by the democratic party aided by a few republicans. The democratic party by a majority of its members in both Houses, had committed itself to the free coinage of silver, which I regarded as a danger so great that every effort should be made to prevent its passage. The act of 1890 was passed solely to prevent the much worse measure threatened, of free coinage. The great difference is that under the act of 1890 we buy silver at its market value and only issue currency to the amount of the cost of the silver, so that we have one dollar's worth of silver at its gold value behind every Treasury note issued under that act. I will now vote for the repeal of that act (although I do not think it is so dangerous as many do,) because I believe it would be better to suspend the accumulation of silver bullion in the Treasury.

This is from the author of the bill, and ought to set at rest all dispute as to the nature and intent of the present law.

Instead of being an act friendly to silver as a money metal, it was just the opposite, Sherman's idea being to treat silver bullion as a commodity. It in fact established a sub-treasury plan with the U. S. treasury building for a warehouse, and silver bullion the thing to be stored. The act was passed to prevent the full recognition of silver as a money metal on a par with gold.

The use of the term "gold value" by Mr. Sherman is also very instructive. Here again we see the intent to degrade silver from an original money metal to a mere commodity, and to set up gold as the single standard to measure the values of all commodities including silver.

John Sherman is still, as he has been for twenty-five years, the prime minister at the court of plutocracy in the United States. A shrewder, more far-seeing, and conscienceless man never better served a more damnable despotism.

A MIGHTY GOOD MAN.

It is very interesting to read what several republican papers had to say of Gen. Van Wyck some years ago. The following are a few sample compliments.

Van Wyck must stay. Let this be the battle cry of all who want honesty and brains in the U. S. Senate.—Fremont Tribune (republican) March, 1885.

Van Wyck, it matters not how we view him, is a power that cannot be overlooked. He is a great man and when he speaks he is heard.—North Bend Flail, Dec. 1885.

There is no other man living who has so many warm friends and admirers in York county as Senator Van Wyck, and no amount of abuse by monopoly papers can alter the case.—York Times (republican) in 1885.

Papers that are heaping abuse upon Senator Van Wyck are generally of the railroad or semi-railroad stamp doing the bidding of railroad magnates for a peculiar consideration.—Grand Island Independent (republican) 1885.

No matter whether he makes a speech at a county fair, a G. A. R. Reunion, a prayer meeting, or a Sunday school picnic, these sleuth hounds who are hissed on by their corporation masters, never fail to yell at Senator Van Wyck's heels.—Fremont Tribune (republican) September 1886.

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A LETTER WITH A POINT.

The following is a copy of a letter written by a prominent man in the 30th senatorial district, to the republican candidate for state senator. We know nothing about the facts, but we believe the matters referred to are worthy of prompt and serious consideration by the voters of that district:

TO HON. HENRY ST. RAYNER.

Dear Sir:—I have read your letter to Mr. Wood of Gering, in regard to reimbursing Scott's Bluff county for the expense incurred in the prosecution of the Arnold murder case. Yourself and Judge Heist were attorneys for defendant, and put in a bill against Scott's Bluff county for \$1,000, and it is very easily understood why you will vote for a bill to pay the expenses of the case, as it means payment of your claim. While you are introducing bills, will you introduce one to reimburse old Cheyenne county for the cost incurred in the case against Henry St. Rayner for killing his father-in-law a few years ago?

OLD SETTLER.
Bayard, Nebr., Oct. 18, 1892.
(Copy.)

THE independent who stays at home to husk corn or thresh on election day this year should be doomed to feed on husks and chaff for the rest of his life.

AN honest man always courts investigation. Why do not the republican state officers court an investigation of the grave charges this paper has preferred against them? Any school-boy can give the answer.

THE independents of Otoe county have nominated T. B. Stevenson for state senator, and he has bright prospects of being elected. The independents of that county should make special effort to elect Tom for we want just such able fighters in the senate next winter.

We are told by one who was present in imagination that after that investigation was adjourned, and Secretary Allen had returned to the secrecy of his private office, he have a great sigh of relief over his escape from an investigation concerning state house furniture.

IN our government the people delegate their power as reigning sovereigns to a few persons to hold and exercise for a certain period that power returns to the people on certain days called election days. On those days the people get together at certain places called polling places, they choose by means of ballots the men to whom they will delegate their power for the next period. Simple isn't it? The whole matter can be attended to in a few hours. And yet there are men so devoid of patriotism that they can not spare those few hours of one day in the year to attend to the highest duty of a citizen-sovereign.

IN his debates with Dech, E. J. Hainer took occasion to attack such brave union soldiers as Gen. Weaver, Gen. Van Wyck, and Paul Vandervoort who are now leaders of the independent party. It comes with poor grace from a man who was sucking his toes in a Hungarian cradle, whose father was cringing under despotic heels, to attack men who were at the same time carrying the torch of liberty and civilization, and saving the nation to which he might flee from that despotism and enjoy freedom and citizenship. It comes with poor grace now to traduce those men, and assist the despots of Europe, and their agents in America in dragging down to a serfdom like that from which he fled, a brave and unsuspecting people.

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