

TALKING FOR FREE SILVER.

Local Democrats Open Their Campaign. Speeches Delivered Last Night by W. R. Jacobs and J. J. Dwyer.

The Democrats of Sacramento opened the campaign in this city last night with a rally at Seventh and K streets. It was attended by a thousand or fifteen hundred people, who were interested to the end of the evening, but did not manifest much enthusiasm.

The audience was called to order by Thomas W. O'Neil, who introduced the Chairman, Peter Shields. The latter briefly expressed his appreciation of the large attendance, avowed his fidelity to the principles of Democracy and declared that the greatest issue since the time of Lincoln was now before the American people.

The Chairman then introduced to the audience W. R. Jacobs of Stockton. Mr. Jacobs spent an hour and a half discussing what he considered the issues of the campaign. His entire argument was directed to the silver question, the tariff being passed with only a casual reference.

In the course of his remarks the speaker said this was not a campaign without an issue. It was not for the spoils that two great parties were contending. It was on principle, and that, too, of the most vital kind. Whatever Republicans might say, the issue was that of finance. Every man in America is now alive to the question of finance. Even women were interested, in fact they were always interested in money.

The great question confronting the mechanic, the farmer, the miner and the tradesman is, Shall we have a single gold standard or shall we have a double standard of silver and gold? Mr. McKinley spoke of the two wings of the Democratic party. He would find out in November that there were also two wings of the Republican party. The Republicans say they are in favor of a double standard, but not until England would give it to them.

The champion of free silver, that friend of labor, William J. Bryan—had unfurled his banner and proposed to have bi-metallicism whether or no other nations wished it. This is not a new thing in the old party, it was emblazoned on their banners forty years ago. That immortal statesman, Thomas Jefferson, advocated bi-metallicism, and since his day Democracy had sustained it.

Mr. Jacobs declared that the time had come when the tolling millions of down-trodden laborers could not be whipped into the traces. The time had come when the political lash must give place to reason. They had learned to think for themselves, and to think meant to vote for free silver.

Benjamin Harrison had announced that Bryan was selected as a candidate for the highest office within the gift of the people by American citizens under a spell of frenzied enthusiasm. But it would take more than his word to convince the farmer enslaved by the money-lender.

The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the Populists. His heart went out to them. Enthused with true patriotism, they had broken the party union, deserted the ranks of old comrades and enlisted under a new flag, believing that the time was ripe for political reform. These honest, conscientious allies he would draw near to him and unite with them in the common cause of free silver.

The gold standard meant that a man might go up into the hills of California and the gold fields of other States and dig the precious metal from the earth, take it to the United States Mint and have it coined into American dollars. Why should not the silver miner be allowed to do the same thing?

MINERAL LANDS BILL.

Congressman Johnson's Course Commended by the Miners.

J. G. Maguire's Criticisms Are Shown to be Without Foundation.

(From the Grass Valley Times.) In his speech in Grass Valley on the 15th inst. J. G. Maguire cast aspersions upon the course pursued by Grove L. Johnson in relation to the mineral lands bill, with the clear purpose of prejudicing the miners against our Congressman. He misrepresented the facts, as the correspondence published herewith will show.

Mr. Maguire stated that after being introduced by the Senate, it was, upon motion of Mr. Johnson, referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Maguire insinuated, if he did not directly state, that this was done by Johnson, knowing that in so doing he would rob the bill of its privileges, and thereafter it could not be considered except by unanimous consent.

Mr. Maguire's attention is called to the accompanying letter from Thomas C. McKee, Congressman from Arkansas, one of the House Committee on Public Lands. Mr. McKee's letter shows that the bill was not introduced by Mr. Johnson, but by Mr. McKee, and that it was not introduced by Mr. Johnson, but by Mr. McKee, and that it was not introduced by Mr. Johnson, but by Mr. McKee.

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First Arrival of Wild Geese From the Far North.

The wild geese are now winging their way hither from the north. The advance guard passed down the Sacramento Valley and over the Capital City on Friday morning. From this on these annual visitors from the mystic regions of the Arctic will be coming right along and it will not be necessary to tell Johnny to get his gun, for the wide-awake country boy is doubtless already prepared for them.

Last year the first geese were seen here as early as the 16th of August. 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