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Is Silver an Issue?

The Times would like to know if it has become the definite and deliberate purpose of Messrs. Jones and Stone, of the Democratic National Committee, and of Mr. Bryan, unattached, to abandon the silver issue for the purposes of the Presidential campaign of 1900.

The London interview of Senator James K. Jones, in which that gentleman distinctly treated silver and trusts as minor questions, and "imperialism" as the prime issue in 1900, would seem to justify such an inference.

But it might be possible, if he and his associates thought a Democratic defeat inevitable, that they would deem it good political strategy to exalt a proposition upon which they, of course, know the party would be beaten in any case, and elect to accept disaster on that. In order to save silver for use as a more hopeful grand issue in 1904.

Legs and his Sampson ring have awakened, in mortal terror, to the possibility that Rear Admiral Howison, returning on his flagship from the South Atlantic station, may reach New York in time to greet Dewey. As Howison is senior to Sampson, the latter would thereby lose the naval honors of the occasion, and a great point in the contemptible persecution of Rear Admiral Schley would be lost to the Administration.

It is not to be denied that the fact that he alone of the candidates in the previous contest, such a projection would save unpleasantly either of perjury or insincerity.

On the people's side the lessons of 1896 have been plain and burned in. They show that the gold standard is at the bottom of trust, monopoly, and tariff oppression, and that, when we wreck it, we gain the power to wipe out the others. Republican managers, of course, declare that they

want a straight-out fight on the currency question. But they want nothing of the kind. They tremble when they think of such a direct issue, while yet the people remember the coercion and corruption of the game that compassed Mr. McKinley's election.

If they could, for instance, induce our people to raise a question already settled, and make it the point of the struggle, no measurable amount of money would be too great to sacrifice for such a purpose.

The single standard in Santo Domingo appears to have been short-lived. Jimeno, on his arrival, influenced the demoralization of paper and the establishment of gold as the only legal currency.

Results of Inefficiency. In cases where the direction of military operations is confided to an officer who does not pretend to know anything about the country he is presumed to be campaigning in, and confines his interest in war to the occupation of a palace and senseless interference with generals in the field, it is not to be expected that the demoralization will soon be necessary for the country.

Wayne MacVeagh is home again and tuning his voice to sing the song of Carter to Griggs. The latter is polishing his ears for the hearing. Platt, Ross, and Abner are shying up their respective pulls, and Blair, out in Chicago, is practicing on bad language.

It will be difficult to make the Roman Catholic element in the United States satisfied that he is not responsible for the loot and dissolution of churches and cemeteries, which are reported in private letters to this country by men serving in the ranks.

After all, Bourke Cockran did manage to get a platform debate with W. J. Bryan! He may now consider himself famous enough to go into the life insurance business with Thomas B. Reed. We have no doubt that his friend Richard Croker would give him a "recommend."

French False Pride. It shows the character of the political conditions in all of the smaller Latin-American countries, and is a warning to us not to be in any haste to withdraw from Cuba.

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Queens of Marine Victory. There is no fiercer sight in the world than one of these international yacht races. Perhaps, a great naval review or procession has more impressive qualities.

MR. VANDERBILT'S CHARITY. He Saved the Home of an Unfortunate Man. NEWPORT, Sept. 17.—The last act of charity exercised by the late Cornelius Vanderbilt before his death fell to a Newport man, and the check that reached him arrived simultaneously with the announcement of his benefactor's death.

The investigation will take some months' painstaking work, said Mr. Wright last night, "and will be conducted independently of the efforts of the Industrial Commission. The latter body will, however, undoubtedly use the facts and statistics which we gather in the course of our work in the regular departmental way.

It is understood that Commissioner Wright is not much impressed with the idea of the proposed investigation. He considers that the meeting was productive of much partisan talk on both sides of the trust question without the reaching of any solution.

THE VANDERBILT WILL. Sons of the Late Millionaire to Share Equally Under It. NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The latest report about the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt is that the three sons of Mr. Vanderbilt will share equally the property.

DEMAND FOR A GOOD APPLE. Minnesota Will Pay \$1,000 for a Specimen That Will Grow There. ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 17.—If one of the thousand apple trees scattered all over the big city of this broad land should be found that she could get \$1,000 for an apple she would probably drop her basket with delight.

THE MEN ARE DISGRUNTLED AND DEEM THE BATTLE LOST. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Before morning dawn the Cleveland strikers will be declared off in all probability. The members of the union are now in session, the meeting having been called on demand of the strikers who want to return to work, deeming the battle lost.

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ENQUIRING INTO TRUSTS. The Department of Labor Begins an Investigation. An investigation of the rise of trusts has been undertaken by the Department of Labor. Carroll D. Wright will endeavor to ascertain facts relative to the wages which were paid in establishments prior to and since the great trusts have been formed.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY. Teachers and Pupils Ready for Work. The public schools of the District will open today. When the hour of 8 o'clock arrives this morning fifty thousand of Washington's juvenile population will have placed themselves under the tutelage of the eleven hundred and fifty-nine teachers, and the 1899-1900 campaign of education will have commenced.

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