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BIMETALLISM NEEDED.

"Hay Seed Jay" Again Writes on the Financial Question.

Goes a Little Deeper Into What He Refers to as the Bankers' Conspiracy.

Editor of THE AMERICAN: It must be admitted that you present a fairer argument than the average goldbug, yet I did not suppose it necessary to explain to a business man with lucid intervals that there is a difference between the amount of money in existence and the amount in circulation doing business. All business institutions keep some amount on deposit with their bank at all times, and the average aggregate of all the depositors have in a bank makes such a snug little sum that, loaned out to customers who are in need but who can be depended upon to return when demanded, it constitutes one of the sources of revenue to a bank. When times are stringent or unsettled, no bank dares to put in use the idle capital of its depositors. Individuals also put money away in stockings, safety vaults and in hiding places in the ground, but these methods, hiding as they often do very large sums, withdraw from business but a small per cent of the amount sometimes laid aside by Wall street plutocrats when they conspire to produce a money famine. Money is an authorized representative of value, and as such its whole use is as a medium of exchange, and when any great amount is withdrawn from the possibility of entering into that use, the channels of barter and trade feel the loss of it, prices of all property and products seeking a market decline, and business suffers. And the dollars doing business being fewer, the man with a note at the bank finds it more difficult to find money with which to pay, privation, distress and ruin follow.

Prices adjust themselves under normal conditions, and if the circulating medium be contracted unnaturally and suddenly, a period of bankruptcies will ensue. More than twenty years we have endured a period of constantly falling values interspersed occasionally with sudden contractions, the greatest of which caused the panic of 1893.

And out of the loss and degradation of the masses during such periods, the great financial operators who pull the strings reap great profits. It is worthy the best efforts of all our patriotic people to remove the conditions which make possible a recurrence of panics. I believe it is agreed by all who have studied the '93 panic the direct cause was concerted action of the American Bankers' Association calling in one-half of all loans and reducing their national bank circulation one-third. That this was done to compel congress to repeal the Sherman silver purchase act is no longer any secret. The national banks had \$650,000,000 of their notes in circulation and the withdrawal of \$217,000,000 was equivalent to lessening the circulation \$3 per capita. The forms of money circulating among the common people are treasury notes, bank notes and silver; gold being handled almost exclusively the favored few; and the total of treasury notes being \$130,000,000, it can be readily seen that the national bank notes constitute the greater part of the money handled by the common people. If the banks can by concerted action withdraw one-third, what can prevent them from pulling in two-thirds or even three-fourths of their circulation? There would be only loss in business; they are safely in out of harm's way, and can draw their 4 per cent on the bonds deposited in the United States treasury. The large institutions under Wall street domination lead in the crusade, and many are made beggars to enrich the few. It is the common knowledge of the few who have read the report of the nineteenth annual session of the National Bankers' Association that the next step is compel the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes. And one of their speak-

ers boldly proclaimed that it was in their power, and they must push on to reach a sound money basis, with gold coin alone as the basis and standard, and national bank notes the only paper currency. They flippantly referred to this as an advanced stage in progress, and that the government should go out of the banking business.

Can any sane man doubt that the money power has designs upon the manipulation and control of the finances of this people, and that it counts upon the national banking system as their ally and tool? If so, I can furnish you with documentary evidence that such is the fact. It would be almost impossible for that power to control the silver money, hence they want limited to the lowest amount possible, and that they be given control of its output through presidential treasury appointees; and they don't want silver coined on private account under any circumstances.

I notice in your answer that you fear the silver kings may combine and put up the price of silver above \$1.29 per ounce. Perhaps you know of some use for the metal in which it is more valuable than as money. I do not; but I do know they could gain nothing by such a course under free and unlimited coinage, for there would be none who would wish to compel them to have their silver tulleen coined. Perhaps you did not stop to think that the most valuable use of any metal coined is its use as money when coined, and if you take from any metal that is coined the privilege of unrestricted coinage the bullion value will at once fall below the coin value, and the withdrawal of that privilege is the reason for it. I will venture the assertion that if silver should be discarded as money entirely, not even used as token money, you buy two ounces of it with a bushel of wheat, and if gold were entirely discarded as money, one bushel of wheat would buy an ounce of gold, while today it takes more than forty bushels for one ounce of gold in Omaha.

Again, you seem to think the silver king can take his mountain of the white metal to the mint and have it coined without spending a cent; while people generally will accord to him the privilege of paying all the legitimate expense of mining and transporting the metal—and the experience of some has been a loss, though most of the mine operators will realize a handsome profit. The profits have always been sufficient to encourage further exploration and prospecting, but is not greater than has resulted from some other enterprises.

Mr. Editor, this is a democratic country, and anything that smacks of plutocratic domination should be avoided, for the only result of such rule is poverty and degradation for the masses that the few reap in wealth. Since the money question is becoming understood, the great middle classes of all nations have their eyes on this people in this crisis, recognizing that in the success of free coinage is the first step in emancipation from financial slavery, and in the Chicago platform is the second declaration of independence in America.

HAY SEED JAY.

The Grandest.

The patriotic movement now running at high tide in the United States is the grandest and most significant of any movement which has yet characterized our history. The next five years will tell. Great questions are involved. Among them are such as the independent sovereignty of the whole people, constitutional form of government, the supremacy of civil law over combined money powers and individual greed, and all other conspiracies tending to distort the true and original principles upon which our nation was founded. Issues of greater importance never commanded the attention of the American people.—Southern Eagle.

Pope Writes to the Sultan.

LONDON, September 26.—The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle says that Monsignore Bonetti, the apostolic delegate at Constantinople, after making the pope acquainted with the situation there, has just returned to Constantinople with a letter from the pope to the Sultan, expressing his grief at the massacres and imploring future security for Christians.

MUTILATED HISTORY.

A Teacher Calls Attention to a Very Clear Case in Illustration.

Mr. J. J. W. Starr, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., writes as follows in the Boston Citizen:

The patriotic papers have often called attention to the fact that our histories, in the new editions, are being changed at the command of the Romish church. I am teaching, and a few days ago in the United States history class, the fact presented itself in a manner not to be ignored. We use the history written by M. E. Thalheimer and published by the American Book Company. All the books except one used by the class are of the edition closing with the election of Benjamin Harrison, and that one closes with the second election of Grover Cleveland.

On page 30 paragraph 46, of the older edition, in a short account of the murder of the French Huguenots in Florida by Pedro Melendez, the founder of St. Augustine. In that paragraph is the following: "As France and Spain were at peace, he excused the act by an inscription which he nailed to a tree, 'Not as French, but as heretics.'" In the later edition the above does not appear at all.

I have an older history by J. C. Ridpath, closing with the 1877, and on page 27 is a pretty full account of the murder of these French Protestants by the Spanish Roman Catholics. The Catholic party in France informed the Spanish court where the Huguenots could be found, and thus assisted in their destruction, while both editions of Thalheimer's history state that the French king took no notice of their murder. No doubt he was a Roman Catholic and was pleased with the result.

When cowardly book publishers will mutilate history at the command of Rome; when neither of the great parties dares to say a word in favor or defense of our public school system for fear of offending its Romish enemies; and when Roman prelates can dictate absolutely what shall, or shall not, go into the party platforms, it seems to me that Rome has got a grip on our free institutions that only bloodshed will finally release. I honestly think it is high time for the American people to wake up. Let the indisputable facts of history be taught in our public schools, and any system of religion that dares not face these facts is out of place under the American flag.—Wisconsin Patriot.

POLISH CATHOLICS AT WAR.

Riotous Scenes in Their Congress at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 24.—There was no great meeting of the Polish Roman Catholic congress until late in the day, the different committees being hard at work. The committee on "hierarchy" decided that a petition be sent to his holiness Pope Leo asking that a Polish assistant be appointed in the office of the Papal Alegate in Washington to attend to Polish questions.

The meeting of the Polish National Alliance committee was an exciting one. The leaders of the alliance were thought to be in sympathy with the independent church movement. Dean Pittas advised all Catholics to abandon the alliance. Finally a resolution was adopted advising the deposition of the present alliance leaders, and that the alliance then be taken into the fold. Resolutions were adopted by the committee on independent church asking the independents to come back into the true church, and a committee was appointed to visit the independent congress.

When the report of the Polish Alliance committee was read to the full congregation, and a vote called for its adoption, a regular riot ensued. The three or four hundred delegates were on their feet and yelling like Indians. A rush was made for the platform, many delegates being carried off their feet. Benches were tipped over, garments were ripped, and hand-to-hand fighting was going on all over the hall.

Matters were assuming a decidedly dangerous aspect, when Papal Delegate Monsignore Wawarzyniak mounted a chair and beseeched the delegates to come to order. It was some time before order was restored. Then a

vote was taken, and the report of the committee deposing the officers of the alliance was carried.

At today's meeting of the congress of the Independent Polish Roman Catholic Church it became a part of the constitution that none of the members should submit to the rule of a Bishop of the Romish Church. A suggestion was offered that money be sent the Pope in the shape of a yearly offering. This met with fierce opposition, and it was decided by a unanimous vote that the church should refuse to send any money to the Pope, and that the money raised by them should be used for the poor of the church. It was decided that the present ritual of the Roman Catholic Church be retained, for the present at least.

Stanislaus Kaminski, rector of the Church of the Holy Mother of the Rosary, Buffalo, was chosen Bishop of the Independent church.

Jesuitism in the U. S. A.

Jesuitism is making itself more and more felt in the secular press and in the municipal governments of the land. It is folly to close our eyes to the fact. The Romish hierarchy started upon the policy of dominating this land during the famous Baltimore council, and every year since has witnessed increasing evidences of progress in this direction. More recently it started a new political society under the specious plea that it was necessary to do so because the A. P. A. was encroaching upon its rights; but it must not be forgotten that the latter organization was formed as a counteractive to the machinations and attacks upon our liberties and institutions by the Jesuits of Rome. This wily foe will bear close and constant watching.—Philadelphia Presbyterian.

We are glad to note the progress of religious liberty in this country. Americanism is asserting itself. The old sinners tied about the necks of children binding them to certain ancient dogmas and traditions are beginning to disappear with the ghost stories and rabbit-foot luck foolishness of the more ignorant past. Free, public education is doing it.—Apostolic Herald.

In past eras Rome commanded and kings obeyed. In more recent periods she issued her orders to nations, and some of them refused. At the present day she cajoles, entreats and intrigues, and if unable to accomplish her full purpose, compromises. Rome's power is fast waning; don't compromise with her, and her days for evil will thus be the sooner ended.—Ex.

"The Devil Is Dead."

The following, from the Christian Evangelist of St. Louis, hits the nail on the head, especially in its characterization of the notorious Priest Phelan's weekly papal sheet:

"The pretentious Western Watchman of St. Louis, and other malodorous journals of the same ilk, are now engaged in writing obituary notices of the American Protective Association. They are gravely philosophizing over the rise, progress and decline of this band of 'hyenas' which has caused so much disturbance in politics in this country for the past few years. They have even decided on what disposition to make of the members of the 'late' organization. The membership at large are to be forgiven, if they will never do so again, but the leaders are to be proscribed, boycotted and persecuted to the bitter end. There is only one trouble about these eulagic editorials, and that is that they have been appearing with great regularity for the past six years. The A. P. A. has been killed and buried as often as the leaders of the Cuban rebellion. The fells domestica, with its reputed nine lives, has but feeble vitality compared to this much-hated society. The fact is the reverend demijohns who edit the organs of Romanism are shouting to keep up their courage, like a certain character in fiction, a French soldier, who nerved himself in every predicament by crying, 'Courage! le diable est mort!' Whenever the literary plants of the papacy get particularly scared they begin to rear up on their hind legs and bray forth death notices of the A. P. A. But they deceive no one."

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AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY.

Hannaites Ask Catholic Priests to do Work for the Gold Candidates.

NEW YORK, September 28.—The following letter addressed to the Catholic clergy of the United States by, it is said, the McKinley and Hobart business men's national campaign committee, was given out to day at Tammany hall:

TENTH STREET, ABOVE CHESTNUT, PHILADELPHIA, September 19, 1896.—Reverend and Dear Sir: We are well aware that the dignity of your sacred office forbids the exercise of your influence in any political matter involving more questions of executive or legislative policy.

Nevertheless, we are fully persuaded that the questions before the country in this presidential campaign are of an especially serious character, because they involve fundamental moral issues. A decision on a selection of a president that will commit the executive to a policy that in its application will forcibly compromise private financial obligations and will repudiate a portion of national debts, will be a violation of the basic Christian principle that commands honesty between man and man. Such a decision, we believe, would be thoroughly immoral and would precipitate an ethical and material calamity of incalculable magnitude.

We are also of the opinion that the attack now being made upon the regularly constituted legal authorities of the national government is perilous and dangerous to an extreme degree, for it contains rebellion against those safeguards of law upon which society, the individual, the several states of the nation, must depend for security and protection. If successful the vital principles of our government will be undermined.

Recalling with gratitude the patriotism and eminent public services of the late Most Rev. Archbishop Hughes and many others of the Roman Catholic clergy when the integrity of our government was threatened on a former occasion, we take the liberty to suggest that the present question is one of equal danger. The government is not threatened by physical force, but insidious and false ideas that inspire incipient anarchy and contempt for proper authority are industriously propagated throughout our country.

It is not our purpose to argue the foregoing suggestions. We merely desire to respectfully express the opinion that present political issues involve vital moral questions that powerfully appeal to the religious instructors of the people.

Our committee is not partisan, it includes neither office holders nor office seekers. We have no personal political interests to serve, being private citizens associated for patriotic purposes. Very respectfully,

ROBERT C. OGDEN,

Chairman Publication Committee.

The Tammany chieftains are very much incensed at the appeal to the Catholic clergy to support McKinley and Hobart, which, they think, will prove a boomerang.

General Osborne, when shown a copy of the letter at Republican headquarters, said he knew nothing about it.

TAMMANY INDORSES BRYAN.

Passes Resolutions Favoring Chicago Platform and Candidates.

NEW YORK, September 24.—The Tammany general committee to-night passed resolutions enthusiastically indorsing Bryan and Sewall and the Chicago platform. No reference was made to the candidacy of John Boyd Thacher for governor.

GENERAL NEWS.

A large number of people living in Nebraska, particularly in Omaha, will be shocked and pained by the announcement of the death of Mr. J. J. Blackburn, formerly one of the foremen in Swift & Co.'s packing house. He was accidentally killed Thursday by falling down the elevator shaft in Whitney & Co.'s packing house in San Francisco. Mr. Blackburn was one of a family of boys who have won the confidence and esteem of a large portion of our citizens, and was well-known in Nebraska, York, Lancaster and other counties of the state, where his father, Rev. W. S.

Blackburn, a Methodist preacher, was located for a number of years. It has been our good fortune to know the family for almost thirty years, and the deceased ever since he was a young man, and we know the loss will fall heavy upon every member of his family and upon every one of his friends. Mr. Blackburn was a member of the Hancock Park M. E. church. The remains will be brought to this city for interment.

The Republicans of Omaha and vicinity have been working up considerable enthusiasm this week. They started the ball rolling when they gave a torch-light parade Tuesday evening, followed by an address by Senator Thurston at the Coliseum. Wednesday night they held a grand rally in Boyd's Opera House and an overflow meeting at Karbach Hall. The speakers of the evening were Gens. Alger, Sickles, Stewart, Howard and Corporal Tanner. Thursday evening they held another rally at Karbach Hall, which was addressed by Hon. A. S. Churchill and others. The music was furnished by the Seventh Ward Military Band, the John L. Webster Campaign Quartette and Jules Lombard.

Dispatches from Leadville, Colo., go to show that the Miner's union will undoubtedly take the advice of Edward Boyce, the federation president, to "stick out the strike," and as a result several of the mine managers will gradually start up the works with as many men as they can secure until the strike is declared off. The managers of the Ibox, R. surrection, Bison and Mapala Mining companies can furnish employment to 600 men, and announce that they intend to resume. At all these properties cleaning up and preparatory work has already commenced.

Four Orders.

There are four orders of Jesuits throughout the world. Of the first order are ecclesiastics, whose office it is to take care of things promoting religion. Of the second order are politicians, whose office it is, by any means, to shake, trouble, or reform the state of kingdoms and republics. Of the third order are seculars, whose province it is to intrude themselves into offices with kings and princes, to insinuate and intermix themselves in court business, bargains and sales, and to be busied in civil affairs. Of the fourth order are intelligencers of spies—men of inferior condition, who submit themselves to the services of great men, princes, barons, noblemen, citizens, to deceive and corrupt the minds of their masters.—From the Harleian Miscellany, volume 8, page 195, in the San Francisco public library, published in London in 1810.

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