

existence and will exist. Yet its members will not fail to do just as they did in 1896 if conditions are similar. They would vote for a man like Bryan on a platform like that enunciated at Chicago or Kansas City, and desert their own candidate—because the only object sought is to prevent legislation and administration in the sole interest of the manufacturing, banking and transportation corporations.

This is the real issue between the two great parties—a grand contest between the manufacturing, banking and transportation interests on the one hand, represented by the republican party and its hordes of hoodwinked farmer and wage-worker followers; and on the other, a real democratic party representing the men who make up its following—chiefly the farmers, small business men, home-owners—the "bone and sinew" of America. That there may be no doubt about there being a truly democratic party in the field next year, the Denver conference was called. What will result must necessarily depend upon the outcome of Mr. Bryan's fight to keep his party on the course it began in 1896.—Associate Editor.)

The Unspeakable Turk

It is impossible to form any conclusion from the jumble of cablegrams what the outcome will be of the disturbances in Macedonia and Bulgaria. The fact seems to be established that the Turks have been perpetrating horrors that equal anything in all history. It is said that they have murdered 60,000 men, women and children in cold blood. Still the powers have taken no action. The English government was so crippled by the Boer war that it is not in a condition to make a stand. If the policy of Gladstone had been adopted years ago there would have been no such cruelties as are now being perpetrated.

The latest dispatches indicate that Bulgaria will be forced to go to war as the powers refuse to enforce former treaties and thousands of Bulgarians have already been slain. Their king, Ferdinand, ran away and has been hiding in remote places, but the ministers have issued a manifesto to the powers giving an account of the atrocities committed and declaring that the Turks intend to invade their borders. This thing may be patched up again and the Turk with his doctrine of murder as a means of propagating his religion may be allowed to stay in Europe a while longer, but it will only be for a while. The indignation of the civilized world will finally crush him.

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VOLTS AND DOLLARS

Mr. Reeves Believes Value can be Expressed Only in Concrete Units of a Valuable Thing

Editor Independent: A friend has handed me a copy of your August 27th issue and I find in it many commendable features. I appreciate what you say editorially on page 16 about agreeing with Del Mar that "no metal can measure value with equity," and also that you "holdly firmly to the populist theory of money" and insist that money only can measure value.

I have not Del Mar's "Monetary Crimes," but have several populist authorities on money. They all agree that the dollar is an idea, first formed by association with a tangible thing, from which it is afterwards dissociated, and take pride in declaring "money a creation of law." Their plan is for the government to issue (in exchange for labor and supplies) money which it will redeem by accepting (in lieu of commodities) for taxes.

Now, if we assume that government pays \$1 for a certain article (or the labor sufficient to produce that article) and that dollar is the first creation of money by law, its value is in the article. We say "value of the dollar," but we mean the valuable thing it procured, and we expect all subsequent dollars thus issued, or paid out, to procure as nearly as human equity can decide the same amount of commodity value. We also expect the government to appraise our varied products by the same unit of value, and to pay our taxes by selling commodities at the appraised valuation.

I am glad you do not ignore "history, law and practical politics," but propose to reform "it" (?) in the interest of the people. Very well. There is room for reform, but it must be done without ignoring facts. Value can only be expressed with "precision and equity" in concrete units of a valuable thing. The formula is "A is worth B," or "any amount of anything is worth a certain amount of something else." If a referendum vote could be taken I believe the commodity unit would be almost unanimously sustained. At any rate, why not drop the contention and unite on a platform demanding the referendum and the issue of money by direct loans instead of by expenditures or loans through banks and leave the "unit" as it is for the present? C. E. REEVES, Perry, Okla.

(By parity for reasoning a volt can only be expressed with precision and equity in "concrete units of an electrified thing." The force of demand may be likened to the force of electricity; but the force of demand is not "value" any more than the force of electricity is a "volt." For purposes of expressing the intensity of the force of electricity the word "volt" has been adopted, the word being derived from the name of an eminent Italian electrician, Alessandro Volta. Technically a "volt" is the "electro-motive force which produces a current of one ampere in a circuit having a resistance of one ohm, and is about one-tenth less than the electro-motive force of a Daniell's sulphate of copper cell." Hence, the word "volt" is a device adopted as the unit of electro-motive force. No one knows, or cares, for that matter, the absolute intensity of electro-motive force symbolized by the word "volt." Neither does any one know, or care, how many "volts" of electro-motive force there are in the universe. But, by use of delicate physical appliances and the use of the word "volt" symbolizing the chosen unit of electro-motive force, and use of the numerals, it is possible to "measure" electricity and to express it words and figures the result of that measurement.

Now, in the struggle among men to obtain or to retain the individual possession of things capable of being used by man for his enjoyment, a force arises comparable to electricity. "Dollar" in our monetary system is the device which corresponds to the word "volt" in electrical measurement. It is a word adopted to symbolize the unit of the force of demand. Technically, today, the unit is the quantity of the force of demand acting upon 25.8 grains of gold, nine-tenths fine—but not coined under our present laws. No one knows, or cares, the absolute intensity of the force of demand symbolized by the word "dollar." Neither does any one know, or care, how many "dollars" of force of demand there are in the world. But here the analogy ceases for want of a physical appliance by means of which to accurately "measure" the quantity of the force of demand acting upon a given article of wealth at a given time and place. Each purchaser and each seller must use his own brain as that appliance. He "values" or esti-

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mates or places a valuation upon the desired object; that is to say, he estimates how many times, or what fractional part of, the unit is acting upon the purchaseable or salable object.

Originally that quantity of the force of demand which acted upon 4125 grains of silver, nine-tenths fine, was named a "dollar" or "unit." The coin manufactured by government by stamping that quantity of silver was called a "dollar" or "unit." But the presence of the coin was not at all necessary to enable purchasers and sellers to calculate in terms of money the "value" of what they had to sell or buy. That was a "concrete unit" which could be dispensed with. However, when taxes became due or a judgment was to be satisfied, it was a concrete necessity—because the statutes made it so.—Ed. Ind.)

Good and Bad Gold Bugs

Editor Independent: I see Bryan has one on Mark Hanna. Mark says there are good and bad trusts; Bryan says there are two kinds of gold bugs.

It has developed that among the gold bug flock there are a few goats. Bryan has let down the bars and turned them into the barnyard. I fear these goats will do as mine did. My goat killed a calf and butted down the gate and with the chickens ruined my garden. I killed him. I wish Farmer Bryan better luck in the democratic party garden.

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