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THE ARGUS' case the doctor has.

Will keep him smiling wood.

He'll find his temperature is hot.

But his circulation good.

LI HING CHANG hears so much about Canton, Ohio, that he may get the desire to visit it.

But he should be told that it is not one-hundredth part the size of the great city in his own country.

THE PITTSBURGH Dispatch with an air of infinite wisdom, says: "If any workman in this country is anxious to receive Mexican wages and participate in Mexican prosperity it will be cheaper to send him down in Mexico than to introduce the conditions of that country into this."

In the same way we may say: "If any workman in this country is anxious to receive protection wages and participate in protection prosperity it will be cheaper to send him to Germany or France or Italy than to introduce the conditions of higher protection to our own country."

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN HANNA had better transfer the McKinley padlock to his own lips.

He said concerning the result of the Indianapolis convention: "I think the action of the convention will be of assistance to us. Palmer is a strong man and a reliable man, and has a heavy following among the democrats of Illinois. His nomination following that of the gold standard democrat for governor of that state will weaken the other democrats of Illinois very materially. The nomination of Buckner will also do us good. He is strong in Kentucky and throughout the union, and will help us very much."

It is a beautiful sight; this republican corruption boss discussing philosophically the benefits that are to come to a republican cause from an opposition convention.

THE edge has been taken off the republican boast over the Vermont election as significant of the triumph of gold over silver by the disclosure of the fact that the election was in no sense the issue. Indeed the platforms of the two parties were little at variance on that point.

The democratic platform after endorsing President Cleveland's administration and extending thanks to Secretary Carlisle for his conscientious and efficient management of the treasury department, declared: "We demand the maintenance of a gold standard of value as being for the true interest of all our people, and especially of those who are obliged to labor for what they receive, and we are opposed to the free coinage of silver except under international agreement."

HUMANITY FOR HUMANITY.

Rock Island county witnessed today the laying by the highest official in the state of the corner stone of what is designed, and it is believed destined, to be one of the noblest and best institutions in the world, for the care of the afflicted of God's creatures. The state does no more noble work than in its provision for those from whom reason has fled. It is humanity's duty to humanity, and he best serves his Creator who best serves his fellow man. The pathways of life are thorny enough to the best of men, but he is selfish indeed who fails either to think of those less fortunate than himself or to be grateful for the blessing that are his.

The great state of Illinois may well be proud of the institutions which it has provided, for the care as well as the betterment of her subjects, and the community upon which has been bestowed what promises to be the greatest of all, should not fail to be true to the trust placed in it-keeping.

The people of Rock Island and Moline rejoice no less in the cause which actuates this day's deeds than they do in the promised possession of a magnificent institution.

BRYAN AND BIMETALLISM.

Always a Source of Earnest Study With Him.

William Jennings Bryan graduated from college at Jacksonville only a dozen years ago and has been an occasional contributor to the college paper called the College Rambler. The last article from his pen was devoted to the silver question, and appeared in the issue of May 4, 1895. It shows how near to his thoughts has always been the subject of bimetallicism. That article is herewith reproduced as being important and timely reading.

"For the past 20 years the advocates of bimetallicism have been compelled to meet enemies who were fighting in disguise—men who would oppose every measure friendly to the restoration of silver, and yet who claim to be bimetallists. The time has come when the light is to be made openly between the double standard and the single standard. The Reform club, of New York, which is more active, probably, than any other association in the fight against the restoration of silver, has recently issued a pamphlet entitled, 'The People's Money,' in which it says: 'Gold monometallism is the unavoidable destination of this country. The sooner we recognize this and voice it in our laws, the sooner will we reap the fruits.' Should we unfortunately let go of the single standard there will be nothing to take hold of, but silver monometallism, for bimetallicism for us is a snare and a delusion. The advocates of bimetallicism are fortunate in having at last brought their enemies to an open fight because there can be no doubt of the result when the people of the United States are compelled to choose between bimetallicism and gold monometallism. Bimetallicism is the name applied to that financial system in which gold and silver are linked together at a fixed ratio and given equal privileges at the mint and equal legal tender qualities.

"The purpose of bimetallicism is to retain in use throughout the commercial world both gold and silver as primary or standard money. While bimetallicism does not depend upon a particular ratio, but has existed at various ratios, the ratio of 16 to 1 is the ratio which is generally advocated by those who believe in the restoration of bimetallicism. By the ratio of 16 to 1 is meant that 16 ounces of silver shall be the legal equivalent of one ounce of gold in debt paying power, or in other words, that 25.8 grains of standard gold constitute a dollar, and 412.50 grains of standard silver constitute a dollar. By free coinage is meant the legal right to convert gold bullion into gold coin and silver bullion into silver coin without charge for mintage. Under the operation of the free coinage law the government does not buy metal but simply stamps the metal, invests it with legal tender qualities and it returns it to the person who presents it for coinage. By unlimited coinage is meant the coinage of both gold and silver without limitation as to amount, the amount coined being dependent entirely upon the amount presented for coinage. Bimetallicism is defended theoretically, on the ground that the volume of metallic money will be less variable (and therefore the value of each dollar more stable) when the volume of currency is composed of both gold and silver than it would be under a system of monometallism. Thirty years ago the question of bimetallicism could be discussed theoretically and it made little difference to the nations at large whether a particular nation used gold or silver, or both, because at that time enough nations were using gold and silver to furnish a use for all the gold and silver mined. Now, however, we must consider the practical necessity for bimetallicism, whether we favor it theoretically or not, because there is not enough gold in the world to do the business of the world. An attempt to use gold alone as standard money means that the work heretofore done by gold and silver together shall henceforth be done by gold alone, and that means an increased demand for gold, which, according to the natural laws of supply and demand, will increase the exchangeable value of each ounce of gold. As a gold dollar is always 25.8 grains of standard gold any policy which would make an ounce of gold increase in value as measured by other kinds of property would appreciate the purchasing power of a dollar made from the gold. There are certain persons who are interested in having the dollar rise in value. For instance, Senator Sherman, speaking on the subject in 1869, said that the capitalist out of debt, the salaried officer and annuitant would profit by a rise in the purchasing power of the dollar. 'The reason is obvious. The capitalist owns money and if the purchasing power of the dollar doubles, his wealth has doubled because the same amount of money will command twice as much of all other property. The same explanation applies to the salaried officer and annuitant. In the case of these persons the salary will adjust itself in time to falling prices and a company which attempts to pay a fixed sum as an annuity, while prices are falling will in time become bankrupt if it owe property other than money. The capitalist out of debt is really the only person who permanently profits, and this accounts for the fact that gold monometallism has been advocated by the capitalist classes in spite of the distress which has been caused throughout the world by the attempt to demonetize silver.

"The disastrous effect of the gold standard is described by some of our ablest statesmen. Mr. Blaine said in 1878 that the destruct of silver as money would 'prove distressing to millions and utterly disastrous to tens of thousands.' Mr. Carlisle said in 1878: 'According to my views of the subject the conspiracy which seems to have been formed here and in Europe to destroy by legislation and otherwise from three-sevenths to one-half of the metallic money of the world is the most gigantic crime of this or any other age. The consummation of such a scheme would ultimately entail more misery upon the human race than all the wars, pestilences and famines that ever occurred in the history of the world.' In the restoration of silver two questions are to be considered. 'At what ratio shall bimetallicism be restored?' and 'Shall the United States attempt it alone?' As remarked before, a particular ratio does not depend upon a particular ratio, but the ratio ought to be selected with reference to the greatest good to the country. To change the ratio materially would be to disorganize society and to disturb all contracts. The ratio could be changed either by decreasing the size of the gold dollar or by increasing the size of the silver dollar, for to change the ratio to 1 to 24, for instance, it would only be necessary to say, if the silver dollar remained unchanged, that a gold dollar shall weigh one twenty-fourth of the silver dollar; or, if the gold dollar remains unchanged, to say that the silver dollar shall weigh 24 times as much as the gold dollar. Those who talk about changing the ratio always speak of increasing the size of the silver dollar. To increase the size of the silver dollar in order to make it correspond to a ratio of 1 to 24 we would have to make the silver dollar one-half larger than it is now. If this ratio was established by the United States alone it would make it more difficult to form any international agreement, and if all the nations were to change together it would require the recoinage of about \$1,000,000,000 of silver money. The recoinage of this amount of money into silver dollars one-half larger would cause a shrinkage of more than \$1,300,000,000, that is, a loss of one-third of the silver money of the world, or one-sixth of the total metallic money of the world. Bimetallists object to the single gold standard for the reason that it would annihilate one-half of the metallic money of the world, a change of the ratio to 1 to 24, made by increasing the size of the silver dollar, would virtually annihilate one-sixth of the metallic money and thus bring one-third as much distress as a single gold standard. Having made the change the metal produced each year would be coined into dollars of the new size. In other words, if \$150,000,000 can be coined annually from the silver produced, then only \$100,000,000 of the larger silver dollars could be coined from the same amount of silver.

"A change of the ratio, therefore, even to 1 to 24, secured by increasing the size of the silver dollar, is open to serious objection. Bimetallists believe that the fall in the gold price of silver bullion is due to hostile legislation, which has lessened the demand for silver and increased the demand for gold, and they believe that friendly legislation will restore the parity between the metals. Some insist that the mine owner will obtain a benefit from the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, but they forget that free coinage cannot give back to the mine owner any more than demonetization took away from him. If the free coinage of silver is of advantage to the mine owner, then it is proof conclusive that demonetization took away from him just that amount of advantage. But the restoration of silver is advocated, not because it will bring a benefit to the mine owner nor because it will bring a special benefit to the farmer, although it is believed that the farmer has suffered far more than the mine owner, but because society must have money and that to have a sufficient amount of metallic money it must use all of the gold and silver available for coinage.

"Independent bimetallicism is advocated because there is no prospect that Europe will join us in an international agreement for the restoration of bimetallicism, and it is not believed that international cooperation is necessary. The advocates of bimetallicism believe that this nation is large enough to maintain the parity between gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1 regardless of the action of other countries, and they also believe that, if an attempt to restore bimetallicism alone should fail of success, our condition would even then be better than it can possibly be under the present system with gold rising and all other prices declining. No political measure is free from danger and it is no conclusive argument against a proposed policy that it may not accomplish all that its friends hope for it. We are constantly choosing the lesser of two evils and the advocates of bimetallicism believe that the worst results which can follow the restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any nation on earth, will be better than the results which can be expected from the adoption of a universal gold standard.

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