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For President of the United States, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.

For Vice-President GARRETT A. HOBART, of New Jersey.

One lesson in political history would justify distrust in the money policy of the democratic party. The platform upon which Seymour became a candidate for the presidency advocated repudiation of the government bonds by the payment of that indebtedness in irredeemable greenback currency. Mr. Seymour, however, refused to endorse that radical plank in the platform although he accepted the nomination and received the full vote of his party. The democrats were reformed somewhat by many defeats and they next came forward with a grand inflation scheme. The country was to be flooded with a cheap democratic dollar that was a sure remedy for all stages of poverty. This plan came near being fastened upon the country. The democrats gained such power in congress during General Grant's administration that an inflation bill was passed. It went to President Grant for his approval, but it was killed by his veto. The next bit of democratic financial history was made in the bitter fight made against the resumption of specie payment. This measure was opposed successfully for about six years when it became a law in 1875. Every one of these financial schemes we can pronounce in the light of history, fortunately averted disasters. The repudiation idea of the Seymour campaign has long been looked upon with shame; and the veto of the inflation bill is regarded as one of General Grant's greatest public acts. The resumption of specie payment ten years after the close of our civil war is the pride of all patriotic citizens, and wonder of the civilized world. The triumph of that measure was almost a second Declaration of Independence. Here we have thirty years of financial history with the democrats continually on the wrong side. By a fortunate succession of defeats the country was saved from disaster till three years ago when the Wilson tariff law and the Cleveland bond idea prevailed. We can view the republican successes in the light of history and our democratic successes in real experience. Can we trust the democrats to inaugurate any money reform?

As a panacea for hard times in the west might be urged diversified industries. There has been in the past a heavy expenditure for personal supplies from foreign markets. The possibilities of our soil and climate have never been utilized. The farmers, even, have never studied business principles in the production of crops. A diversified system of crop-growing should be studied with the persistency necessary to master an intricate science to the end that we might meet the possible demands of all sections of our great country. The expenditures of the people of the west for the necessities of life, and the luxuries, too, for that matter, are very liberal. While the average price for the bare necessities of livelihood are not in excess here over the same commodities in eastern markets, the average expenditure of the same class of people here are fifty per cent greater than in the land of the frugallyankee. This fact places in the reach of the people the opportunities for comparative comfort. The exercise of good business tact and true economy are the key

to the situation. The farmers should study the demands of our markets. There are many specialties in the reach of our farmers which mean a competency for every man who takes the cue.

There are many earnest and intelligent men turning to mining as a business. The mines of the Clearwater basin are being developed more perfectly than ever before. A great boom is sure to follow the good work of this summer and Lewiston is the natural business center of this promising district.

There should be some effective means of treating those hobos who commit petty thefts beside the practice of giving them long sentences with free board and idleness. The late example in this city is an illustration of the fallacy of present methods. Six city prisoners are in jail, faring better than they would outside, while the people will be taxed more than \$1000 for their maintenance. Who can offer a solution of the problem?

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, one of the most prominent silver advocates of the United States in an address to the republicans of Colorado who are known as earnest silver men, says:

"I hold my commission from the Republican party. Many of its members, including some of its leaders, in the exercise of their judgment have announced their intention of leaving the party. I shall stay. My loyalty to the party which has honored me is entirely consistent with my loyalty to the highest and best interests of the state I represent in the senate of the United States, and I know no reason why I should abandon my party or desert its colors. There is to my mind no reason why it was not as much our duty to vote for Weaver four years ago as for Bryan today. The Omaha platform declared for free coinage and was no more objectionable than the Chicago platform; and Bryan is vouched for by leading Populists as being 'as good a Populist as lives.' The Populists have not changed in the past four years. It is we who are expected to join their aggregation. Others may find it wise or expedient, but I won't do it. Whenever the course of events could make it possible that I should speak from the same platform as Tillman or Waite or Ignatius Donnelly in advocacy of the same presidential candidate I know there must be something very emphatically wrong with me. What we need is less hysterics and more common sense. We have glorious resources yet in the infancy of their development; we are suffering from the imposition of mistaken financial policy, which it is our natural and proper desire to overthrow as speedily as possible. Free Coinage will never come, in my opinion, out of the jumble and folly of the Chicago platform, nor will it be heralded by the cap and bells of Populism."

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# Tom Fitch Tells why He is a Republican.

At the late republican convention of Arizona, held to elect delegates to the St. Louis convention, Tom Fitch, one of the most noted free-silver advocates in the territory, was called upon to speak, and responded in a speech which for simple eloquence and beauty of diction deserves preservation. His reasons why he should remain in the Republican party are unanswerable, and should be read by all republicans. The reading will in no way dwarf their enthusiasm for the grand old party. The full text of Mr. Fitch's speech is as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Convention: I thought that the seclusion that the upper gallery grants, combined with other circumstances, would exempt me from any invitation to speak before this convention, but your repeated calls leave me no alternative consistent with courtesy but to answer them.

"The speakers who have addressed you have spoken of the free coinage of silver as a cardinal principle of the republican party. I fear that the St. Louis convention may compel us to retrace some of our steps in this matter, and, as the statesmen who control this convention have not included me among those deemed most fit to represent Arizona at St. Louis, I feel quite at liberty to tell the truth.

"I suppose no one will question my long devotion to the cause of free silver coinage. Years ago, at the inception of the movement, I, as vice president of the national executive committee of the silver convention, in connection with A. J. Warner, the president of the committee, traveled through the South and West preaching the doctrine of bimetallism, and I have never since had occasion to change my views with respect to the great benefits that might result to this nation from the complete restoration of silver as a money metal; and yet there are other circumstances quite as influential which must be potent in determining my future action, and the future action of many republicans in this matter.

"This morning a friend, who is a member of this convention, and who now honors me with his audience, said to me: 'Mr. Fitch, you have always been a pronounced advocate of the free coinage of silver; what will you do if the St. Louis convention adopt a plank in its platform favoring a single gold standard and denouncing the free coinage of silver?' I did not answer this question, but with your permission I will do so now.

"I belong to the Republican party because its history is the history of the growth, the greatness, and the freedom of this nation; because its purposes are patriotic; because it is the friend of labor without being the foe of thrift; because it is wise, because it is just, because its restoration to complete power will rekindle the furnace and start the turbines, and fill the land with the music of contented and well-paid toil, and put bread into men's mouths, and hope into their hearts.

"I belong to the Republican party because it is the grandest political organization of freeman that the world has ever known; because under its wise guidance star after star has been added to our flag, ship after ship has been added to our fleets, factory after factory has been added to our resources, millions upon millions have been added to our wealth, city after city has been developed from our villages, and the land has been laced with a network of iron rails, and furnace fires have illuminated the night, and the grand diapason of labor has been made to sound throughout the continent.

"I belong to the Republican party because under its inspiration these United States, once a wrangling and discordant commonwealth; these United States, once shamed with slavery and decrepit with the disease secession—these United States have become a country where no slave's presence dishonors labor, where no freeman's utterances are choked by the hand of power, where no man doffs his hat to another except through the courtesy of equals, where education is free, where manhood is respected, and where labor is protected.

"Under the patriotic rule of the Republican party these United States have become a Nation whose credit reigns at the head of the world's finances—whose flag floats proudly upon every sea, and whose armies would come at the drumbeat out of the hives of industry to swarm in defense of the country on every shore.

"Under the rule of the Republican party these United States have become the greatest, freest, and most prosperous Nation under the light of the sun.

"I belong to the Republican party because it gave land to the landless, because it gave work to the industrious, because it gave freedom to the slave, because, when the Nation was in peril, it gave armies and treasure for her preservation.

"Forty years ago, then a lad of 18, I joined the Republican ranks, and, too young to vote, I flung my blazing banner aloft for Fremont and Jessie. I was present as a newspaper reporter at the Chicago convention in 1860, when all Illinois shouted Abraham Lincoln into the Presidency. I heard the song of John Brown's soul sung in bated breath and in secret gatherings of his sympathizers, and four years later on these distant shores I almost caught the echo of its refrain when armies chanted it for their battle anthem. I enjoyed the eloquence and friendship of Baker and of Starr King, and Butler, and Bingham, and Garfield, and Conkling, and that noblest Roman of them all, James G. Blaine.

"WHO THEN, IS THERE IN ALL THIS LAND THAT SHALL DARE TO ASK ME TO BETRAY THESE MEMORIES BECAUSE OF A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SILVER DOLLARS SHALL BE COINED?

"Who shall dare tell me it is my duty to leave the path along which my youth and my manhood marched, and where, when the evening bugle shall sound the final reveille, my age shall be found still marching? Rather will I return to the Republican goddess the same steadfast face that I bore when my locks, now whitening, were black as the raven's wing, and say to her as Ruth said to Naomi: 'Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried.'

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