

# THE CLOVEN FOOT

NO LONGER CONCEALED UNDER REPUBLICAN FINANCING.

The McKinley Currency Bill Calls For Gold Standard, Gold Bonds, Greenback Retirement and Entire Surrender of Money Issuing Functions to the National Bank—Usual Sam Out, the Money Power In—Reform Forces Accept Anew the Gauge of Battle—Early Conventions May Result—The January Banquet—Persistent Talk of Towne For Vice President—State Political Points—Inspector Reishus' Retrenchment Halted By Anti-Reform Commissioners—The Week's Round-Up.

Reform Press Bureau. ST. PAUL, Dec. 4, 1899. The financial cloven foot of the McKinley administration is out from under the folds of false pretense which have concealed the wretched member since the St. Louis convention. From this on, just exactly what the administration, and that portion of his party which will support the money power to the last, intend, will be clear to the American people. Of course this has been discounted very largely by the guessing at what the proposed currency bill contains, but the bill as now ready to go to congress with the full sanction of McKinley and the Republican majority, is a clean cut and unequivocal surrender to the money power. The salient features are:

The gold standard, the present gold dollar as the unit of value, and all forms of money redeemable in gold. The power to issue interest bearing bonds will be obtained, and all existing bonds payable in gold. Retirement of the non-interest bearing greenbacks from circulation by redemption in gold whenever presented. Extension of the powers and special privileges of national banks, authorizing increase of circulation to par value of bonds and providing for branch banks with as low as \$25,000 circulation. Reducing the tax on national bank circulation to one-tenth of 1 per cent—one-tenth of present tax. No further coining of any silver except the fractional coins, and recoining of worn and mutilated coins.

The above are the provisions of the bill bearing on political issues, and if they do not make the money question at once a live one again, then it will be surprising. In fact from the money question being somewhat relegated to the rear of other issues, this open declaration for all that, may more, than the money power has ever dared to ask, will bring the financial issues into the campaign with more vehemence than ever. All who stood pat on it before will be re-inforced by that large number of Republicans who have refused to believe that their party would ever become the single gold standard party. They were uncoined by international agreement in 1896, and will refuse to be gold-bricked in 1900.

It chanced opportunely that the Silver Republican executive committee was in session at Chicago when the currency bill was promulgated. They accepted the new gauge of battle, and will organize for a fight of co-operation with the Democratic and Peoples parties, and this time not alone on the financial question, but will be as open and courageous on other issues as they were vigorous and effective on free coinage in '96. Preliminary arrangements were made for a great convention, and a specially important act was the appointment of Hon. E. S. Corser to head a special committee charged with the co-operative work of the organization. Mr. Corser is thus called to what will practically be the working head of the national free coinage forces. Minnesota well knows that this means results.

There are increasing indications that early conventions of the reform forces and allies may be held, possibly April, at least ahead of the Republicans.

The Chicago meeting showed absolute harmony and absolutely unbroken ranks in all parts of the country. No name is spoken of for president but Bryan, and there was found so pronounced a sentiment for Mr. Towne for Bryan's running mate as to render it impossible for Mr. Towne's closest friends to longer ignore it. These have opposed the suggestion because of their expectations of a greater future and knowledge that as a rule vice presidents and vice presidential candidates have not often been prominent thereafter. There is no retired list for C. A. Towne.

Dairy Commissioner Bowler's deputies swooped down on Duluth oleo dispensers last week and numerous offenders were plucked and, being convicted contributed fines to the state fund. The state inspectors found Duluth a good field, the laws as to oleomargarine being flagrantly violated. Numerous grocery men, hotel keepers and restaurateurs are found selling renovated butter, butterine and oleo, without the proper labels. Each violation is assessed at \$7.50. A total of several hundred dollars in fines was collected, and the Duluth reports credit the department, which is no respecter of persons, with some very clever work.

Specimen outrageous Republican falsehoods on the grain department have been the Republican statements of the action of Inspector Reishus in attempting to retrench by dropping three officials in the St. Paul department. The Red Wing Republican put this lie more wickedly than most of its contemporaries, actually declaring that "the Democratic majority" of the commissioners refused to confirm the inspec-

tor's recommendation for removal. "In order to stop discharges made for partisan purposes," declaring the men were able and trained, and that the commission "could not afford to let them go."

Now this is the truth. The three were Colonel Becker, brother of Commissioner Becker, drawing \$150 per month, who has not done a rap of work since Inspector Reishus has been in Clauson's place, and who, it is officially stated, had not done any work for at least two years, not even to the extent of signing his name, unless in drawing his pay. Another is Deputy Frank Curtis, drawing \$115 per month, and the third O. H. Kirke, a helper, drawing \$62.50. Inspector Reishus found that the work of the last two could be done by a remaining deputy, Mr. Squires. He therefore recommended the dismissal of all three officials, at a total saving of \$927.50 per month. Reform Commissioner Kingdahl voted for the inspector's recommendation. His colleagues agree in letting out Colonel Becker, but made his dismissal Dec. 15, so that he is only out for 15 days, since he would have gone Jan. 1, anyhow, on which date we shall have an actual Reform and Democratic majority on the board by a successor to Judge Mills. It was clearly understood that the recommendation for removal of the three was because they were not earthily use.

Inspector Clausen had carried these useless men for years.

The Minneapolis Jackson day banquet for Jan. 10 is going along splendidly. Tickets are already on sale and going fast. Hon. William Baughn Baldwin says that it is bound to be the biggest thing ever known in the Northwest. Address him, Minneapolis, for tickets and particulars.

The following was Hon. Erving Winslow's Thanksgiving greeting to William the Filipino conqueror: "Lovers of liberty, who would rather be the hunted patriot than the blood-gulping usurper today will nevertheless use it to pray that he, who has given America her first Thanksgiving of shame, may be brought to repentance and a better mind."

And the McKinley war is at the woman and children stage. Agripaldo's poor mother in jail, his child dead in the woods, his family scattered, with his brave men, his wife's apparel parcelled among our pursuing regulars.

The Cubans are howling for that "Independence" they were to have. Soon the administration will openly ask them if they were green enough to think independence was ever intended.

And the "Brother Abners" are getting quite as tired as the Cubans. They want those franchise plums. McKinley should get a move on him.

National Democratic Press Bulletin: Here is an object lesson which will not fail to interest a very considerable number of American people: Nails in 1898—\$1.50. Nails in 1899—\$4.35. Increase in factory wages—10 per cent. Increase in trust profits—180 per cent. Increase in the cost to consumer—100 per cent.

Professor W. W. Folwell of the university is out in a very strong address against the trusts. Now if the most excellent professor could only get himself out against the party that produces the trusts!

If only Chairman Steele of the Republican state central committee, had his red ink back, with which he endorsed Frank Wright's origin circular, he would be perfectly satisfied, and agree not to do it again.

The Minnesota congressional delegation is at Washington and all that remains is the mischief wrought for the goppites through Merriam, Byrnes, et al, and the resulting bad taste in the G. O. P. mouth.

And so the scheme, after all, was to do up Bob Evans, and boom Captain Van Sant. It is all right for the captain, but a hard dose for Collins, Clapp, Heatwole and others. Sly Bill Merriam.

And Schoolmaster McClary's name is not even mentioned in the Republican currency bill. Can such things be, and not overcome us like a summer hailstorm?

The Minneapolis anti-imperialist mass meeting promises to be a hummer. The goppite press worry about the few Democrats participating. Why that's an anti-McKinley show, of those who won the gold brick in '96. The Democrats and Populists will sit in the pews and enjoy the sermon.

The gold standard has wiped out the great house of Harper & Bros. at the same time that fire cleans out the Lipnietts. The Harpers fall for \$5,500,000. \$2,000,000 is assessed, and the Lipnietts lose \$3,000,000. But fire is better than the gold standard, for there is insurance, while the gold standard loss benefits nobody. Both houses have the sincere sympathy of all the literati.

That tremendous force in the awakening of 1896, "Coin" Harvey, is writing a book on the newer issues, in the style of Schoolmaster "Coin," which will be circulated by the national Democratic committee. The title will be "Money, Trusts and Imperialism," in elucidating which "Coin" will be shown grown to long trousers, instead of in knickerbockers. The word "Trusts" is spelled out in barb wire letters, and "Imperialism" is covered with frost and ice, and other like unigue figures. The work will be ready Jan. 10, and all lovers of the cause are asked to assist in its circulation. Send to the Hon. J. G. Johnson, chairman national executive committee, Chicago, for particulars.

Warden Wolfer is out, and General C. McC. Reeve in. Who said that the world do not move? G. S. C.

# SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Interesting Notes From Across the Ocean.

**HAPPENINGS IN THE FATHERLAND.**  
Principal Events that Have Occurred in the Old Countries About the North Sea Within a Week or So Just Past.

**SWEDEN.**  
Countess Elizabeth Wachtmeister of Vana, widow of the late A. F. Wachtmeister, donated, on the anniversary of his death, \$1,350 to the aid fund of the Eastern Skane railway company. The crown prince killed 18 pheasants on the Bonarp hunting grounds Nov. 14.

A new telephone cable containing four wires has been laid across the Sound between Sweden and Denmark. This cable is to connect the telephone systems of the Scandinavian countries with that of Germany.

The executive committee of the Cities' General Fire Insurance Company is in favor of raising the rates while the policy holders claim that the present rates are high enough to keep the company on a safe basis.

The star shower which was started for the night of Nov. 14, was a decided disappointment, especially to those good people who were inclined to expect not only a passing display of celestial pyrotechnics but a smash and crash of worlds and a return to chaos.

The king has decided that no objection will be made to the dedication and use of a chapel for funeral exercises in connection with the anatomical institute in Lund.

A railway employee near Kristianstad, won \$5,000 in a lottery a few years ago. Desiring to be his own boss, he left his position and bought a farm for the money. But success never touched him in his new venture; the farm and everything on it has just been sold; and fortune's whilom favorite is again a poor man.

The citizens of Malmo contributed \$1,900 to the aid of the storm sufferers in Norway.

The Railway Men's Christian Union, of Malmo, is in a prosperous condition. A public meeting held in the interest of the work of the union a few days ago was attended by 900 men, and the religious services were conducted exclusively by railway employees.

Sarl Stalin, of Malmo, has been appointed principal of a manual training school in Santiago, Chile.

The preliminary steps have been taken to organize a Scandinavian union in Gothenburg.

A new high school has been dedicated in Stockholm. The king and a number of the most noted representatives of the government attended the ceremonies.

An urn containing about three hundred silver coins was struck by the plow share in a field at Bankeberg. The coins date from the times of Gustaf Vasa and Karl Knutsson.

His majesty the king has decreed that the name of the parish of Nas, Onsjö commune, shall be changed to Trollenas.

The sugar beet raisers of Skane are organizing themselves into a union for the purpose of keeping up the price of their staple product.

Prof. G. Retzius has been elected corresponding member of the academy of sciences of Munich, Germany.

Anders Broolin, of Wollsjö, spent a large part of his life as a vagrant, and his children grew up in the habit of making a living without decent work. In his old age Broolin has published a circular in which he admonishes the people not to encourage vagrants by giving them something for nothing. In the same circular he explains that the generosity of the public was largely responsible for his roving mode of life. He has chosen this course as a means of compelling his descendants to earn their living.

The municipality of Stockholm has just opened two homes for houseless people, one for men and one for women, having accommodations for 120 persons, respectively. Applications for admission must be sent to the poor board. The inmates are not allowed to stay at the homes in the day time, nor shall any person stay more than two weeks.

King Oscar is in the habit of writing off and on for three Stockholm dailies, and a fourth one was recently the object of similar honors, but in a different way. The editor of this paper had criticized a certain appointment made by the king. This was distasteful to his majesty, and he called the editor up to the royal palace. "There is something for your paper," he said, handing the editor what was intended as a justification of the appointment referred to. "You see," he continued, "that it contains a dig for you, but you don't strike out anything." "Of course not," said the editor, "I myself go for people when I see they need it."

**NORWAY.**  
The storthing has just taken a step which shows that this body is far from being controlled by the majority party, that is the Liberals. The committee on nominations proposed as directors of the banks of the country, men who have distinguished themselves chiefly as political agitators for the Liberals, and many of the candidates are ex-members of the storthing while a number of the most trusted and experienced bankers and financiers of the country were ignored.

As soon as the press was advised of the nice little work of the committee, vehement protests arose from different parts of the country, and the report of the committee was handed very roughly on the floor of the storthing, some of the liberal members turning squarely against the leaders of their own party. But the vote was a surprise to all. The report was returned to the committee by the emphatic vote of 64 to 46. Not even President Ullmann succeeded in stemming the tide which was rising against the principle, that "to the victors belong the spoils."

The stockholders of the Kristiania brewery have received a dividend of 8 per cent for the past year, and 2 per cent was added to the reserve fund.

# THE FARMER UP TO DATE.

One Who Was Strictly Up with the Times in Everything.

"Well, how're crops?" said the young man in the blue suit, gayly, as he dropped into the seat beside the elderly individual with the gray chin whiskers and pepper-and-salt suit.

"I hear there ain't much demand for electricity," rejoined the latter, solemnly.

"Oh," cried the young man, not so gayly as he had asked his first question.

"Petroleum, kerosene, pretty steady," continued the elderly individual, stroking his whiskers thoughtfully.

"The young man looked as though he might be fidgeted uneasily in his place.

"And gasoline grows stronger every day," continued the elderly one, serenely.

"The young man looked as though he wished he had seated himself somewhere else.

"Other kinds of fodder have slumped lately, but, of course, they may begin feeding naphtha and other things again any day; you can never tell," continued the elderly one, ponderously.

"The young man paled perceptibly, but he made up his mind to learn the worst.

"Say," he blurted out, "what kind of a blasted drug store of a farm do you run, anyway?"

"Me?" gasped the elderly one, with ungrammatical surprise.

"Yes, you," insisted the young man, stoutly.

"Why, I'm not a farmer, my young friend," said the elderly one. "I'm in the automobile supply business."—Harpur's Bazar.

**WORD FROM MARS.**  
When the Signal Was Made Out Its Significance Was Impertinent.

The greatest possible commotion prevailed. The entire world was interested. Scientists from every country flocked to the seat of the new observatory. The great telescope, the marvel of the nineteenth century, was the talk of two continents.

This world was on the eve of communicating with Mars. It had been scientifically proved that Mars, which was reported the distant planet through lesser telescopes had observed the attempts of the Martians to signal. They were using a system of great planes and great towers which formed themselves into an understandable code.

Slowly was the big telescope focused on the planet. Hundreds of eyes were craning about sending bulletins every five minutes. Aged astronomers waited with trembling anxiety for the great moment of their lives. Hundreds of eyes were craning about sending bulletins every five minutes. Aged astronomers waited with trembling anxiety for the great moment of their lives. Hundreds of eyes were craning about sending bulletins every five minutes.

"The Martians are signaling!" telegraphed an excited correspondent "in a few minutes more the signals will be read." At last! An eager eye is glued to the glass. The great figures of the dial follow more slowly. The world is hushed waiting for the message, the first to break the silence of Aeon. The first letter is made out with difficulty. The next follows more rapidly. The aged scientist spells out: "R-U-B-B-E-R-I-Rubber!—Puck."

**HE WOULD DARE.**  
There Was an Egg Famine in Kansas and He Could Act There.

The paper fell from the hands of the half-crushed tragedian. A shriek cut the damp air.

"At last! At last!" he cried, wild with something akin to enthusiasm.

A friend recognized the voice and slipping down from the high stool, he called out: "Ready lunch counter, hastened out. He hurried across the street, where the half-crushed tragedian leaned against a wall.

"My friend, the oldest pal!" he called, "what be the matter?"

"At last, at last!" exclaimed the half-crushed tragedian, "at last they will hear my Hamlet!"

Tears welled up to the eyes of his friend. "My heart is with you," he said, "but how does it happen?"

And before his wondering gaze the half-crushed tragedian held the newspaper. His eyes fell upon the startling head line: "An Egg Famine in Kansas."

"And we are booked from one end of the state to the other, sobbed the half-crushed tragedian, shaking with an emotion he could not be back.

And there, all heedless of the passing throng, they went upon the shoulder—each of each.—Detroit Free Press.

**FORGETTING WIVES' LETTERS.**  
"He carried the letter around in his pocket for five weeks."

"What do you mean by that?"

"He wrote to his father-in-law asking him what he'd better do. His father-in-law wrote back and said he was awfully glad his son-in-law had written, and the letter reminded him that he had a letter in his own pocket that he had been carrying around for six weeks."

"Didn't he offer any advice?"

"Not a word. So Briggs fussed around and worried, and at last proposed the envelope to see how much of his old fool he had done by retaining it. What do you suppose it contained? A recipe for making tamarind jelly, clipped from some newspaper, together with two funny jokes and a sample of cheap gin-gin-gin. Briggs flung the whole outfit in the fire and felt better. But he chuckles every time he thinks of his old father-in-law and the burden he may still be carrying."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Jacques leaned over the gunwale of the flatboat as she floated lazily down the Detroit river. He smoked a pipe and his eyes were fixed on the water.

Pierre hung over the rail of the scow that was up-bound. He was also enveloped in a hazy smoke.

In the moonlight the two boatmen recognized each other.

"Hello, Pierre. How you get along?"

"Oh, I'm been get along. How you get along?"

"Oh, I'm been get along, too."

"How your seek fatar get along, Jacques?"

"My fatar? Oh, she get along. She been died last week."—Detroit Free Press.

**HIS ABILITY.**  
Seldum Fedd Dat, Hungry Hooks, is a credit to de profession.

Soiled Spooner—You bet! He could steal de soda right out of a biscuit without breakin' de crust.—Judge.

**EVERYTHING A DISEASE.**  
"Doctor, if microbes in food are hurtful, what makes me get so fat?"

"Oh, my dear madam, there is a flesh-producing microbe, you know."—Indianapolis Journal.

# Non-stinkable Boats.

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**For the Grave.**  
A solicitor in a Georgia court is responsible for the following: He overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing a recent funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said: "When I die, don't play no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old water-melon vine; and when it gets ripe you come dar, and don't you eat it, but jes' bust it on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble down through de ground." Youth's Companion.

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**Undue Haste.**  
The Circassian—What became of the fellow who started in to fast 40 days?  
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