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### FOR BRYAN AND SILVER.

There is no middle road for the silver republicans in this presidential campaign. Readers of this newspaper know that while it is a republican paper, it is a silver paper.

We therefore deem it our conscientious duty, to support by every honorable method of journalism, the candidacy of Bryan and Sewall.

We propose to face the issue squarely and honorably. With us there will be no dodging. We take the present opportunity of standing up to be counted.

We take this stand on the single issue of free silver, and for the sake of the bright jewel of consistency, and for the sake of Montana, and for the sake of our peace of mind.

At the same time we do not endorse a single plank in the Democratic platform, save the currency plank; we repudiate it as absolutely as we repudiate McKinley, and his gold fallacies. Aside from the currency plank we endorse the St. Louis platform, as representing the cardinal principles of a grand and glorious party, destined to be with the people in the future, but whose surrender to the gold bugs we cannot endorse or condone. In other words we refuse to swallow the bitter pill of gold, sugar coated though it may be with the sweet principle of protection.

At the same time we shall give the Republican state and county organization vigorous and conscientious support, as we believe the maintenance of a stiff protective tariff to be absolutely necessary for the prosperity of this great country.

Never since the organization of the republic have the people had the opportunity of casting their ballot for or against silver. In presidential campaigns of the past, through the chicanery of controlling politicians the issue has been kept away from the people. This year, however, the voters, will have the opportunity of saying simply aye or nay. Such an opportunity may not come again and every friend of the white metal should take advantage of it.

We have unlimited faith in the republicans of Montana and of Madison county. They have always been silver men. At their last county convention they defined in vigorous language their position, as a party on this issue. There will be no lagging, there will be no dodging. In the transposed language of the hero of Trafalgar "Montana expects every man to do his duty." And done it will be well. Silver will not be crucified in the house of its friends.

Henry M. Teller for secretary of the treasury under President Bryan would suit us first rate.

### BARCLAY JONES.

It is with keen, personal regret that this newspaper announces the death of Barclay Jones, which occurred at Salt Lake last Tuesday and which is chronicled in detail in our local columns.

No man in Madison county or in Montana ever made or held more friends than Barclay Jones. His acquaintance was wide spread and all who knew him were his friends. There was a nameless something about the man, probably his simple nobility, that attracted and held all within the wide circle of his acquaintance. We confess

our inability to do a man of such sterling worth full justice. In every position in life, whether as a public officer, a citizen, a neighbor or a friend, he was all that one could wish—a man among ten thousand.

We are speaking with undue moderation when we say that in all respects he has been a model officer. We are also chronicling a fact of which every citizen in Madison county is cognizant. Any official business which passed through his hands was sure to be promptly and correctly attended to, and in his intercourse with the patrons of his office the poorest and most obscure were treated with the same courtesy and urbanity as the rich and influential. He conscientiously considered himself the servant of the public, and had he been less obliging and more considerate of self he would have been alive to-day.

In politics he was a Republican, and while adhering to his principles was liberal minded enough to appreciate worth and sterling qualities in his opponents. His friends were not confined to any political party, but all loved him alike. The societies will miss an earnest co-worker, the party and adviser whose cool judgment could always be relied upon, the county an official most conscientious, the community a citizen above reproach, the wife and children an affectionate husband and kind father. To these the MADISONIAN directs its condolences and sympathies that come directly from the heart of the writer, and assures them that their grief is the grief, not of a community, but of a people. The memory of Barclay Jones will long be revered in Madison county.

It would be a handsome thing and a consistent action for the Democracy of Madison county to instruct its delegates to the state convention to work for the endorsement of Charlie Hartman for congress. The Democrats of Beaverhead and Gallatin are talking strongly of so doing. This will be a campaign where all loyal Montanans can meet on neutral ground and fight fraternally for a common cause.

Three months ago the Republicans of Madison county defined their position on silver. They pledged themselves by resolution against any presidential candidate who was against silver. Like the war horses of Israel they smelled the battle afar off and months in advance sounded the keynote of the coming campaign.

The question which is now puzzling the mind of the average Virginian is whether our friend, the Hon. Solomon Wiles, is on the sidewalk or in the "middle of the road."

Hon Thomas Merrill predicts that Bryan will have a majority in every state. Mr. Merrill may be a little over-sanguine. Two-thirds would suit us.

Not one but both. The endorsement of Bryan by the Republican state convention and of Hartman by the state Democracy.

Republicans, Democrats, and Populists should be Montanans first and politicians afterwards this year.

Newspapers are great educators, but sometimes they receive a boomerang shock while their precocious pupils serenely establish their own original ideas. When Carter Harrison ran for mayor of Chicago, he was most viciously attacked by every big journal of the city, yet he was elected by an overwhelming majority and the same papers were forced to acknowledge his wise and judicious administration. Thus may be the result of the presidential election, and out of the chaos of bolters from all sides and parties, right will triumph. Vituperation and satire, as arguments, go for naught and will strengthen rather than harm the position of the young oracle of the Platte.

### APPEAL TO SILVER REPUBLICANS

Teller, Mantle, Hartman, et al. Define their Position Without Equivocation.

An address signed by Henry M. Teller, senator from Colorado; Fred T. Dubois, senator from Idaho; Lee Mantle, senator from Montana; Chas. S. Hartman, representative in congress from Montana; Edgar Wilson, representative in congress from Idaho; John F. Shafroth, representative in congress from Colorado, and A. M. Stevenson of Denver, all Republicans, succinctly and frankly makes manifest their position so far as the national political situation is concerned. The address is quite lengthy and reviews the "St. Louis fraud," the cause of the present distress, and why England's consent could not be gained and is inconsistent in the policy of shaping American fi-

nanances. The gist of the appeal to silver Republicans is as follows:

"The Democrats who believe in the gold standard are announcing their intention to support McKinley or proposing to put a third candidate in the field for the avowed purpose of aiding McKinley's election. A great number of leading and influential Democratic journals have declared they will support the Republican nominee. It is evident there is to be an union of forces on the part of the advocates and supporters of the gold standard to elect McKinley, and a congress favorable to him which will support the financial policy outlined in the Republican platform.

"To those who believe in bimetallicism, which means the equal treatment of both gold and silver at the mints of the nation, there is but one course to pursue and that is to unite the silver forces and to oppose with all our might the candidate representing the policy which we believe is fraught with disaster to the nation and ruin to the people.

"The Chicago convention has taken a position in its platform so pronouncedly favorable to silver and has nominated candidates of such unquestionable convictions in favor of the bimetallic policy, and of such high personal character, that we have determined to give them our support. We support such candidates because they represent the great principle of bimetallicism, which we believe to be the cause of humanity and civilization and the paramount question now before the American people.

"We therefore announce that we shall by voice and vote support Messrs. Bryan and Sewall for president and vice-president, and we appeal to all citizens and especially to Republicans who feel as we do, that gold monometallism would be of lasting injury to the country, to act with us in securing their election.

"Gold monometallism means the shifting to gold alone, as primary money, all the burden of commerce and credit formerly borne by gold and silver, and as the world's stocks of these metals has always been about equal in amount, it means the doubling of the burden upon gold. Doubling the burden upon gold means doubling the demand for the same, and doubling demand of necessity doubles the value thereof. This gradual shifting to gold of all the burdens of both gold and silver has caused a gradual and steady increase in value of every dollar redeemable in gold and hence a gradual and steady decline in value of every commodity that is measured by that dollar.

"No one who has read the proceedings of the three international monetary conferences that have already been held, or who has examined the impracticable propositions presented at those conferences can for a moment believe that any international bimetallic agreement can ever be made with the consent of all the leading commercial nations of the world. When will Great Britain, controlled as she is and ever will be by the creditor classes, who collect vast sums of money for interest due, who buy annually many more millions than she sells to us and whose interest it is to make the pound sterling purchase as much of our products as are possible, consent that we shall be financially independent? When did the creditor classes of Great Britain ever give, or in any way yield an advantage such as they know possess through the maintenance of the gold standard? There is no hope for international bimetallicism until the United States shall establish bimetallicism for itself and when that is done international bimetallicism may be secured without the consent of Great Britain.

"The United States, on all other subjects of legislation, acts independently of any other nation on earth. By what process of reasoning is its right, authority or ability to legislate upon this, the most important subject with which it has to deal, questioned or denied? With a nation equal in wealth and power to one-fourth of the world, it is cowardly to say that we must ask permission of Great Britain to establish and maintain a financial policy of our own. Believing as we do that a return to the monetary system especially recognized in the constitution and completely provided for by law from 1792 to 1873 affords the only ground of hope for that betterment of the distressed condition of all classes, except those who live by the increment that money loaned gives to those who loan it, we appeal to all classes to rally to the support of the only candidates whose success indicates any hope of relief.

"In Mr. Bryan the Chicago convention placed at the head of its ticket a

gentleman of exceptional ability and of high character. A member of congress for four years, he commanded the admiration and respect of all his associates in that body as a scholarly statesman and a profound thinker. No man has ever assailed his character or in any way questioned his integrity or moral worth. His character is a fit example for the young men of this country. He has shown in all his public utterances that he loves his country and his countrymen and that he sympathizes with them in their distress. He has also shown that he believed the financial system which makes gold the standard of value was in a great degree the cause of depression and financial distress prevalent throughout the land; that the condition now existing will continue while the present monetary system lasts and that he would fain turn to the use of both gold and silver as they were used prior to 1873, and he has proposed such a change of financial system by the usual constitutional methods. Such was the character and such was the political opinions of the candidate known to his countrymen, who by their representatives in congress, selected from every state in the union, put him in nomination for the highest office within the gift of the American people. This is a critical period in our national history. Our industrial and financial independence of other nations and people is involved in this campaign and we firmly believe there will be no return to prosperity until we shall have changed our financial system established by the fathers of the republic, and so believing urge all friends of gold as standard money and the opponents of a single gold standard to give to Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sewall their hearty support. In advising this course we do not consider it necessary that they shall abandon or surrender their political views on other questions.

### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Miss Jennie Te Sell, of Bozeman, is visiting friends in the city.

W. J. Ennis is completing a commodious dwelling house in the town of Ennis.

Oscar Fenner, who has been in Butte for several months past, has returned to Virginia.

The recent cold spell will discourage the flies and equally encourage fishermen campers.

Eugeue Giles, representing the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, is in the city.

T. F. Pollard and bride returned from Salt Lake City last Monday. They report a most enjoyable trip.

Chas. Hill, of Leitereville, has recently purchased the Mrs. Richard Foreman ranch situated near Sheridan.

Mortimer Miller has disposed of his business interests at Twin Bridges and will make his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Matthew Nelson, the popular young basso profundo, who served his apprenticeship in the MADISONIAN office, has a position on the Butte Weekly Tribune.

John Wilhart, one of the prominent men of Twin Bridges, and who has been the guest of Senator Metzger at Puller Springs for the past week, was in the city yesterday.

Efficient work is being energetically pushed by Mr. Farnsworth at the Cook mines. Over 200 feet has been attained in sinking and two pumps are constantly employed in clearing the water.

Mrs. Anna P. Hall has returned from the east for the summer, with her family. She spent the winter in Des Moines, where her sons attended school, but for the past month has been visiting in Medford, Mass.

Miss Wight, of Boston, Mass., a niece of A. C. Hall, who has been visiting with relatives in Sheridan, will be the guest of Mrs. Hall in Virginia City next week. Miss Wight may conclude to spend the summer in southern Montana.

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