

"IT IS ERROR ALONE WHICH NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT; TRUTH CAN STAND BY ITSELF."  
—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

# BROAD AX

"THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE IN ALL THAT IS GOOD, AND THE LEADING SPIRIT IN EVERY MOVEMENT WHICH HAS FOR ITS OBJECT THE UPLIFTING OF THE HUMAN RACE."  
—WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

HEW TO THE LINE.

## OUR TICKET FOR 1896.

For President:  
**WILLIAM J. BRYAN,**  
OF NEBRASKA.  
For Vice-President:  
**ARTHUR SEWALL,**  
OF MAINE.

### THE MCKINLEY SIDE SHOW.

Is all well regulated circuses or hippodrome exhibitions, there is always a side show or museum attached which is with the main show but for which an extra admission is charged.

With the McKinley gold-bug extravaganza there is now a full fledged side attraction, organized at Indianapolis, Ind., called the National Democracy. The two managing showmen are John M. Palmer of Illinois, and Gen. Simon B. Buckner of Kentucky. These two gentlemen also form the principal attraction, but not all, as there are many other features of the show by which it is expected to draw patronage. It comprises a sort of collection of rare and extinct species of political characters. The heads of the ticket represent a mummified pair of political ancients. They once existed and breathed and drew their salary as all other office-holders do, but time with its exasperating hand has swept these two old cronies into the background of active life, and they have at last found a fitting vocation by being put on exhibition in a small tent among the Egyptian curios with which they are surrounded. Among the freaks under this canvass, is the man with the iron jaw, known as Bourke Cochran of New York. Then there is the wild man of California John P. Irish; the snake charmer comes from the swamps of Louisiana in the person of Senator Caffery; the ossified man is to be found in the person of Bynum of Ind; the contortionist is represented by Ben Cable of Ills.; the high priest of virtue and domestic purity is found in the hoary headed saint from Kentucky, W. C. P. Breckinridge. This adjunct of the McKinley combination is for the purpose of drawing within its doors all who may not feel like patronizing the big tent. In other words the object is to aid the election of McKinley and defeat Bryan.

It is the desperate effort of the gold standard men to defeat the people, and fasten the golden chains of bondage upon their necks forever. These men who have grown gray in their service to Democracy, now turn against their life-long principles and service, and in order to serve the avarice of their hearts, become recreant to all the traditions of their past lives, and are willing to aid and comfort their old-time enemy that they may possibly be permitted to eat the husks of the goldbug feast should they win. This whole affair is backed and promoted by Hanna's gold. But it will not be a drawing card; it is another case of the jackass enclosed in the skin of the lion; the ears are exposed, and the roar of this beast is but the braying of the ass. It will have no perceptible effect on the result except to increase Mr. Bryan's majority, as all those who vote for this pair of old fakirs would have voted for McKinley anyway, and this political stage-play will make the way easy for thousands of honest Republicans to vote and work for Bryan.

### MEXICO AND FREE SILVER.

Much is being said through the goldbug papers, and by the McKinley orators, about the low wages paid in Mexico, a free silver country. Notwithstanding all reports from residents of that country, and visitors from our own and other countries all agree that Mexico is today one of the most prosperous lands on earth. As to the question of wages, it is true that the Mexican peon, unskilled and ignorant, receives less than the average American wage-earner, but still even he receives much larger wages than most of the laborers in gold standard countries. The Egyptian fellah, living under the beauty of a gold standard, works for five cents per day; the Turk works for a few coppers per day; the Spaniard receives on an average for 12 hours' work, the magnificent sum of twenty cents per day; the Portuguese, for 12 hours of hard labor, gets seventeen cents per day. Portugal adopted the gold standard in 1853, and since that time her national debt has increased 100 per cent; her three-per-cent. gold bonds are now selling in London at twenty-six and one-half cents, while Mexico's silver bonds are selling at ninety-six and one-half cents.

Several goldbug merchants have been offering to sell 50 cents worth of goods and give a Mexican dollar in exchange for an American dollar. This was thought to be a great object lesson in favor of gold, until some one offered to sell 50 cents worth of an article and give \$2.50 in change in Portuguese 3 per cent gold bonds for one of our dollars.

All this rot about Mexico is for the purpose of blinding the voter. It is true Mexican dollars only pass in this country at their bullion value, and as silver is demonetized in the United States they only pass at that rate; but is that not true of all foreign silver? Why don't we hear something said about the value of the Spanish silver dollar, the French franc, the German thaler, or the Canadian quarter? All these countries are on a gold basis, and yet their silver is only worth its bullion value in this country. Mexico is a young Republic, not yet thirty years old, with a mixed and deteriorated race of people, and in a land of mountains and volcanoes, and which has been convulsed with political revolutions for almost one hundred years. In spite of all these obstacles, under a free coinage system she has prospered, and is today attracting the capitalists of the world, and all her industries are expanding. Free silver has helped her, and will help the United States far more should we return to that system of money.

Like all the arguments of the gold standard men, that of Mexico becomes a boomerang, and only serves to establish the soundness of bi-metallicism.

Major McKinley still remains at home, receiving company and repeating his little speeches prepared by his tutor and master, Mark Hanna. After Nov. 3, he will be at home in Canton, Ohio, but he will not have near so much company. The mountain will not go to Mahomet any longer. It would not be surprising if the English government would send a delegation of lords and money lenders from London to pay their respects to this champion of British finance.

### THE MAGNITUDE OF TRUSTS

Below is a partial list of the trusts and other monopolies now in existence in the United States, which have been created under and by virtue of a protective tariff. Read them over and see where the people are drifting. Further comment is unnecessary.

TITLE	CAPITAL.
Pressed Beef and Provision Trust	\$100,000,000
Sugar Trust, New York	75,000,000
Lead Trust	30,000,000
Rubber Trust, New Jersey	50,000,000
Gossamer Rubber Trust	12,000,000
Anthracite Coal Combine, Pennsylvania	*85,000,000
Axe Trust	15,000,000
Barbed Wire Trust, Chicago	*10,000,000
Biscuit and Cracker Trust	12,000,000
Bolt and Nut Trust	*10,000,000
Boiler Trust, Pittsburgh, Pa.	*15,000,000
Borax Trust, Pennsylvania	*2,000,000
Broom Trust, Chicago	*2,500,000
Brush Trust, Ohio	*2,000,000
Button Trust	*3,000,000
Carbon Candle Trust, Cleveland	*3,000,000
Cartridge Trust	*10,000,000
Casket and Burial Goods Trust	*1,000,000
Castor Oil Trust, St. Louis	500,000
Celluloid Trust	8,000,000
Cigarette Trust, New York	25,000,000
Condensed Milk Trust, Illinois	15,000,000
Copper Ingot Trust	*20,000,000
Sheet Copper Trust, Cordage Trust, New Jersey	35,000,000
Crockery Trust	*15,000,000
Cotton Duck Trust	10,000,000
Cotton-Seed Oil Trust	20,000,000
Cotton Thread Combine, New Jersey	7,000,000
Electric Supply Trust	*10,000,000
Flint Glass Trust, Pennsylvania	8,000,000
Fruit Jar Trust	*1,000,000
Galvanized Iron Steel Trust, Pennsylvania	*2,000,000
Glove Trust, New York	*2,500,000
Harvester Trust	*1,500,000
Hinge Trust	1,000,000
Indurated Fibre Trust	500,000
Leather Board Trust	*500,000
Lime Trust	*3,000,000
Linseed Oil Trust	18,000,000
Lithograph Trust, New Jersey	11,500,000
Locomotive Tire Trust	*2,000,000
Marble Combine	*20,000,000
Match Trust, Chicago	8,000,000
Morocco Leather Trust	*2,000,000
Oatmeal Trust, Ohio	*3,500,000
Oilcloth Trust	2,500,000
Paper Bag Trust	2,000,000
Pitch Trust	*10,000,000
Plate Glass Trust, Pittsburgh, Pa.	*8,000,000
Pocket Cutlery Trust	*2,000,000
Powder Trust	1,500,000
Preservers' Trust, W. Virginia	*8,000,000
Pulp Trust	*5,000,000
Rice Trust, Chicago	2,500,000
Safe Trust	2,500,000
Salt Trust	*1,000,000
Sandstone Trust, New York	*1,000,000
Sanitary Ware Trust, Trenton, N. J.	3,000,000
Sandpaper Trust	*250,000
Sash, Door and Blind Trust	*1,500,000
Saw Trust, Pennsylvania	5,000,000
School Book Trust, New York	*2,000,000
School Furniture Trust	15,000,000
Sewer Pipe Trust	2,000,000
Skewer Trust	60,000
Smelters' Trust, Chicago	25,000,000
Sraith Trust, Michigan	*500,000
Soap Trust	*500,000
Soda-Water Apparatus Trust, Trenton, N. J.	3,750,000

Spool, Bobbin and Shuttle Trust	2,000,000
Sponge Trust	*500,000
Starch Trust, Kentucky	10,000,000
Merch'ts' Steel Trust	10,000,000
Steel Rail Trust	*60,000,000
Stove Board Trust, Grand Rapids, Mich	200,000
Straw Board Trust, Cleveland, Ohio	*8,000,000
Structural Steel Trust	*5,000,000
Teazle Trust	*200,000
Sheet Steel Trust	*2,000,000
Tombstone Trust	100,000
Trunk Trust	2,500,000
Tube Trust, New Jersey	11,500,000
Type Trust	6,000,000
Umbrella Trust	*8,000,000
Vapor Stove Trust	*1,000,000
Wall Paper Trust, New York	20,000,000
Watch Trust	30,000,000
Wheel Trust	*1,000,000
Whip Trust	*500,000
Window Glass Trust	*20,000,000
Wire Trust	*10,000,000
Wood-Screw Trust	*10,000,000
Wool Hat Trust, New Jersey	*1,500,000
Wrapping Paper Trust	*1,000,000
Yellow Pine Trust	*2,000,000
Patent Leather Trust	5,000,000
Dye and Chemical Combine	*2,000,000
Lumber Trust	*2,000,000
Rock Salt Combination	5,000,000
Naval Stores Combine	*1,000,000
Green Glass Trust	*4,000,000
Locomotive Trust	*5,000,000
Envelope Combine	5,000,000
Ribbon Trust	*18,000,000
Iron and Coal Trust	10,000,000

Cotton Press Trust	*6,000,000
Tack Trust	*3,000,000
Clothes-Wringer Trust	*2,000,000
Snow Shovel Trust	*200,000
The Iron League (Trust)	*60,000,000
Paper Box Trust	*5,000,000
Bituminous Coal Trust	*15,000,000
Alcohol Trust	*5,000,000
Confectioners' Trust	*2,000,000
Gas Trust	*7,000,000
Acid Trust	*2,000,000
Manila Tissue Trust	*2,000,000
Carnegie Trust	25,000,000
Illinois Steel Trust	*50,000,000
Brass Trust	10,000,000
Hop Combine	*500,000
Flour Trust, New York	7,500,000
American Corn Harvesters' Trust	*50,000,000
Pork Combine, Missouri	*20,000,000
Colorado Coal Combine	20,000,000
Bleachery Combine	*10,000,000
Paint Combine, New York	*2,000,000
Buckwheat Trust, New Jersey	5,000,000
Fur Combine, New Jersey	10,000,000
Tissue Paper Trust	*10,000,000
Cash Register Trust	10,000,000
Western Flour Trust	10,000,000
Steel and Iron Combine	4,000,000
Electric Combine, No. 2	1,800,000
Rubber Trust No. 2	7,000,000
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