

SOUND MONEY
DEMOCRATS.

Sound money democrats who declined to accept populist leadership in 1896, will not take a step backward in 1900. Bryanarchy, in the new garb obtained at the Kansas City bargain sale of populist sophistries and discredited prophecies, is not less repugnant to gold democrats than when first brought to public notice decked out in flaming raiment designed by seamstress Altgeld.

The following opinions from prominent gold democrats indicate the trend of opinion among them:

J. H. Eckels, ex comptroller of the currency:

"No issue set forth in any platform, no matter how cunningly devised and arranged, in this campaign can be made paramount to the issue of Mr. Bryan himself, his erroneous views of public questions, his numerous vagaries and his demonstrated desire to find popularity and votes in a never-absent appeal to class prejudices and supposed race hatreds.

"No man is fitted for the presidency who day in and day out proclaims, in the midst of a demonstrated better condition of affairs, the reverse to be true in order to foment a discontent which will gain to himself and party a political advantage.

"Mr. Bryan hardly appeals to the thoughtful citizen, with whom political parties are only agencies for the public good to the extent that they stand for fundamentally right principles and honest administration, when upon the one hand he is presented by the populists and on the other by Tammany. The joining hands with the one constitutes an offense against the safety in governmental administration, the alliance with the other an offense against political decency.

"If elected president the public must be prepared to see Mr. Bryan as chief executive and those associated with him as cabinet counselors construe every law bearing upon the currency and the powers of the treasury department in such a manner as to nullify, as best they can, its provisions in so far as they bear upon the question of the maintenance of the gold standard.

"I shall be surprised if any German voter, heretofore the bulwark of the country against every assault upon the integrity of the country's currency system and protesting against any debasement of the country's coin, will now aid and abet such a proceeding because of a belief in any injustice done by Great Britain to some affiliated race ten thousand miles away.

"I do not believe any man benefits his country by being a preacher of discontent, strife between classes, social and political pessimism, financial error and continuous financial gloom, despite sur-

rounding and widespread prosperity; and therefore I do not believe in Mr. Bryan.

"I do not accept republican doctrines as against pure democratic ones rightly interpreted and incorporated into the administration of public affairs. But as between republicanism and populism filtered through the channel of Bryanism I prefer republicanism."

Everett P. Wheeler—I do not see how any democrat who voted against Bryan in 1896, can conscientiously and consistently vote for him in 1900.

Ex-Controller Theodore W. Myers—The convention made a fatal mistake in keeping alive a dead issue. I cannot support by action or vote the free coinage of silver. I am one of a large number of discouraged democrats who are wondering why in the name of common sense their party does not want their help and votes.

Francis H. Ruhe—I never voted the republican ticket in my life, and four years ago was out and out for the gold standard ticket. This year I am for McKinley for all I am worth.

William J. Curtis, member of the National Democratic committee—The platform adopted and the candidates nominated at Kansas City show that the democratic party under its present management no longer presents any attractions to the men who have always believed in sound democratic principles.

William L. Turner, 22 William street—I don't think Bryan has the slightest chance of election. I shall vote for McKinley and Roosevelt.

Charles D. Ingersoll, 170 Broadway—Even as it was in 1896, so it is in 1900. I cannot stand Bryan and debased money; I certainly shall not vote for him.

John D. Crimmins—Bryanism and populism have again dictated the ticket and the platform for the democratic party.

By adopting the 16 to 1 plank the convention has virtually defeated its own ticket and elected McKinley and Roosevelt. In my opinion Bryan will receive a worse defeat than he received four years ago.

Ex-Governor Hoadley of Ohio—I am a democrat, but where two such men as McKinley and Bryan stand opposed as candidates for the highest office in the land, I think my duty to my country is plain. I will vote for McKinley.

Oscar Straus, Minister to Turkey—I am called a gold democrat because I am opposed to a dishonest dollar. I opposed Bryanism in 1896, and I will oppose it again.

E. Ellery Anderson—No man who values his honor or that of his country could think for a moment of submitting to the cranks who call themselves democrats. Personally, although I have voted the regular democratic ticket every

year since 1854, with the exception of 1896, when I voted for Palmer and Buckner, I shall certainly cast my vote for McKinley and Roosevelt in November.

Abram S. Hewitt—I'm not in favor of Mr. Bryan nor of his 16 to 1 plank. I certainly shall not support Mr. Bryan or vote for him. I am not prepared to state just yet whether I shall vote for McKinley.

Alexander E. Orr—No, I will not vote for Bryan. I hope no third ticket will be put up. I hope everybody will do all that can be

done to defeat this ticket by voting for McKinley.

Delancey Nicoll—I cannot vote for such a dishonest financial policy as the platform advocates. I have not made up my mind yet whether I shall vote for Mr. McKinley.

Captain Hugh R. Garden—I would not vote for Bryan under any circumstances. I don't like to vote for McKinley, as I did four years ago, but as the lesser of two evils I guess I will have to do so.

Dr. Frank A. Bryant, 105 West Seventy-second street—We must admire Mr. Bryan for his persistency, but not for his discretion. In my judgment he will be beaten worse this time than he was before, and I sincerely hope that he will be.

General Horatio C. King—I have no sympathy with the platform nor the man. I shall vote the republican ticket. All who refuse to accept the Bryan ticket should unite against it.

Jacob F. Miller, lawyer, 120 Broadway—The nomination of Bryan and the reaffirmation of the silver plank are suicidal to the democratic party.

John Gilmer Speed, 5 East Seventeenth street—It has been my pleasure to write against and denounce McKinley and Hanna. But after Bryan's reaffirmation of the silver plank I will be compelled to hold my nose and vote for the republican ticket.

Charlton F. Lewis, vice president anti-imperialist league—I think a third candidate would be a great misfortune. In my opinion,

there is only one thing for the independent democrats who supported McKinley or the Indianapolis candidates four years ago to do this year, and that is to support Mr. McKinley again. Imperialism is not the supreme issue of this campaign, in spite of the declaration of the Kansas City platform. The supreme issue is the same as four years ago, and that is nothing more nor less than the preservation of our national institutions against the socialistic attack which is being made upon them. The like of the Bryan party has not been seen since the days of the Mountain in 1793 and the Paris Commune of 1871. Bryan stands for the same things that the