

Del Mar and Mexico

The first reading of the telegraphic summary of the Mexican monetary bill convinced the editor of The Independent that Mexico was the first nation to adopt the Del Mar theory of coinage and finance, and reference was made to it in these columns. Part of the correspondence of President Diaz and Del Mar has been sent to the office and the following is a translation of one of the letters:

No. 557 West 14th St., Washington Heights, New York, January 10, 1905.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, President of the United States of Mexico, City of Mexico.—Excellency: Referring to your valued favor of March 2, 1903, permit me to congratulate you and the United States of Mexico upon the resumption by your country of the control of its monetary system.

For upwards of 2,500 years this has been a subject of contention between the people and the masters of every state that has risen into prominence. The regalia of money, like that of war and peace, of treaties, lands, mines, taxes, navigation and the jus legationis, has ever been recognized by jurisconsults as essential to the autonomy of states; yet it has been repeatedly surrendered by the ignorant or tyrannical owners, the people. This Solon restored it to Athens and Caesar to Rome until its abuse and the ever-watchful interests of investments combined to again deprive those states of its equitable and encouraging influences.

Furtive efforts were made to resume this regalia in the republics of Venice and Milano; it was asserted by Phillip le Bel and enforced by Henry II of France; and again lost in the contest of 1576. In England, it was repeatedly asserted by the Tudor sovereigns, upheld in the mint money case of 1604 and surrendered by the act of 1666; which practically deprived the people of all power over money and converted the state mints into manufacturing factories, conducted at the public expense, for the benefit of favored individuals and banks.

Owing to the military and naval enterprises of Great Britain, whose return of conquests, commerce and wealth were falsely credited to the system of 1600, it has been copied by every prominent state of Europe and America; and with such applause from the designing and approval of the ignorant, that what the most eminent jurists have declared to be essential to the integrity of the state, have become subjects of indifference and even of contumely and jest. But nature will ever have its revenge. To declare that to be money, which is only metal; to declare that to be a unit, which is only a fraction, does not and can not make it so. It may take years for the consequences of false theory and legislation to break out into social disease, but break out it must and will, at last.

It is to the credit and glory of Mexico that, alone among modern states, she has had the courage to resume the supreme regalia called money. It will be still more to her credit if she succeeds in preserving it in its initial purity; a task infinitely harder than to assume it. Let her ever preserve the examples of history on this subject. They are infinite in number and full of instruction. Let the arguments of reason and patriotism, the dicta of jurisconsults, the admonitions of science on this subject, be always within reach of the people. The monetary issues of a state form an abstruse mechanism which it is only the privilege of skill to fully comprehend; yet which is all-important in its bearing upon the common welfare. Let Mexico, who has taken the lead in resuming this supernal regalia become an exemplar of its beneficent working!

I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,  
ALEXANDER DEL MAR,  
Of the U. S. Monetary Commission of 1876.

That Denver Anarchy

The most disgraceful thing about the compromise made by the two old parties that resulted in seating Adams as governor of Colorado was allowing two corporations to each appoint a judge of the supreme court. These judges were named by Peabody and will not take their seats until after he is out of office. Such action is anarchistic and it is in defiance of all precedents and all law. The make-up of the Colorado supreme court is now such as that it can not command the respect of anyone. Having come into

the possession of their seats in defiance of law, what man can have any respect for their opinions concerning the law? Had there been public ownership of the city utilities, none of this anarchy would have occurred, and it will last just as long as the private ownership of those utilities last. Just as long as there are public utility corporations in Denver making millions by overcharges for public services, there will be money used to buy votes and corrupt the courts. There is only one way to bring law and order there and it is the populist way. The people will come to it in the not distant future.

Returning to Wild Cat Money

The fundamental principle which populists have always maintained concerning money is that each dollar should be as good as every other dollar. A good dollar is a dollar that will pay a debt whether the creditor wants to take it or not. A dollar that will not pay a debt under any and all circumstances is not as good as one that will. The republican party wants to flood the country with dollars that will not pay a debt if the creditor objects. The republican proposition is unsound and dangerous. There should be but one kind of money—a debt-paying money.

All the tendency of the legislation and proposed legislation of the republican party concerning money during the last ten years has been to produce money that is not sound and good. While they went out with the cry that every dollar must be as good as every other dollar, they were proposing legislation that would produce exactly the opposite result. The effect of all their legislation, instead of giving us one kind of money, has been to give us nine kinds. Among it all there is just one kind that will pay any debt, and all the other eight kinds are not that good. The further effect is to produce the same condition that existed in the wild cat money reign in this country. The present proposed legislation in congress is all of that character.

To Nebraska Populists

The people's party of Nebraska has always been strictly honorable in all its financial transactions. One time at the end of an unsuccessful campaign it found itself in debt \$2,700. When the facts were made known through The Independent, the members of the party sent in that large sum of money and paid the bill. During the last national campaign, the resources of the party were handled with the very closest economy, and under the accurate accounting of Charles Q. De France, every cent was accounted for. The party at large owes nearly a thousand dollars for work actually done and material used. The Independent is sure that the populists of Nebraska will be willing to pay that bill although no one outside the state sends in a dollar.

More than half of the circulation of The Independent is outside the state of Nebraska and much of the work of the national committee and material printed was sent to other states. In fact fully nine-tenths of it was for the benefit of other states than Nebraska, but Nebraska populists will keep the honor of the party unsullied. If anybody else wants to assist their contributions will be gratefully accepted.

The following appreciatory note of the position The Independent has taken in regard to socialism is from Judge A. H. Livingston, one of the leading lawyers of the state of Missouri: "Hon. T. H. Tibbles, Dear Sir: I desire to thank you for your masterful editorial of last week on socialism. It was timely and much needed. The leaders of that party have done much to sow the evil seeds of socialism among our people. Your editorial ought to be given the widest circulation."

The Panama Canal

The trans-continental railroads will have nothing to fear from the Panama canal during this generation. Lately some very suspicious hints have been given concerning the practicability of building a canal at all across the isthmus at Panama. The latest information given out is that four different plans are under consideration, varying from a sea level canal to one with locks at 90 feet.

The 90-foot level canal would cost \$200,000,000 and take about ten years to complete; the 60-foot level canal would cost \$225,000,000, and it could be opened for traffic in ten years and completed in twelve years; the 30-foot level canal, which would cost \$250,000,000, could be opened for traffic in twelve years and completed in fifteen years; while the sea-level canal would cost \$300,000,000, could be opened for traffic in fifteen years, but would take twenty years to complete.

Populism Everywhere

The next time that the State Historical society holds a pop meeting it should publish a notice so that the people can understand what is going to be done. The addresses given at the state university last week by Lawyer Wheedon and Judge Gaslin were revelations to that audience, only a few of whom were populists. Mr. Wheedon showed from the records how the legislatures of Nebraska have created an illegal debt of over two millions and a quarter, through perjury, and the debt must be paid by increased taxation. These politicians committed perjury when, after swearing to support and defend the state constitution which limits the debt to \$100,000, they have swelled it by extravagant and unnecessary appropriations to twenty times that amount. The interest on that debt now costs the people \$100,000 a year. Judge Gaslin declared that \$100,000 a year more was appropriated than was necessary for the support of the judiciary. He called it the "judicial graft." In these days one can not go anywhere without running up against populism, but The Independent did not expect to find it at a meeting of the State Historical society, with Governor Furnas in the chair. But populism seems to be laying around over this state at the present time about four feet deep.

Typical Mullet Head

There are a few subscribers to The Independent who are so ignorant of populist principles that they think that this paper should never print anything but one side of the case. That sort of an idea has been driven into the heads of the people by the continual practice of the plutocratic press. The Independent will print any article couched in respectable English, where the writer thinks he has anything to say that will benefit the world. It will print articles attacking populist principles just as freely as articles sustaining them, if they are written in good faith. It has always been an open forum for the people and always will be as long as the present editor controls its columns. If a man is an admirer of the political course of W. J. Bryan, his article is printed just the same as the one who denounces Bryan. If the socialist writes an article it is given space, the single taxers are allowed to exploit their philosophy, the democrat has his say and the republican often avails himself of the privilege. The man who wants to stop his paper because somebody disagrees with him, is too small a creature to be taken into consideration. The only way a man can form a just judgment is to hear all sides of the case. The man who don't want to hear anything but one side, is hardly fit for citizenship. He is the typical mullet head. By following the policy of giving everybody a hearing, The Independent has grown from a little county paper to one of national circulation, and it will continue that policy.

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