

**THE MONEY QUESTION.**  
It is doubtful if very many advocates of the gold standard have considered what a radical departure they are taking from the traditions and usages of the United States on the money question. If the republican party declares for gold as the one standard measure of value and redemption money, which it is already committed to do, it will be the first time in the history of the country that a political party declared against silver coinage. Every declaration of political parties up to and including the platforms of 1896 on the money question was positive for bimetalism. The republican party was not sincere in 1896 when it made the usual pledge to hold out silver as a money metal under some sort of an international agreement. But the declaration of the party on that question was adroitly enough presented to convince a great many sincere bimetalists that the election of Mr. McKinley would surely be followed by a wise and consistent monetary system which would at least oblige the government to coin enough silver on its own account to keep the volume of legal tender money up to the requirements of the country's business.

But when the republican party declares for the gold standard without qualification, which it certainly will be forced by the money powers to do, the issue will be greatly simplified. It will be bimetalism against monometallism without any intervening "ifs or ands." This will give the money question very much greater importance in the campaign than it would have were the republican party to readopt its money plank of 1896, because that declaration does not on its face contemplate the elimination of silver as legal tender money, and no doubt it would receive very many in 1900, as it did in 1896. But the leaders of the republican party have gone too far in committing their party to the gold standard and the elimination of silver as redemption money to retreat. Their convention will have to declare unqualifiedly for the gold standard and a national bank paper currency.

It was thought a while ago that the republican convention would juggle with silver and make the president's annexation policy the dominating issue, but while that will no doubt be the leading question so far as it can be made so, the president's speeches since he left Washington last week show very clearly that he is committed to give the gold standard issue great prominence, and also high protection. The trusts and money powers are very much more interested in having monometallism and high protection fastened upon the country than they are in the annexation of outlying territory and they know that their contributions to the republican campaign fund are too large and too valuable to permit of their wishes being ignored. Mr. McKinley is too good a politician not to know that an unqualified declaration for the gold standard would drive such silver republicans from him as would cling to the hope that their own party would sometime give the white metal its proper and natural recognition were his party not to make its elimination an issue. But the money powers are impatient to have the gold standard established, and they

will force the question to the point by obliging the republican platform to declare for it fair, square and distinct. The democratic party will be glad to go before the country against the gold standard with its time honored monetary system of gold and silver for the people's redemption and legal tender money.—Kansas City Times.

**THE POLITICAL CENTER OF GRAVITY.**

The growing influence of the West in national politics is apparent from a glance at the composition of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress. Nearly all the strong men come from States west of the Alleghenies. Originality and force are found among these members, who will in future have a large influence in conceiving policies and shaping legislation. So far as personality is concerned the West is the dominant section.

The Speaker, Mr. Henderson, is an Iowa man who has earned the honor to be conferred by a long career of hard and effective work. He will be supported on the Republican side by strong and experienced men, the most conspicuous being Grosvenor of Ohio, Hitt and Cannon of Illinois, Cousins and Hull of Iowa and Loud of California. Among the Democrats are Richardson of Tennessee, De Armond and Clark of Missouri, Allen of Mississippi and Bailey of Texas, the two latter being, to all intents and purposes, Western men, since West and South are, for the present at least, sympathetic in temper.

When Mr. Reed left Congress the weight of the East in the House was sadly diminished. And no other Eastern member ever hopes to fill his shoes in point of personal force and practical sagacity.

The center of political gravity has shifted, once for all, to the West. New York is no longer of commanding importance as a "pivotal State." The interests of the great territory purchased by Jefferson are now the controlling factor and in future they will be consulted and more diligently served. It is well that it is so, for in that region is the seat of the most robust Americanism.—P.D.

**A BACHELOR'S REFLECTIONS.**

There are some things in this world that no man is able to find out, but it's different with a woman.

Some men whose children have shoes full of holes, keep good dogs.

A woman can never go anywhere without first changing her dress.

The young woman who starts out with the intention of bettering the world takes care to better herself when she marries.

The more clothes a girl has the more trouble it is for her to make up her mind what to wear.

A youthful temperament in a woman won't pass for youth when it comes to trying on hats.

When a man gets ready for a trip in five minutes it takes his wife three days to straighten up the house after him.

A woman can pity a man she hates, but when she hates another woman there is no pity in her.—N. Y. Press.

**City Directory.**

**CITY OFFICIALS.**  
Mayor.....Samuel North  
Police Judge.....W. B. Stevens  
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City Attorney.....R. L. Woodson  
City Clerk.....Geo. W. Tompkins  
City Treasurer.....H. E. Linn  
Collector.....J. E. Fish  
Assessor.....A. K. Rutledge  
Street Commissioner.....J. S. Jarman  
ALDERMEN: First Ward—J. S. Scott J. H. Grady;  
Second Ward—D. A. Ely, J. W. Bell;  
Third Ward—A. Boulware, D. D. Nelson

**Secret Societies.**

**MASONIC**—Monroe Lodge No. 64, A. F. & A. M., meets first and third Saturday nights of each month.  
Monroe City R. A. Chapter, No. 104 meets fourth Monday nights in each month.

**ODD FELLOWS**—Monroe City Lodge, No. 268, meets every Thursday night.

**Rebelkath**, Monroe City Lodge, No. 156, meets first and third Tuesday nights of each month.

The R. N. of A's will meet every Thursday evening in the M. W. A. hall.

**A. O. U. W.** Monroe City Lodge, No. 168, meets first and third Friday nights of each month.

**MODERN WOODMEN**—Monroe City Camp, No. 2236 meets every Friday night.

**P. E. O. Sisterhood**, Monroe City Chapter H. meets the second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

**MASONIC, Colored**—Advance Lodge No. 5, meets first and third Tuesday nights in each month.

**SUPREME COURT OF HONOR**—Monroe District Court meets every Monday night.

**ADVANCE LODGE NO. 5** meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month.

**BETHLEHEM CHAPTER NO. 41** meets 1st Thursday in each month.

**VIRGINIA COURT** meets 1st Thursday in each month.

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**B. Y. P. U.** 7 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening Deacons meeting at 2 p. m. the last Sunday in each month.

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**CATHOLIC**—Services at 8:00 and 10:00 a. m. second and fourth Sundays in each month. Father D. F. Sullivan, pastor.

**BAPTIST, Colored**—Services the first Sunday in each month. J. B. Hawkins, pastor.

**Court Directory.**

**MONROE COUNTY.**  
Circuit Court—Meets at Paris third Monday in April and fourth Monday in October.  
Probate Court—Regular terms at Paris, second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

**HARRISON COUNTY.**  
Circuit Court—Meets at Palmyra, second Monday in February and first Monday in September.

**Annual Court of Ryndon Pleas**—Meet second Monday in January, first Monday in May and third Monday in September.

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" 16—St. Louis K. C. & Denver 12:14 a. m.  
" 92—Local Freight 1:40 p. m.

**WEST.**  
No. 55—Chicago & K. C. Exp. 2:16 a. m.  
" 3—Chicago & K. C. Exp. 1:03 p. m.  
" 5—Denver 6:30 p. m.  
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No. 6 Mail and Express 9:00 p. m.  
No. 8 Buffalo Mail via Hann. 9:00 p. m.  
No. 4 Atlantic Express 1:45 a. m.  
No. 14 Omaha Express 2:50 a. m.  
No. 61 Local Freight 5:00 p. m.

West Bound Arrive Depart.  
No. 21 Kansas City Acons 2:15 a. m.  
No. 18 Pattonsburg & local Sta. 11:59 a. m. 12:30 p. m.  
No. 3 Western Express 11:00 p. m.  
No. 9 Fast Mail 6:20 p. m.  
No. 1 Omaha Express 1:40 p. m.  
No. 7 Pacific Express 2:00 a. m.  
No. 71 Local Freight 8:15 a. m.  
Des Moines and Ottumwa Branch, North Bound Depart.  
Pacific Express 1:50

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