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# GREAT SILVER DEBATE.

#### (Continued from Ninth Page.)

oppose this bill insist upon maintaining a silver dollar worth 316 cents more than our gold dollar, and worth 7 cents more than two half-dollars, and that so long as those provisions remain, you cannot keep silver coin in the country."

(Congressional Globe, April 9, 1872. Page 2,316.) Proceeding, Mr. Garfield said: "I have read the whole of that extract, Mr. Speaker, in order to do full justice to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, who reported the bill. Now I am sure he was not guilty of a legislative trick. I am sure he gave the house full notice of what they were doing and the reason why he asked them to do it, and he gave as a reason that at that moment silver was worth more than gold, and you

could not keep two standards from fluctuating in reference to each other. "I wish to make another remark. One nation alone cannot put silver up or put it from The Omaha Bee of that date: down and control the markets of the world. If seven or eight of the leading nations of the world should form a monetary treaty on the subject and should agree that allver be adopted, to be issued within certain limits in each. I have no doubt that silver coin could be kept in equipoise with gold, but let one-half of the leading nations of the world drop the silver coinage, and let only one, like ourselves, insist upon it, and then we shall see a flood of silver coin pouring into the hands of our brokers, who would bring it to the mint and fill their own pockets with the difference between silver bullion and silver coin."

Now, I have read to you General Garfield's views, and you ought to take some stock in the sagacity, prodence and states manship of James A. Garfield, who had been chairman of the appropriation committee of the house almost from the middle of the war until he became president of the United States. And I don't know of anybody and has been amended thirty times at least, providing for the salary of mint officers, who has served his country faithfully and well, and who enjoys a great reputation for the location of the mints and a hundred things outside of the vital principle of bimetstatesmanship and integrity, who advoctees this proposition today.

You have been reminded of the fact that we are borrowing gold abroad. If we had had revenue enough to pay our debts we would have got along without borrowing. That is the trouble, but my friend always puts the cart before the borse. He mistakes the Omaha I produced the files of the Chicago Tribune in a debate with another gentleeffect for the cause and the cause for the effect, and gets badly confused. He says gold will probably go up 25 per cent. Can you conceive the effect of such a premium on gold? Harvey: I didn't say gold would go up probably 25 per cent, but if it did go up

25 per cent.

Rosewater: There would be a run on the banks and treasury, and a terrible crash. Mr Bryan says free coinage is an experiment and wants to be tried; but we cannot afford to try the experiment for the gentleman who wants to be president of the United States. (Applause.)

These experiments vitally affect the whole nation, and are not to be tried without mature consideration and without profound thought.

#### INTEREST OF THE FARMER.

I want to say to the farmers in particular, because they are the ones to whom these appeals are specially made, you may be a debtor now and in less than five years you may be a creditor. Today you may feel despondent; low prices may have caused you much hardship. No amount of legislation at Washington or anywhere else can legislate prices either up or down. When people tell you that prices will go up when silver goes up, they are simply deluding you. Experience has amply disproved that assumption. We know that between 1854 and in 1858 wheat sold as high as \$2.60 a bushel. and then went down to 80 cents. To you think that silver had anything to do with it? No The reason was that when there was a heavy demand for wheat in foreign countries where they had crop failures, prices were high. When crops were abundant all over the world, prices were low. I am told that this is the best corn-raising county in the United States and this year's crop is estimaated at 15,000,000 bushels. Now Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and every corn-raising state has a full crop of corn this year, as well as your state. Would it be reasonable for you to expect the same price this year as if you had raised only half a million bushels, and the crops elsewhere were The appeals which the silver champion has made to you are only appeals to deficient? your credulity and a temptation to violate every principle of honor. I have endeavored, during this debate, to keep out of politics as much as possible, and I shall not add one word to what has already been said regarding the political consequences that are to follow your final decision on this issue.

My friend has said that value is imparted by coinage to metals. Senator Jones has said it is not. We know that when gold goes out of this country it is weighed. When you deposit coin in the Bank of England they use a scoop shovel and scales They hand you back coin weighed on the scales in the same way. Everything there goes by weight and the weight of coins determines their value. They do not even take the stamp of Queen Victoria. (Applause.)

Mr. Harvey assures you that he would not appeal to your prejudices. Why has he made these references to Queen Victoria and England if not to appeal to your prejudices? What we want of England is 11/2 and 2 per cent money, and as much of it as we can invest profitably in mills, factories and public works. There is room west of the of Mississippi for twenty-five or thirty million more people who are willing to be Amer-We want as much capital invested in this country as we can get, and icanized. there is a way to do it, and only one way. It is by making capitalists feel confident that whatever money they loan us will be returned to them in good faith. Remembe every dollar we have borrowed since 1873 has been in gold. Remember that every dollar you have borrowed in this country has been gold or money as good as gold My friend would have you believe that the bankers are not only the enemies of this country, but that they are your particular enemies. What is a banker? He is the fiduciary agent of the people. He makes his money by loaning other people's He depends upon the confidence of the people in his own integrity for his deposits and he is expected to use all his influence to protect the interests of those who trust him. If he honestly believes that free coinage of silver would depreciate the money that has been left in his custody, it becomes his duty to oppose the scheme, because it would seriously injure his patrons and finally cause the withdrawal of their deposits. A banker who will not stand against legalized robbery of the depositors who ced their money in his safe keeping with as much energy and bravery as he would in which we will study the principles of humanity and not the principles of selfish against a burglar is a scoundrel and ought to go to the penicentiary. In conclusion let me repeat that the proposition to open our mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver is revolutionary. All our commercial transactions for the past twenty years have been on the gold basis. If the difference between silver and gold was only a few cents on the dollar we might have assumed the risk of unlimited silver coinage without doing great injustice to any class, but when the difference in from 47 to 50 cents on the dollar the scheme becomes legalized repudiation. Its effect would be disastrous to every interest because it would dishonor the American' people before the civilized world as a nation, and make impossible any international arrangement that would give a reasonably stable basis to our financial system. What we need above all things is a restoration of confidence and credits and a resump tion of business on a stable basis, with all our money, gold, silver and paper, in active circulation. Personally, I will stand up against dishonest money and in favor of the integrity of our currency and the integrity of our national honor so long as I have breath in my body. (Applause.)

### THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1896.

question whether the bill was passed honestly or not. And before an audience in a small room, with all the congressional records where they could be read, and that question was discussed. There is no time here in my remaining ten or fifteen minutes to discuss it. I refer you to that account, which you can find verbatim in the files of the Chicago Inter Ocean and the Morning Record. But I do want to refer to that question in one sense. I was in the city of Omaha not long ago addressing an audience in an opera house there. In commenting upon the passage of this demonetization act I offered \$100 to any man or woman who would show by the newspapers in the month of February, 1873-the month silver was demonetized-that either the editors or reporters or readers of the nowspapers knew that such an act was passed. And the next day, when I had left Omaha, the gentleman here today, Mr. Rosewater, published in his paper what he claimed to be a report as published in the papers of that time, and claimed the reward of \$100, and said that he would donate it to a charitable institution; and used his privilege as the Associated press agent at Omaha to telegraph that statement over the nation. Now, I answer it briefly: What he printed in his newspaper that would entitle him to claim it was this: I read

Dispatch from Washington.

"Mr. Sherman called up the bill to revise and amend the law relating to mints, assay office and coinage of the United States, which was amended and passed." Afterwards he quotes one other paragraph, which is this that appeared in the wspapers from Washington: -

Senate report:

"The report of the committee on conference on the mint and assay office bill was also concurred in." That is all. (Applause.) Not one word in either of those newspaper accounts about closing the mints to silver, or about taking away the legal tender quality of silver, depriving the debtor of his option, or any one of the steps it takes to demonetize silver, not even mentioning silver. The mint bill covers seventeen pages allism, and the news conveyed to the country that that bill had been amended conveyed no information that silver had been demonetized and that one of the metals of the country had been stricken down. Nearly nine, months before I appeared in man, and read from the Chicago Tribune this: "Mr. Sherman called up the bill to revise and amend the law relating to mints, assay office and coinage of the United States, which was amended and passed." Just the exact language that he produced nine months after I knew all about it. (Applause.) The point that I made was that that was the only information conveyed to the people, and then turning to the gentleman who opposed me I said: "Find me anything else in the files of that Tribune or in any other newspaper of that year that shows that the people of this country knew that silver was demonstized and this debate stops right here." The debate did not stop. (Applause.)

The Chicago Tribune of 1878 said this: "This act was done secretly and stealthily, with the profound ignorance of those who voted for it, and of the president, who approved it, and without the knowledge of the country, removing one of the landmarks of the government, having under the cover of darkness abolished the constitutional dollar arbitrarily, to the immense injury of the people and adding heavily to every form of indebtedness, public and private."

This is in a larger sense a question of civilization. Individual selfishness crystallized into laws, as I said in opening, has been the cause of despotisms and the mother monarchies. The history of the world teaches it.

Great nations arose in Asia and Africa in the earlier history of the human race, and they rose as high as ours is today, as tested by the principles of humanity. And later individual selfishness was crystallized into the laws of those governments, and they fell. The property of the people was accumulated in the hands of a few, and the liberty-loving people fled to that country along the northern shore of the Mediterranean. There they reared again a great republic, which lasted until individual selfishness again got control of their laws, and with insidious laws drank up the property of the people as this price-destroying law is doing today. A few men came into possession of all the property of the Roman people in the Roman republic, and then the republic fell. Again a liberty-loving people fled from there into the more modern nations of Europefreedom and liberty, representing humanity, has ever found a home only on the frontier of civilization. From modern Europe, where selfishness put the crown upon the head of monarchy, our forefathers fled and came to the United States, and here they reared a republic where they hoped to put a chain on selfishness and preserve an equal distribution, according to the honest energies of the people among their descendants and their posterity. And now we face the same thing here. That spirit of depotism that has enslaved the world is now here in the United States, and by the slow process of impoverishing the people, and through laws that are hard to understand, we today, with our backs to China, with no other country to which to fly, face that same spirit of selfishness that has enslaved the rest of the world. Republics may not be enduring, but monarchies are not. Monarchies have descended into barbarism. Roumania, Turkey, China, and the nations of Asia and Africa, and all that remain former monarchies except those of modern Europe, and the same grave into which the ancient nations of the earth have gone is ready to receive the more modern nations of Europe. It is the spirit of selfishness carried into the laws. Selfishness is a consuming fire that burns and destroys. It will destroy individual character and it will destroy national character. Call it what you will, a dragon, an evil spirit or a devil; it can be aptly termed a serpent, with its tail in India, its body in Europe and its head raised in once proud America. (Applause.) Will you fight it, citizens of Illinois? (Cries of "Yes, Yes.") Then throw aside politicians. Throw aside those who have a self-interest in asking you for your votes. Study this question for yourselves and when you have studied civilization and the effects of laws on the prosperity of mankind you will then rear here an enduring republic. It will no longer e a question of experiment. We will erect one that will be permanent and enduring, and when we cease to scramble over the things of this earth and pile them up around us, as these millionaires are doing, who now would dictate to you and I how to vote; when we cease that, then we will come to a newer and a brighter civilization,

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#### MR. HARVEY'S CONCLUSION.

Tries to Put in a Few Words in Order to Bolster, the Glaring Weakness of

Mr. Harvey in closing the debate said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I referred to Lincoln, it was in saying that the pensioners were willing to take as honest money the money of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. Lincoln is one of my saints, and no man will ever hear me attempt to impeach him in anything.

You are told that my reference to the monarchies of Europe is intended to excite your prejudices. I wish to call your attention to the difference between prejudice and principle. We are taught that the elementary principle of a republican form of govern-ment is that a higher civilization can only be obtained in a republic where the opinion of everyone is expressed, and an unselfish opinion is obtained through the majority ex-pressing themselves. We are told that in monarchies depotism has set its seal forever upon the hopes of the liberties of the people; that they cannot rise after monarchy is once fastened upon them. And when I refer you to this elementary principle, in order that we may save our republican form of government and carry this people to a higher civilization, we are told that it is an appeal to your prejudice. When I refer to the monarchies of Europe, I refer to them in order to briefly remind you of those principles, taught us by our fathers, and which you should bring out now afresh. And your prejudices. I wish to call your attention to the difference between prejudice and principles, taught us by our fathers, and which you should bring out now afresh. And when we are told that we should adopt a certain thing for money because it is the money of the most enlightened nations of the earth, I reply by saying that those enlightened nations of the earth, to whose example we are pointed, are the monarchies against whom our forefathers warned us. (Applause.) And it is a proposition made by them, which in the nature of things unconsciously to them now, leads to the proposition that we should adopt the same form of government as the most enlightened nations of Europs. (Shouts of "Good, good," and loud applause.)

With the impoverishment of the people of this country will come distress, then strikes and riots, then trouble, then militia, and then men will hold up their hands and say give us a strong government, and then will come a monarchy. (Applause.)

Do you: farmers of this country, citizens of Champaign and Urbana, realize that in this question is the question of your liberties, the question of the existence of the republic?

He refers to the cost of producing silver. Statistics show, and writers upon the money question-Delmar's History of the Metals-that every dollar of silver produced in the world has cost \$2. Gold has been produced cheaper than silver. And why do they cost more than they will bring? Because it is gambling. Teil me why people will keep trading on the Board of Trade in Chicago. losing their moncy, and I will tell you why people will keep mining for the precious metals. Of the two metals gold costs less because it is found in placer mining, and silver is not, and it is produced cheaper than silver.

He says that a drouth on the corn crop will make corn worth more. A drouth in the money crop will make money worth more. (Applause.)

The vital principle I wish to say again is the competition of sliver with gold. When it is known that a new crop of money is coming into competition with the old crop it will have the same effect as a new crop of wheat coming in competition with the old crop, the wheat in the elevators in this country. (Applause.) Hefore your wheat is harvested, if it is known that a large new crop is coming the wheat in the elevators falls; and so it will be with gold; it will fall the moment the election passes and it is known that a new crop of money is coming.

He says that he would rather leave this question to the money dealers who have studied this question. I want to remind you that this republic was given to us, and we were cautioned to study all questions of public policy. We were told that when in a republic you leave public questions to a class of men, that class will legislate in a republic you leave public questions to a class of mes, that class will legislate in their own interest and against the interest of the masses. It is the inherent un-conscious selfshness in man that government has tried to place a limitation upon. And it has been our leaving it to this class of people who study money that we have been brought to the condition that we are in. (Applause.)

In a republic form of government it is a a principle that every man in that goverament can master any question of the government, and vote intelligently upon it. It has been by leaving those questions to classes that has brought wreck and ruin to all republics. all republics.

#### HARVEY SNEERS AT GARFIELD.

The gentleman refers to what Garfield said. Garfield afterward changed that and said that the Stanley Matthews resolution, first passed by the legislature of the state of Ohio, and afterward passed by congress, was that the honor and good faith of the government was only maintained by paying its debts in gold or silver. (Applause.) I could quote here for a week what great men have said on the side of silver in this country, but I leave it without that to the intelligence of this audience.

The gentleman refers to what he claims to be the honest passage of the bill demenetizing silver. A debate once took place in the city of Chicage, where two men came together and debated this question, and two or three days were spent on that

property interests. (Applause.) And with such a people we will go forward step by step, testing questions by the principle of humanity, and we will make a race of great men and great women, and it will lead to a brighter and a better day, and a newer civilization.

Now, let me say this in conclusion: It is to the ladies here today. When the women of this country take up this question of civilization, as applied to politics we are going to win. Politicians will go to the rear and the people will come to the front. In the breasts of the women of this country there is a feeling of humanity that is higher than there exists in the breasts of men who are inured to commerce and traffic. (Applause.)

When the women take a hand in this fight there will be an end of white slavery and a new and better civilization for the people of the United States. (Applause.)

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. A NEW AFRICAN STORY. "The Wizard," By RIDER HAGGARD.

## It Began August 2d and Will Run 12 Weeks.

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