

# A BUSTED BUGABOO.

## SENATOR STEWART'S "YELLOW TERROR OF THE EAST."

Our Little Trade With Japan and China as it Appears Under the 16 to 1 Magnifying Glass.

Having failed to get a serious hearing for their 16 to 1 scheme on its merits, the silverites have for several months been trying to frighten the people into voting for free coinage by holding up the bogey of Chinese and Japanese competition. By representing that the products of the cheap labor of China and Japan were threatening our farmers and workers with ruin they for a time succeeded in securing a few timid persons into the belief that this country should adopt the monetary standard of those cheap labor countries. Mr. Wharton Barker of Philadelphia was impressed with the danger of allowing the American people to buy cheap goods that he drew up a set of resolutions, which were signed by 16 senators as the basis for their support of free coinage. The preamble to the resolutions declared that:

Whereas, The difference of exchange between silver standard and gold standard countries is equivalent to a bounty of 100 per cent on the products of the silver standard countries, and whereas, The cost of production in the old world, and particularly in China and Japan, is less than products can be produced or manufactured in this country by American labor without reducing our farmers, miners, mechanics, manufacturers and industrial workers to the level of Chinese coolies, therefore be it resolved, etc.

Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., a former chief of the statistical bureau of the treasury department, pricks Mr. Barker's bubble of theories with the following plain statement of facts:

The absurdity of regarding our trade relations with China and Japan as a governing condition in the finance of commerce is indicated by the following comparison as to the value of our trade with China and Japan and with certain gold standard countries for the year ended June 30, 1894:

VALUE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.  
China and Japan..... \$1,513,145  
Great Britain, France and Germany 826,042,415

"In connection with this it is also of interest to advert to the total value of our foreign commerce and to the total value of our internal commerce. The total value of the foreign commerce of the United States during the year ended June 30, 1894, was \$1,517,135,194. It is impossible to state with any degree of accuracy the value of the internal commerce of the United States, but from all we know it appears safe to say that it amounts to fully \$25,000,000,000 annually. How absurd, then, to attempt to delude the people of this country with the idea that our trade relations with China and Japan constitute a governing condition of a total commerce fully 500 times as great.

"To assume that American farmers, miners, manufacturers and industrial workers can be reduced to the level of Chinese coolies by a trade of such comparatively insignificant proportions, and consisting, in so far as relates to imports, almost exclusively of tea, silk and other commodities not produced in this country, and which therefore does not compete with American farmers, miners, manufacturers and industrial workers, is a sagacious too absurd for serious consideration of the conflicts of partisan warfare.

This should convince the American workmen and farmers that the "Yellow Terror of the East," as it is called by Senator Silver-Knight Stewart, is only a stuffed scarecrow and very badly stuffed at that.

People Who Want Free Coinage.

It is always useful to analyze the forces entering into a popular movement.

In this silver movement we have: First.—The owners of the silver mines in the "silver states," seeking to manufacture by law a better market for their silver bricks and to grow still richer at the expense of the people.

Second.—Honest ignorance. Those who have not yet discovered that money is not the whole of wealth and really believe that more money in the country means less labor to make a living.

Third.—Those who understand this thing and know better, but hope out of much depreciated money the more easily to pay old debts. Debts contracted in gold values would be paid in dollars worth 50 or 55 cents. I have seen this idea openly, impudently and unblushingly argued by a great journal in a silver state, addressing itself to farmers carrying mortgages on their lands.

Fourth.—A lot of bright, smart fellows who are always ready with an infallible judgment about all things, without ever studying or understanding anything.

Fifth.—Some public men, who understand this thing perfectly well, but have not the courage to tell the people the truth, wishing to carry gold on one shoulder, silver on the other and votes on both.

Sixth.—Some honest public men who do not understand this thing and never will.—George H. Yeaman in "A Currency Primer."

Price of Corn.

The Farmers' Institute of Mills county, Ia., has been very usefully employing itself in listening to a paper by one of its members on the price of corn in that county for the past 20 years. There were a good many very decided fluctuations, but the average price for four years, 1876-7-8-9, was just 30 cents, and the average price for four years, 1892-3-4-5, was 37 1/2 cents. This is an advance of a quarter in spite of the decline of silver and the "crime of 1873," and all the other things which the cheap money men urge in explanation of declines in prices, some of which, as in the case of corn, did not occur. In the above computation the average for the past four years is affected by the very low price of 1895, one-fifth below that of 1894, which no one denies is due to the enormous crop of 1895 and not to any money changes.—Journal of Commerce.

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# FIXED INCOMES AND FREE SILVER.

## All Who Labor Will Find Their Wages Cut in Half by the Silver Dollar.

The Denver chamber of commerce, replying to the appeal for sound money issued by the New York chamber of commerce, says that redemption of free coinage of silver is objectionable to persons of fixed incomes.

This is true, but in a sense broader than its authors intended. Persons of fixed incomes are not merely millionaires or army or navy officers. All who labor in this country, whether the pay be called salary or wages, are also persons of fixed incomes, and they decidedly object to having their incomes cut in half for the benefit of silver mine owners.

The blacksmith who makes \$15 a week, the carpenter at \$3 per day, the salesman at \$1,000 a year, the agricultural laborer at \$1.50 a day, the teacher at \$10 per week, all are persons of fixed incomes. They find their incomes none too large for their necessities. Why should they not object to a slump to silver, free and unlimited, for the benefit of those who own silver, but at a loss of 50 per cent in their fixed incomes?

It is the labor of the country that most determinedly demands the gold basis; that demands stability in the currency; that objects most positively to a loss of half its fixed income.

Silver mine owners and agents must reckon with this element, and it is a mighty element at the ballot box. Let platform writers note this fact as well as silver mine capitalists.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A "Per Capita" Conundrum.

Every true worshiper of the silver "fetich" believes as the first article of the free coinage gospel that if the quantity of money is doubled prices will be twice as high. This is the essence of the per capita argument and is considered by both silverites and fatists to be the sum of financial wisdom. Second only to their faith in the sacred words "per capita" is the belief of the cheap money advocates that the undeniable prosperity of France is due to the fact that that country has about \$40 of money for each inhabitant. Attempts to show that in reality the French people are prosperous because of their high level of intelligence, their skill in the industrial arts, their system of land holding and methods of cultivation and the great and varied natural resources of the country have had no weight with the one ideal silver agitator.

Since France has nearly twice as much money per capita as the United States, according to the believers in the theory that the quantity of money fixes prices, goods should be twice as dear in France as in America. Now it is notorious that such is not the case. On the contrary, the products of French mills, factories, etc., are sold so cheaply that it is necessary to impose heavy duties on them to prevent their competition with high priced American goods. Will some per capita financier explain why the large volume of money in France does not raise prices in that country?

Wages in Mexico.

There are really no wages in Mexico. All working people take what they can get—that is, what the employer chooses to pay. Wager workers make so little that there is no incentive to thrift, no stimulation of energy. The classes are the rich and the poor. There is no middle class. More hopefully perhaps it might be said that a middle class is just beginning to form. They who see no hope of independence, or even of small homes, naturally have no ambition. As soon as they get a very little money they quit their employment and squander it. Many employers make money, but their prosperity is based on the degradation of labor. The men who do the heavy work in the mines of Mexico receive not more than 15 cents to \$1 a day in Mexican money, or from 40 to 50 cents in actual money; for agricultural labor there never is a quotable rate; hackmen and waiters at restaurants depend almost or wholly on "tips," which custom makes small, and the money of the country smaller; house servants get from \$2 to \$5 a month, rarely the higher price. And let it be borne in mind that this is a silver money country, and that most things except labor bear high prices.—Correspondence Portland Oregonian.

Calamity Crows in Uncle Sam's Cornfield.

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Fraudulent Currency.

A currency worth less than it purports to be worth will in the end default not only creditors, but all who are engaged in legitimate business, and none more surely than those who are dependent upon toil for their daily bread.—From Message of President Grant, 1878.

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