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During the late panic silver dollars went to a premium of 3 per cent. over gold.

Is the Senate of the United States a populistic body? Are these men Anarchists? A majority of the Senate are for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and were so before the Chicago convention.

Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman, is to visit the United States in September. Whilst in Washington he ought to lecture on protection and show what advantages his country has gained by walling herself in, and tell how long it took free trade Japan to wipe the ground up with protected China.

The would-be financiers assert that the free coinage of silver will bring on a panic. In the next breath they inform us that it will bring on an inflation which will ruin prices and injure the wages of the laborer. Will they now cite us one case of a panic during a silver inflation? The world is six thousand years old, and, in inviting a reply, we do not expect the first fifteen or twenty years to be included.

THE Baltimore *Sun* asks, "If fifty cents will buy as much as a dollar what is the use of making the fifty cents into a dollar?" In the first place fifty cents won't buy as much as a dollar. In the second place, if the relative value does not change by making fifty cents into a dollar no harm would be done by the change. In the third place one always prefers having a dollar in his pocket to having fifty cents.

The people may be ignorant and the bankers may be learned. But when a banker undertakes to make a bargain with an ignorant farmer he makes the best bargain he can for the banker. When the banker undertakes to advise the ignorant farmer how to vote, he never advises him against the learned bankers interest. And these truths you can store away, and they will keep.

It is now made public as to how Jose Maceo, the Cuban General, who has been killed according to account many times, was really killed a short time since. Maceo had ordered a charge in the hope of surprising the Spaniards, but found on approaching them that they were too many for him. He then ordered a retreat. As he turned the Spaniards fired, and a ball struck him in the back of the neck ranging through his head and out between his eyes. If the ball struck him as described and passed through his head and neck, we suppose Jose is this time certainly dead.

When work is to be done the people, the horny handed people, are given the pick and shovel. When wars are to be fought, the people, the horny handed people, are given the musket and placed right in front of the cannon, but when the country is to be governed they are informed that they must take a back seat, and allow the kid glove gentry to come to the front. This one time things are to be reversed, and the people who do the work and fight the battles are going to try their hands on the reins of government. They are sure they cannot do much worse than the millionaires have done.

We desire to remind our readers that when Germany conquered France and as a war indemnity extorted a thousand millions of money from her, that Germany demonetized silver then and there, in order that France who was obliged to pay this money in the money of Germany would have to pay it all in gold? The very trick that was played on the people of this country by the bondholders when silver was demonetized in 1873.

It is our opinion that this trick of demonetization was learned from Germany, as the Franco-Prussian war ended only a year or two previous, and it was done for a purpose here as much so as in Germany.

When we behold a condition, we should look for the effect if we desire to understand it. What is the condition of this country? Stagnation of business, poverty amongst the laborers and farmers, the Sheriff with a red flag in one hand, and a scourge in the other, behind him, mortgage in hand, the creditor. Waving the red flag, the truckling functionary cries the property for sale, the creditor buys at his own figures, and with the scourge the Sheriff drives from house and home the starving inmates. These are the conditions, now whence comes the cause? Having controlled legislation the plutocrat has shaped it, having shaped it he shaped it for his own good, having fashioned it and controlled it he is now reaping his reward, and like the gourmond he is, his insatiable maw is never full. He proposes now to rule the nation still further by electing a president and other chief officers who are in a compact with him, and who, if the Wall Street-Hanna idea prevails, will further darken the dark picture which this country has had hung on its walls for so many long years. Having seen the condition, and ascertained the cause apply the remedy. Where is it? In the hands of the people. It is the ballot, and he who takes not care of his own household is worse than an infidel.

Death of Ex-Governor Russell.

The sudden and unexpected death of Ex-Gov. Wm. E. Russell of Massachusetts has cast a gloom over the country. Not yet beyond 39 years of age twice Governor of that great Commonwealth, looked up to and trusted as a leader and counsellor, he was naturally regarded as a presidentsal possibility when the time came to look to the east for a candidate. Not long since he visited Virginia and at the home of Jefferson breathed anew the spirit of true democracy as alone it can be breathed in the atmosphere, which surrounds the birth and burial places of such men as the author of the Declaration of Independence and the founder of the University of Virginia.

The prohibition convention of West Virginia nominated T. C. Johnson, of **Kanawha county, for Governor.**

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The smoke of the battle at Chicago has cleared away and we can now dispassionately view the questions involved in the campaign. In all elections there is necessarily a choice of candidates. Our choice has been made, but there are many who have hesitated. They wished to do what they felt to be most consistent with their duties as citizens, and most conducive to the public good. There are really very few people who desire to inflict injury upon the public, and when they have made up their minds, but who act from motives of conscience. What then is there which would lead us to support a man like McKinley, who has hated our institutions, who has voted for every measure prejudicial to our interests, and who has for the sake of being president sold himself to the money power of the country? There is no doubt that the country must find some relief from its present suffering or it must die. The physical torment the people have endured for the last three years cannot be longer endured. Then, what must be done? There must be a change. We are not denouncing any individual, because no individual is responsible for our suffering, but we do assert that a system of oppression has for twenty-five years existed, which has so impoverished the laborer and farmer that there must be relief for him or he must, not individually but as a body, admit his bankruptcy, and surrender his property to his creditor. This is from no fault of his. He has labored as faithfully as man could labor. He has lived as economically as man could live. He has done all that in the power of man could have been done and his labors, like dead sea fruit, have turned to ashes on his lips. The grinding of trusts has made his life unendurable, and has brought about the demand for the free and unlimited coin age of silver, which the creditors who own his farm, his horse, his coat, say is repudiation. Let it be so termed. Let it be called by any name, those who demand it know that the accusation is false, and that it will not and cannot be the dangerous thing its enemies call it. We appeal to all men who would see this country made the country of the people; all men who wish to see their fellows free American citizens, enjoying the fruits of their labor, and the bounties which providence intended they should enjoy, to come now to the rescue and help their suffering brethren to emancipate themselves from the thraldom of the money power, which is the worst tyrant ever known to humanity.

Silver to be Dumped on Us.

If free and unlimited coinage of silver takes place, we are told that the United States will become the dumping ground of all the silver in the world.

Let us see.

No coined silver will be turned into bullion in order to sell it, unless the bullion is worth more than the coin itself, which is absurd.

Then bullion is the only silver which could, by any possibility, be dumped.

From whence then is the bullion to come?

Will England dump any? No. All her silver is in coin and she don't propose to lose anything by selling it for bullion.

Will Germany dump any? No. All of her silver is in the same condition as England's and she can dump none on us without loss. She has no mines to trouble the silver producers.

Will Austria or Italy, or Spain or Switzerland, or Turkey dump any? Never. They will dump none because they have none.

Will France dump any? France believes in silver. She has $250,000,000 of reserve silver coin in her banks, and $500,000,000 additional in circulation. Her silver bears a ratio of 15½ to 1, and no Frenchman will pay cost of transportation, and loss in mintage to sell his silver in a market of 16 lbs of silver for one of gold, when at home he only has to give 15½ lbs of silver for one of gold? Besides, the $250,000,000 of reserve silver cannot be sold out of France without the passage of a law permitting it and changing the entire money system of that country.

Where then is silver to come from to be dumped?

"India," "India," must be the response. As our people generally know little about that dark and uncertain country, it has become a trick of the gold people to parade its possibilities as a menace on all subjects. There are 280,000,000 people in India, and about 25,000 of these are English, the residue natives. They never go out as traders; they are no menace to any country or people. Their English masters do push them to more industry than is natural with them, but their silver is the last thing they will ever dump on us; it is the only money they use and there is nothing to take its place. Silver from India will never be dumped unless it comes to us though the Bank of England, and there is no such quantity of it in India as many think.

The English played the same trick on these poor subjects, a few years ago, that Germany played on the subdued and helpless Frenchman, and our Congress played on us—it demonetized silver. But even this demonetization did not change the value of the silver coin called the Rupee, the coin on which all values are based in India. It remained the same and has been so unchangeable by legislation or otherwise as to be called by Englishmen the "perverse rupee."

So that with all we hear of silver being dumped here, there is first no country which can dump it, because no country has any to dump; and secondly, because in all the countries of the world, unless it be Mexico or a few little provinces of South America, silver is worth more at home than in the United States. In addition to this, which ought to set forever at rest the "dumping" absurdity, there is not in the whole world $20,000,000 of silver bullion for sale. This we assest without the fear of successful contradiction. Why be alarmed then, about the world dumping on us a hurtful commodity, when the hurtful commodity does not exist, in the hands of anybody who can dump it?

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Indianapolis Saturday night to ratify the nominations of Bryan and Sewall. The attendance surpassed expectations. Governor Matthews and Senator Turpie spoke.

Can anything be more un-Democratic than the Force Bill? Can anything be more un-Democratic than the McKinley Bill? Can anything be more un-Democratic than the fostering of trusts and combinations? Can any thing be more un-Democratic than the paying of bounties upon any single article of agriculture such as sugar? Can any thing be more un-Democratic than the steal proposed in the Nicaragua canal? Can anything be more un-Democratic than the pension steal? Can anything be more un-Democratic than the advocacy of "women's rights?" Can any thing be more un-Democratic than the enslaving single gold standard, under which the country now languishes, but which the gold people are determined shall be more adapted to the taste of the money power? All are vocied by the republican platform, and its exponent William McKinley.

Yet we hear democrats, and democratic organs, asserting that they will support McKinley and swallow all these, before they will support the Chicago platform on account of what they term, its free silver and Populistic, Anarchistic, un-Democratic, anti-Democratic utterances. These are easily frightened, and anxious for excuses.

If these fault finders are looking for something that is really un Democratic they will find it in their own actions. What can be more un Democratic than to turn on Democracy itself?

It is reported in Washington city that the feeling of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, among whom there are not less than twelve or fifteen thousand voters, on the silver question, has been enquired into, and that it has been found that they are practically a unit for the white metal. This tends to sustain Senator Cameron's expressed belief that his State will go for free silver by fifty thousand majority.

During the last fiscal year 343,267 immigrants arrived in the United States, of whom 212,466 were males and 130,801 females.

WHERE is Republican enthusiasm in Augusta and Staunton? We have asked, and we ask again. Their Presidential candidates have been nominated over a month and no ratification meeting yet. What is the matter? Can there not be found any ratifiers? Gold Republicans are scarce, but there are some of our Democrats who say they are going to help elect McKinley. We suppose they will, of course, carry a torch at the Jubilee, contribute to the cause, and shout at the meeting. Hurry up gold bugs, or the silverites will leave you with only a baker's dozen to do the shouting.

HON. C. P. DORR of Webster county, W. Va., was on last Saturday nominated by the Republicans of 3rd District for Congress on the first ballot. Mr. Dorr served several terms as a Democrat in the Legislature of W. Va., and at one time was a door keeper of that body, elected as a Democrat, but for several years he has affiliated with the Republicans. Mr. Dorr is a man of great energy and will doubtless visit every portion of the District which is saying a good deal when we understand that it stretches from Upshur to the Big Sandy. Ex-Gov. E. W. Wilson will probably be the Democratic nominee.

The Hand of Providence.

Those who believe in special providence, find no difficulty in seeing the hand of Providence in the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan. A few weeks ago, no one could see any hope for the success of the Democratic party, and no one expected that Wm. J. Bryan would be nominated for the Presidency, yet unexpected and unforeseen circumstances were so controlled by that power which "moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform," that Bryan was nominated by acclamation and the hopes of Democratic success are very bright.

THE Populist Convention begins its session in St. Louis to day. There seems but little doubt that it will endorse Bryan and Sewall and fall in live with the Democrats for free silver. This is the only real issue of the Populist party, and it can be obtained in no other way than by joining the Democrats, and supporting their nominees. Mr. Bulter, Populist Senator from N. C., is opposed bitterly to the fusion, but he has few supporters in his opposition.

Hon. Holmes Conrad for Bryan.

The Hon. Holmes Conrad, the present Solicitor General, has declared for Bryan and Sewall. Mr. Conrad is reported as saying that he would support the ticket and do all he could to prevent the Republicans with their high tariff, unlimited pensions, and centralizing policies from regaining control of the government. He is, he says, opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but this is not all for which Democrats can fight.

"Poor Polly"—McKinley—will scarce
say a word
Which surely seems strange, in
Aunt Hanna's new bird,
For it talked at one time in a wonderful way
Before it was owned, by Aunt
Hanna, they say.

Though some of its notes, were not
very good,
Yet "Polly wants silver," we all
understood.
Now never at all, since the Parrot
was sold,
Will it ever say "silver" or be
made to say "gold."

At a negro meeting in Washington last Thursday night J. M. Langston made a speech, in which he said that if McKinley shall be elected there will be a negro judge in that city. Is such the end for which the Southern bolters are striving? Would silver dollars or a force bill and negro judges do the South more harm?—*Alex. Gazette.*

Where, asks the Wall street contingent, is the money to come from for the free silver campaign? The silverites won't want much money, they are going to put up their votes against Wall street's money.—*Staunton Spectator.*

Correct you are and the ticket headed by Bryan and Sewall will sweep the country in November.—*Waynesboro Sentinel.*

Major C. V. Allen, engineer in charge of the Potomac river improvement in front of Washington city, has submitted his annual report. He summarizes the reclamations from marsh and river as follows: Total land, 621.12 acres; area of reservoirs, 118.30. The total area of the flat is 739.42 acres, so that 118.30 acres only remain to be reclaimed.

What Maj. John W. Daniel Says.

Before Major Daniel left Lynchburg for his trip to England a reporter of the Lynchburg *News* had a talk with him, and the following is a part of the questions asked and answers given:—

"What did you think of the convention at Chicago," asked the reporter.

"It was," answered Senator Daniel, "the greatest and most imposing body of men I ever saw in my life. It was resolute and well organized and transacted its business with a directness of purpose never surpassed. It was the most Democratic convention that has met in fifty years—and its action is augury of victory."

"Did you like the platform?"

"Not altogether; but the silver issue downs all other issues. Everything else will soon be lost sight of; and I hardly expect we can ever get a platform that suits in all respects."

"What of the candidate?"

"I know him well, and think highly of him. He is vigorous of body and mind—young, brave, high minded, right minded, of honorable character and he fulfills Wolsey's ideal, for all the ends he aims at are 'his country's, God's and truth's.' His eloquence is remarkable, and he is the man to inspire and lead the people in this great conflict. It is a wonderful thing to see a young man lifted so high in a moment; but it is a splendid sermon to American youth, who are thus told that there is no honor a free people is not ready to confer on the noble character that is worthy to receive it."

"Do you think Bryan will be elected?"

"To day he would be. In November I believe we will be stronger than now. The people in the great cities do not generally appreciate the conditions in the country and in the West, but are beginning to. The farmers and the workers see no prospect for the future save in what Bryan represents. Think of oats in the Northwest at six cents a bushel! Chicago property has fallen 30 or 40 per cent., and the blight is coming home. There will be general bankruptcy if McKinley comes along with higher taxes and less money, and the masses know that their only chance is in Bryan's election. Hence, look out for a great vote in November."

HILL PROPESIED THAT BRYAN WOULD BE PRESIDENT.—A telegram to the N. Y. *Herald* from Lincoln, Neb., the home of Bryan, says:—

"Two or three years ago a young democratic leader named Guerin went to Washington on some business and sought an introduction to Hill. He was one of Hill's Western admirers. Guerin was also a friend and follower of J. Sterling Morton. He talked with Hill a great deal about Morton. Finally, Hill said to him:—"Guerin, if you are looking forward to a future in politics, I would advise you not to waste your time on Morton. There's a man out in your State who is going to be President some day and you'd better catch on his coat tail. His name is Bryan."

A Sensation in Political Circles.

MILWAUKEE, July 17.—A sensation has been caused in political circles by the announcement that E. C. Wall, ex-chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and a member of the Democratic National Committee, will support Bryan and Sewall. The announcement is made by Mr. Wall himself. He said: "Relieving that the distress and dissatisfaction existing among the people of this country today are due to the pernicious legislation of the Republican party for thirty years, and believing that the supremacy of the Republican party would ultimately destroy a government by the people in this land, I prefer to appear inconsistent in one matter rather than to do violence to my political principles. Therefore, notwithstanding the fact that my views on the money question are not in accord with those expressed by the National Democratic Convention, I submit and I will support and vote for the nominees."

This should not surprise any one. Where the surprise should come in, is where a Democrat refuses to support the ticket, and especially in the South, in view of the fact that all the policy of the Republican party is inimical to the South.

Death of Ex-Governor Russell.

Ex Governor William E. Russell, of Massachusetts, arrived at St. Adelaide de Pabos, Que., from Boston on the 17 inst. and pitched his tent for a few days fishing. He was accompanied by his brother and Francis Peabody. They all retired early, the ex Governor apparently in good health and spirits. Upon his companions trying to arouse him next morning they discovered that he was dead. Death must have resulted from heart disease. The position of the body and the expression on the dead man's face showed that his death was painless.

After an inquest the remains were taken at once to his home, in Boston.

He was born in Cambridge Jany. 6, 1857, and was consequently in his 39th year. He had been twice Governor of Massachusetts, and took a prominent position in the recent Chicago Convention. He was a democrat of the purest type, and was regarded as a presidential possibility.

Two years ago William J. Bryan delivered a commencement address at the North Carolina Normal and Industrial School for Girls. Miss Gertrude M. Bagby was class prophet, and said that Mr. Bryan would be the next Democratic nominee for President, and would be elected.—*Charlottesville Progress.*

It seems now that the prophecy of this young lady will be verified. The first part has been, and the latter promises to be. Bryan seems to be a child of destiny—born, reared, and guided for the accomplishment of great civic achievements. He is the hope of the Democratic party, and that party is the hope of the country.

HOW IT IS IN W. VA.—Since the nomination of Bryan and Sewall the Balt. Sun correspondent at Grafton has interviewed more than a hundred leading Democrats from the half dozen counties about there and gotten their opinions of the ticket. Out of this number there were forty-two gold men, but not more than a half dozen of them will bolt the ticket, the others preferring free silver to the return to a McKinley tariff. It is predicted that the ticket will sweep the State by 20,000 majority. The agricultural classes look upon the nomination as a great agrarian movement and are wildly enthusiastic, without any seeming regard to prior party affiliation.

Justice Stephen J. Field is seriously ill at Paso Robles, Cal., where he went two weeks ago, hoping to deriye benefit from the springs. He has grown so much worse during the last few days that it was deemed necessary to take him to San Francisco. Later advices report him better.

Among the letters awaiting Hon. William J. Bryan, democratic nominee for the presidency, at his home in Lincoln, Neb., was one from Senator Henry M. Teller offering to speak in Mr. Bryan's behalf during the campaign.

A double header freight train on the Southern railway ran through Lynchburg and passed Union Station last week before it could be stopped. The air-brakes refused to respond on a heavy down grade.

C. P. Dorr was nominated for Congress by the republicans of the third **district of West Virginia.**

Bryan and McKinley.

From an article of the N. Y. *Journal* with above caption we extract the following:—

"Nor is it possible with any more sincerity to call Mr. Bryan a demagogue. He is the very reverse of a demagogue. He follows the truth as he sees it, though it lead him to political destruction. Last year he could muster only ten thousand votes for his faction in Nebraska, out of over 180,000, but he had no thought of compromise. He fought on, regardless of victory or defeat, thinking only of what he believed to be right. If he had not been nominated nobody would have dreamed of calling him a demagogue. His spirit is rather that of a prophet.

On the other side we have William McKinley, bound hand, foot and tongue to the most corrupt combination that ever exhibited itself openly in an American Presidential campaign. His election would put the resources of the government at the disposal of the Hanna syndicate. It would mean a return to Chinese protection, and the exploitation of the people by a rapacious ring of mandarins. It would mean in the end a popular revolt before which affrighted conservatism might pray for a leader with the moderate instincts of Bryan.

In most respects the superiority of the democratic candidate is so palpable as to make comparison needlessly cruel to his opponent. What then is the duty of American citizens who desire to secure the best possible government for the republic during the next four years? Plainly it is to vote for that presidential candidate who is manifestly best fitted to administer the government, and to settle the financial question through their representatives in Congress. God men may vote for gold candidates, silver men for silver candidates, and bimetallist for bimetallists But nobody who realizes what is at stake in this campaign can vote to abandon government of the people, by the people, for the people, in favor of government of McKinley, by Hanna, for syndicates."

Grain Trade and Crops.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of last Thursday says:—

"The change in the situation of leading crops have not been important the past week. Conditions have favored the continuance of an excellent promise for the corn crop, and with each successive week of such characteristics the crop becomes increasingly secure against weather drawbacks.

There is more of complaint of injury to oats reflected in the late correspondepce, and the wide extent of rust is indisputably affecting the quality of this grain, and to some extent modifying results as to yield. The crop, however, is large, and will prove ample for all requirements.

There has been considerable progress in wheat threshing operations, and the returns are disappointing oftener than otherwise as to quality of the grain, and the indications are that the yield is not exceeding previous calculations. Advices concerning spring wheat are variable, and while generally of an encouraging nature there is much of information of a disparaging characteristic, and the general average is apparently moderately lowered.

There are more favorable reports from the West in regard to the hay crop, and the outcome in that region will be better than was apprehended earlier. Altogether the crop bids fair not to be seriously deficient.

The potato crop continues to indicate an abundant yield.

The week closes with a decline of ⅛a⅜c for wheat, an advance of ⅝a⅞c for corn, and an advance of 1¼a1½c for oats, at Chicago, compared with a week ago. In a general way the trade is disclosing no new feature of importance, and the markets are without notable animation, but are at so low a position in values as to suggest little likelihood of declining tendency in the near future.

September wheat at Chicago closed ⅜c below the highest point of the week, ¾c above the lowest point, and ⅝c lower than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for September closed ⅜c below the highest point of the week, 1½c above the lowest point of the week, and ⅝c higher than a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 3,715,000 bushels for the week, against 2,136,000 the preceding week, and 1,119,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 2,338,000 bushels, against 2,078,000 the preceding week, and 1,164,000 last year."

PAUSE AND THINK.—"A government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." said Mr. Lincoln in his address at Gettysburg. Has the Republican party whose illustrious founder gave expression to such a noble sentiment lived up to the prediction made for it by that profound Statesman? To ask this question is but to answer it. Can we expect "a government of the people" should the Republican party, standing as it does for class legislation, and a continuance of sectional animosity, come into power? Will it be administered "by the people" so long as such bitter partizans as "Fire Alarm" Foraker, "Boss" Platt, John Sherman, and others of the same stripe continue to guide its destinies? What assurance have we that the Republican party, a party of combines, trusts, and monopolies will run this government "for the people" in the event of McKinley's elevation to the Presidency? Our bolting sound money friends, especially in the South, had better give these questions their careful and earnest consideration before they decide to permanently withdraw from the Democratic party.—*Appomattox Times.*

LI HUNG CHANG'S VISIT POSTPONED.—Li Hung Chang has postponed his visit to this country until September next, when he will be received in Washington with all the honors that a Democratic government can extend. Li had proposed coming to Washington this month and an extended correspondence had been entered upon between the State Department and the Chinese embassy in regard to his visit. The absence of the President at Gray Gables, however, has necessitated a change of arrangements, inasmuch as Li did not wish to visit this country unless he could be specially received by Mr. Cleveland. Neither Li nor the Chinese legation believed it incumbent upon the President to break up his holiday and return to Washington in order to extend the hospitalities of the nation, so that after an exchange of notes it has been officially decided that the distinguished Chinese statesman shall not cross the ocean until the middle of September, when the President will be on hand to welcome him to the United States.—*Washington Correspondent of Baltimore Sun*, 18th.

REPUBLICAN CONSISTENCY.—The 9th district Republican convention, which convened in Wytheville in August, 1894, and nominated General Walker for Congress adopted a platform of many declarations, the fifth one of which reads as follows:

"We are in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and of the repeal of all laws which discriminate against the silver coin of the United States, and tend to make gold the only standard of value."

The Republican party will meet again by their representatives at Gate City in August next. Will they repudiate this platform, as readily as has the General his defense of it in order to climb over on the one on which McKinley has been made to stand.—*Abingdon Virginian.*

The Bay Line Steamers which run in connection with the Seaboard Air Line railway between Baltimore and Richmond are inaugurating a rate war which will make travel cheap for a while.

WM. J. BRYAN.

WHAT MANNER OF MAN HE IS.

Opinion of Congressmen Who Served in Congress with Him. Able, Patriotic and Conscientious.

That our readers may know the estimate of Wm. J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President, by men who served in Congress with him, we quote some of their expressions as given in reply to the following request of the N. Y. *World*:—

"As a recent associate of Wm. J. Bryan in Congress, please telegraph the *World* your opinion what kind of a President he would make."

Richmond, Va., 13.

A good one. Bryan is able, earnest aad conscientious.

GEO. D. WISE, (Dem.)

Staunton, July 13.

I served two terms in Congress with Mr. Bryan. We were deskmates for two years, and I know him intimately. I believe him to be a man of highest patriotism and the highest ideals. I know him to be a man of superb intellect and of a personal character as pure as a woman. I doubt not that he will make a great President.

H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, (Dem.)

Franklin, Pa., July 13.

My judgment is that if elected Mr. Bryan will attempt the duties alone imposed by the Constitution, and will not seek to arrogate to himself the powers of the legislature and judiciary.

He is better than the platform. He possesses the ability, the courage and the high moral character that, guided by wise counsels, will direct the ship of state in safe channels to a prosperous harbor.

I fear no man as chief magistrate who at the close of each day's labor on his bended knees invokes the guidance of Almighty God and seeks in public and private action to conform to His revealed will.

JOSEPH C. SIBLEY (Dem.)

(Mr. Sibley was an unsuccessful candidate for President at Chicago and narrowly escaped being nominated for Vice-President.)

Carlisle, Pa., July 13.

Mr. Bryan is an educated man, an able lawyer, a brilliant debater and a practical journalist, and qualified to fill any public trust.

He was born and reared out on the boundless prairie, close to the heart of the toiling people, and is acquainted with their condition and wants, their hopes and aspirations. He was nominated by these people and will be the people's President. He is utterly fearless, matchlessly eloquent and supremely honest.

F. E. BELLZHOOVER (Dem.)

Louisville, Ky., July 13.

I am a Cleveland Carlisle Democrat. I have not surrendered my opinion. I do not approve the financial and some other planks of the platform, but Mr. Bryan is the nominee of a Democratic Convention, regularly called and held, I shall vote for him, and believe that, if elected, he will make an able President of the Republic. He is a clean man of great ability.

ASHER G. CARUTH (Dem.)

Newport, Ky., July 13.

I served with Mr. Bryan in the Fifty-third Congress. He is a man of marked ability and will be conscientious in the discharge of his duties of chosen to the President.

A. S. BERRY (Dem.)

Columbia City, Ind., July 13.

Bryan will make a careful, conservative and honest President. His youth, earnestness, facility of expression and associations have led him into radical and intemperate expressions, but this high responsibility in the face of the world will sober and broaden him. He has the best foundation for a useful and statesmanlike career in that he has rare good sense and inflexible integrity, and will gladly receive and act upon the advice of the best men in the party, so far as consistent with the expressed will of the people. There need be no fear that he will overstep the lines of policy declared by that will or cause radical and untried experiments without carefully feeling the way.

F. F. MCNAGNEY (Dem.)

East Liverpool, O., July 13.

As a neighbor and member of Congress I had abundant opportunity to know Mr. Bryan as to his home life, habits and as a public man.

To be young in years, yet old in research and practical knowledge, as he is, is one of the grandest achievements. He is a student of affairs, possessed of a quick perception, is a profound thinker and a clear reasoner. He reaches conclusions quickly, but is not impulsive at the expense of reason and only when conscious of being right.

Bryan is one of the hightest types of American manhood, mentally, morally and physically. He is as fearless and fertile as was Tom Corwin, as patriotic as Jackson, and as President will be idolized by the masses, for he will make an ideal President.

GEO. P. IKIRT (Dem.)

Broken Bow, Neb., July 13.

Bryan would make a President of the people and for the people. He would give us an administration of more money, more business, more prosperity and more happiness for nine tenths of our citizens.

O. M. KEM (Dem.)

Paris, Ill., July 13.

Strictly Democratic, in obedience to the constitution and the laws and the best interests of all the people.

A. J. HUNTER (Dem.)

Wapekoneta, O., July 13.

I have the honor of a six years' personal acquaintance with Mr. Bryan. I watched him closely and with increasing interest and admiration while he was in Congress. He is a good, strong man, physically, morally. He is young, able and broad minded, and will make a good, safe, typical American President.

F. C. LAYTON (Dem.)

HAS A MOUSTACHE, YET ONLY 14 YEARS.—Ed Jenkins is a fourteen year-old boy living in Garret county, Ky., whose claim to distinction is based on the fact that he has a fully developed black moustache that many a man of thirty would be proud to boast.

The boy was hardly ten years old when the fur began to sprout on the upper lip. Contrary to the usage of boys, he not did encourage its growth by surreptitiously shaving He never put a razor to his face, but the hair needed no encouragement, and continued to grow and become darker until the moustache was thick and long.

The remarkable feature is that the boy is not particularly developed beyond his years in any other way. He is not above the average in height or weight. He still wears knee pants, and it is a queer sight to see him fumbling at his moustache and curling the ends.

Wm. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, made a short speech to a large audience on his way-home at St. Joe, Missouri last week, and on his arrival at Lincoln, Neb. his home, was met by 20,000 people and greeted with shouts, ringing bells, and booming cannon. He made a short appropriate address then, which was wildly applauded.

The national silver party will hold its convention in St. Louis this week. The leaders are in favor of indorsing **Bryan.**

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Three Bitten by Snakes.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., July 19—Walter Drury, aged five years, son of Martin Drury, of Blair's Valley, was bitten by a copperhead snake ten times and died from the effects of the poison. He was in bed with his older brother Ignatius. They awoke in the night, and Walter thought a mouse was biting him on the foot. He called to his parents, and they came into the room with a light. A snake wound itself around Walter and sank its fangs into his body ten times until the child fell from pain and exhaustion. He was bitten twice on the arm, twice on the stomach, once on the breast and on his feet and legs. In the meantime Ignatius was battling with a second copperhead snake which crawled out of the covers. Ignatius was bitten twice, once on the hip and once on the arm. He shook off the snake and leaped out of bed. Mrs. Drury, in going to the rescue of her boys, stepped on the snake which had bitten Ignatius, and the snake bit her on the foot. Both snakes disappeared through a hole in the floor through which doubtless they had crawled into the house. The body of Walter swelled to immense size almost immediately and he suffered intense pain. Mr. Drury rode six miles for a physician, but when the doctor arrived the lad was dying. The physician was too late to save Walter, but he gave Mrs. Drury and Ignatius remedies to counteract the poisonous bites, and both of them will recover. The house in which Mr. Drury lives is built at the foot of North mountain and the boys slept in the basement to keep cool. It is thought the snakes crawled into the house from the mountain.

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SHOT HER NEGRO ASSAILANT.—Miss Florence Wright, who lives at Brinkley, Ark., went out for a walk just outside of the town at ten o'clock Monday night. She took her father's pistol with her to protect herself from the dogs that infest the neighborhood, which is thickly settled. She had gone but a short distance when she was attacked by Godfrey Gould, a big negro. She resisted and drew her pistol, with which she threatened to shoot her assailant. The negro took the weapon from her, and taking her in his arms, carried her into the woods. Seeing the butt of the revolver sticking from her assailant's hip pocket, the girl snatched it and shot him in the head, bursting out his right eye. The brute jumped up and ran away. The authorities were notified and about an hour afterward Sheriff Johnson and a posse found Gould about fifty yards away from the scene of the attempted assault lying in an unconscious condition and dying.

Miss Wright was taken to where the negro lay, that she might identify him. As soon as she saw him she became wild with anger, and tore a pistol from the hands of the sheriff and fired another bullet at the dying fiend, which missed its mark.

The Angelus bell, the largest and sweetest toned bell in the Valley of Virginia, the gift of the Catholic Hibernian Beneficial Society to St. Francis' Church of Staunton, has been christened and erected. It weighs 1,800 pounds and can be heard for seven miles distant. The bell was manufactured in Baltimore. The new Catholic church, in whose belfry the bell was placed, is now about completed. It is one of the most beautiful church edifices in the Valley. Built on an eminence, of green stone trimmed with white granite, of handsome architectural design, it presents a beautiful and imposing appearance.—*Baltimore Sun.*

FOUND WITH THE ROENTGEN RAYS.—A successful test of the Roentgen rays was made this morning at the Army Medical Museum, when Dr. Adams located a silver quarter in the œsophagus of the ten-year-old child of F. A. Stephenson. The boy swallowed the coin about eight months ago. Dr. Adams made a Roentgen photograph of the boy's body this morning and, after an exposure of thirteen minutes, the plate showed the skeleton with a dark spot near the fourth rib. Another exposure of thirty minutes showed the coin plainly. Drs. Adams and Graham will remove it.—*Baltimore Sun*, 18th.

The Democratic State committee meets in Richmond August 4 for the election of chairman and to prepare for opening the presidential campaign in this State. It seems to be conceded the Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, who has already indorsed the Chicago nominations, will be re elected chairman. The executive committee will be composed largely, if not almost wholly, of free-silver men.

Lexington, Va., is soon to have an extensive lime-kiln plant, to be located near the town. The limestone, found in large quantities and of a high grade for making lime, will be quarried on the place. It is said that the company that will build the kilns has ample capital for the work, which will be on an extensive scale.

Mr. Wm. Reynolds Vance, A. B., M. A. and Ph. D., of Washington and Lee University, from Vanceburg, Ky., has been elected law librarian of the Law School for the coming session, when he will enter the Law School for his **degree of B. L.**

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