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"NO CROWN OF THORNS, NO CROSS OF GOLD."

A Working Man Discusses the Laboring People's Side of the Financial Question.

Well, my mind is made up. I read the daily papers, especially the Baltimore *Sun* and Philadelphia *Record*, and up to about three months ago, I believed everything I read in those papers. I read that gold was our only salvation, and that silver was ruin. According to the *Record* those that advocated silver were red-handed anarchists, demagogues, lunatics and very, very bad men in general, while those who advocated the gold standard were all patriots and honest, and the only thing that prevented them from going to the "Golden Gates of Heaven" was their desire to remain below until November and save (?) the country from the horrible silver lunatics, anarchists and fifty-cent dollar repudiators.

When I saw such patriots (?) as Perry Belmont—one of the firm of Belmont & Co., who are the representatives of the Rothchilds in this country—Mr. Gould, Mr. Drexal, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Vanderbilt, Chauncy Depew, John K. Cowan, Gen. (?) John Gill and all the stock exchanges, banks and corporations shouting for gold, I know that there must be something in it—for them. So I just said to myself, "Mack, let's investigate this 'ere currency question," and I investigated.

I found that "free silver" and "16 to 1" means that the government shall coin free of charge all silver and gold bullion; that sixteen ounces of silver shall be equal in value to one ounce of gold,—hence, "16 to 1"—that the two metals shall be coined at that ratio.

I found that from the year 1792 to 1873 this country had free coinage of silver and gold. I found that the "demonetizing of silver" means to deprive it of its legal or usual value as money. I found also that an "Anarchist" is "one who does not believe in law." Now, reader, just bear in mind these few facts about "free coinage," "demonetizing," "16 to 1," and "Anarchists."

Will the "gold bugs" kindly explain why this country did not go to ruin from 1792 to 1873 under free coinage? Is it not a fact that we were prosperous up to 1873? Is it not a fact that ever since the demonetization of silver in 1873 that we have had hard times, each year growing worse, and that in the same time we have seen a few thousand men accumulate millions of dollars, while millions of the people have grown poorer? Is it not a fact that nearly everything has depreciated in value one-half? And is it not a fact that we have had free coinage of gold since 1873? If this is true, and it is, why will not the free coinage of silver have a tendency to bring back prosperity?

Now, if the free coinage of gold brings low prices and hard times, and free coinage of both metals make good times, why not go back to free coinage as it was up to 1873?

You hear a good deal about "sound money" and the "honest dollar." Now, friends, when I hear a man prating about his honesty and "rolling up his eyes" and saying, "I am holier than thou," I just "keep my weather eye open" and look out for him. He will bear watching. You can't trust him. It's just so with the "gold bugs." To read their arguments, they are the only goody, goody people; the gold dollar is the only honest dollar, and gold is the only sound money; the free silverites are thieves, fifty-cent-dollar men, or as the president of a New York bank stated at a meeting last week, "These 'free silverites' are hayseeds who sit around cross-road stores with patches on their pants, and cracker crumbs in their whiskers. They are a lazy set who want to cheat their creditors, and pay them in fifty-cent dollars; they are Anarchists."

Well, friends, when I read that, I just put another "notch in my gun," in other words, I'll work harder for free silver. Such expressions as that bank president made are enough to make a man a double-barreled, triple-action silverite from Silverville, and that's what I am.

What is an honest dollar and sound money? It is just what the United States sees fit to make it of. If 70,000,000 people say a gold dollar is a dollar, or a silver dollar is a dollar, or a paper dollar is a dollar, it's a dollar to us, and we don't care a "snap" whether England or any other foreign power likes it or not. Do you suppose England would ask us how she should make her money or what she should coin it of?

The fact is, there is no such thing as a fifty-cent dollar, nor can there ever be such a thing. It's simply one of those "gold bug" misstatements that you read of each day in the daily papers. If the United States stamps "*one dollar*" on a piece of silver, that piece of silver is worth one dollar as money. Is there five cents worth of nickle in a five-cent piece? Of course not, but we all take a "nickle" for five cents. To-day, if you take a silver dollar and melt it, there is about 55 cents worth of silver in it. If you do not melt it it is worth one dollar because the United States is back of it and says it's "*one dollar*." That fifty-cent-dollar "bug-a-boo" won't scare us, my gold bug friends. The daily press, with but few exceptions, are owned body and soul by the "gold bugs" and corporations. Anything or any one with "gold bug" ideas can get a hearing, and consequently you see the vaporings of cashier of this bank, president of that bank, presidents of railroad companies, General So and So, and Colonel Somebody else, and if you will sift them all out, you will find that they are either moneyed men or they are employees of corporations. The opinions of these daily papers are, as a rule, for sale or to let, and their convictions can be exchanged for silver dollars. So, friends, take no stock in what you read in the Philadelphia or Baltimore papers. They will tell you about the misery of the people of Mexico, Honduras, Timbucto, Feeji Islands and the Hottentots, all because they have free silver, but they won't say a word about Italy, Spain, Turkey or Egypt who have a gold standard.

All corporations and trusts are for gold, not because they are thinking for the welfare of the country, but it's their own sweet interests—they issue bonds to sell, and these bonds are sold mostly to Europeans, and they demand (the buyer) that the interest and principal both must be payable in gold. Sometime ago I picked up a New York *Times* and read an advertisement called a prospectus of the "Johnson Co.," of Johnstown, Pa. It was the issue of a new set of bonds call "First mortgage 20-year 6 per cent. sinking fund *gold bond*."

Listen to this, farmers and working men—in fact, business men. You know [illegible] of a business man in his Chicago speech. To read the gold papers, only gold men are business men. The Johnson Company manufacture steel, and are highly protected by the tariff laws of the United States. By-the-way, friends, did you ever know a manufacturer who was protected by tariff laws who did not get rich? They always make money, and here is the proof sworn to by the officers of the Johnson Company. Their profits on an investment of $4,799,031 in manufactories located in Johnstown, Pa., and Lorain, Ohio, from the years 1890 to 1896—six years—was *$3,099,903.30*, average per year of **$516,650.55**. Just think of it, you farmers who are selling peaches for the fun of it, and threshing wheat to keep healthy, and "sitting around cross-road stores with cracker crumbs on your whiskers," over one-half million dollars a year profit on an investment of $4,799,031 making steel. Don't you wish you were in the "*steal*" business? That's what it is, and a big steal, too. A half million dollars a year, and during the hard times at that.

In God's name what profit will they make when times are good, if they ever do get so! And what do their gold men call good times? Making over three million dollars in six years of hard times? Is it any wonder that they want a gold standard so they can travel in Pullman palace cars and go to Europe every summer? This Johnson Company says in their prospectus: "This company's past and present success, the permanent character of the demand for Bessamer steel, the especially favorable condition enjoyed by this company, makes these bonds an attractive investment."

Yes, we should say so. They are especially favored by high tariff laws which the people have to pay for. This is but a fair sample of these favored trusts and corporations, and they are *for gold* and *against silver*. We are now living under a gold standard, and these "gold bugs" want to continue this wretched system so that they may get richer. About this time they take great interest in the farmer and working man; they want their votes to continue their policy of gold, hence, they buy up nearly all the daily papers to juggle up a lot of financial figures to mislead the masses of the people.

They call every one who is for silver an Anarchist. Why, friends, these very same corporations and trusts are the real Anarchists. They believe in any law that is for their benefit; all other laws they ride over. They buy their way through Congress, Legislatures and municipal halls. Have their paid lobbyists to look out for their interest, and if by any means the people do have a law passed that is equitable, like the "Income Tax," then these same law-abiding (?) millionaires and "gold bugs" refuse to live up to it, and by hiring high-priced lawyers get it declared unconstitutional, and they cry out "Anarchists." Friends, who are the real Anarchists?

These "gold bugs" are very much worried over the future credit of the nation—in their minds. Now, this is all very nice to a man who has got a million dollars in gold, but how is it with the poor man who has a family? He can't and don't expect to live always, he must look out for to-day, not fifty years from now. His children must have something to eat and wear. It's all very well to talk about the future credit of the nation to a starving man and family crying for bread. What he wants is something to stop his hunger and clothe himself *now*, now, NOW, not fifty or a hundred years from now. Now listen, "gold bugs," and so-called political leaders, no matter of what party. You have fooled us, and too often. We have followed your leadership long enough. We have given you a chance to redeem your many promises. We have repeatedly voted as you have told us to. We believed you. You were once our idols. We bowed down and worshipped you with your "golden calf." You may issue your slogans. You may blow your golden bugles, but they will not be answered by the thousands of voters who for years have voted and fought with you. We do our own thinking now. For twenty-three years we have lived under a gold standard. We shall try a little silver now. If you took an oath on a stack of Bibles that the gold standard is the best for our interest we will laugh at you. We simply will say, "*twenty-three years of gold standard* has been the best part of our life." Let the few remaining years be *silver*. We shall vote for Bryan and Free Silver.

R. MCNEIL.

THE CHESTERTOWN-SALISBURY GAME.

The Wicomico News' Stinging Retort.

Our worthy, and usually even-tempered contemporary, the Wicomico *News*, forgetful of the unwarranted and frantic effort of its neighbor, the *Advertiser*, to apologise for the tremendous drubbing which their would-be champions of the shore received at the hands of the Chestertown team in the recent game, last week came out and became guilty of an offence even more reprehensible than that claimed for our erring contemporary down the street. The Wicomico *News* says:

"In its report of the game at Chestertown the *Kent News* made some startling and wild statements. It reported acting Manager Thoroughgood as saying Chestertown 'had the finest team on the Shore,' and that 'he was ashamed of two of his players.' Mr. Thoroughgood says that the statement is untrue, that he never said so. Another paragraph scored 'Joe' Stidham and 'Jimmie' Murry, and said they acted disgraceful on the ball field. Stidham and Murray both deny having acted ugly, and say the disgraceful behavior was on the part of the Chestertown crowd. We were not there, but if we are to judge from a dodger we saw, that was distributed in Chestertown on the day of the game, we should imagine the crowd was *tough*. We would not have been surprised to have seen such a circular issued from 'Steve' Brodies' Bowery saloon, announcing a prize fight, but to see it coming from a town that poses as the seat of education and refinement, and printed from the *Kent News* office, we were certainly disappointed. The circular was tough, uncouth and personal. To our mind, Chestertown is very sore over not getting Stidham and Murray to leave our team and join theirs. Since Stidham and Murray have been in Salisbury they have always acted like gentlemen and are certainly good ball players."

A Gold Standard Did It.

Thomas Elliott, a tramp, who claimed that his condition was brought about by the "pernicious financial system now in use," was given three months in the House of Correction last week by Justice Janetzke, of Baltimore, who was of the opinion that Thomas never worked a [illegible]

BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENCE.

A Splendid Endorsement of the Improved Order of Heptasophs by One Who Knows Whereof He Speaks.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 11, 1896.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Knowing that a very large percentage of your intelligent readers are members of fraternal beneficial orders, and believing they are largely representatives of the purely Maryland organization, Improved Order Heptasophs, it gives me pleasure as one of the original founders, to refer to it as one among the many supremely worthy, of the highest recommendation of merit by all of our citizens. It has long since become a tower of strength for public weal in every household of our State, as well as in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire and District of Columbia, being prohibited by its laws from entering any State where the presence of epidemics may be likely to occur. Its very nature of organization is based on the broadest and most liberal principles for assuring a perfect protection to its members' beneficiaries in any and every condition of life. Its general board and executive officers have ever been selected because of ability and fitness, and this alone has been one of the principal causes why its assessments have averaged only nine a year since its organization eighteen years ago, and been the means of solving the problem of successfully building up a beneficial organization on practical methods, and in the meantime becoming an enviable body of brethren morally, physically and socially. Its officers are mentally skilled in every department, and not one of them, as often may be cited in some kindred organizations, receive excessive remuneration for their services. Its laws are rigidly adhered to and enforced, and hence its proud record of the most substantial character, as shown in the record of its mortuary claims. Wisdom seems to have guided the order through the wilderness of mushroom and fungus growths which have in 20 years cast their dismal shadows along the highways of human life and left their skeletons to menace the judgments of a religiously enlightened race who believe in the injunction that "he who provideth not for his own household hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

It has the fundamental principles of all kindred societies engrafted in its general laws and existence, and with vigor, vim, enterprise, honest purpose, solid integrity, sound judgment and financial skill, it is prepared to challenge the pen and tongue as to unquestioned character and ability to perform the duties of its every obligation morally and financially. Its total membership approximates 30,000 souls among the most honorable representatives comprising the 71,000,000 of our farmers, merchants, bankers, journalists, mechanics, manufacturers and professional men generally who compose our national population, and is rapidly on the increase in every cherished section of our American Union. In this State the membership reaches the ten thousand mark, with an average death rate of seven to the thousand, which enabled the distribution of $359,000 to widows and orphans in prompt payments, so much so that the examiner for the insurance commissioner of Maryland said: "In closing my report of examinations, it is proper for me to refer specially to the promptness with which all claims have been made by this order, and in the vast number of cases examined into, it was found it had made all reasonable effort to complete the necessary formalities and inquiries, in order to increase the efficiency and efficacy of the benefit by prompt payment." It has issued certificates to the amount of $47,125,000, and in 1895 alone there were nearly $13,000,000 issued. In 18 years over 3000 widows and orphans have received considerably over $2,000,000 from the benefit certificate fund, which is only available for their relief, incontestible under the laws of the order and of every State in the Union. In Maryland the code of laws, Sec. 143, L of Chapter 295, of the acts of 1894, sets at rest any thought of claim against a benefit certificate of the order, and clears from any attachment proceedings all money paid to a beneficiary. Sound, reliable and safe, the I. O. H. bids fair not only to rival in usefulness, but to become a doubly attractive, if not the strongest national beneficiary organization in America.

What a grand little army of Heptasophs we have in Kent and other counties of the Eastern Shore, and what a splendid prodigy among the fraternity legions of the world is the order's supreme head! Its death rate is large and yet small in comparison to its ability to promptly settle all claims, and what a sheltering wing of protection all this means to tens of thousands of homes in our treasured land is simply prodidgious. Here is an organized benevolence for all man and womankind. It is true, the assessments and dues must be paid to secure a certainty of the protection offered when the spirit of death raps at the door. Let me remind you that it takes brains to run such a beneficial order. The ordinary common places have long been exhausted in the futile attempts to qualify this prodigious work as it ought to be. Hence in designating the marvelous activities of men like Cohen, Tattersall, Christian, Cruett and all the other giants, old and young, who surround them and daily strengthen their hearts and hands, I can only repeat in that sincerity it is indeed prodigious!

It may also be interesting to know that Zeta Conclave No. 6, was the first organized under the supreme charter, and today numbers nearly 2600 members, which means the largest single conclave or lodge of any in the country. Five Past Supreme Archons are original members of this conclave, George V. Metzel, the founder of the order; Joseph Harris, James S. Watkins, Herbert J. Thurn and Dr. J. H. Christian, the first and present supreme medical examiner. These were among the originators of the I. O. H. in Philadelphia 18 years ago. This conclave is now building a temple home, corner of Cathedral and Preston streets, which, when finished by the first of the year, will be one of the most imposing and complete edifices of its kind in the country. It is to be the headquarters of the Supreme Conclave in this city and the supreme secretary's office will be removed there as the most appropriate and sensible location where members from far and near will find a congenial resting place when in [illegible] and be content to en[illegible] which are at all [illegible] to all.

"THE TIMES OF CHRIST."

An Interesting Lecture by Rev. S. Reese Murray.

"Rev. S. Reese Murray, pastor of Roland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, last week delivered the fourth of a series of seven eloquent and highly instructive lectures on 'The Times of Christ,' in the course of which he said;

"'The unfolding ages have not been without violence, nor have men's dwellings yet assumed the air of paradise. But, nevertheless, the spear has been beaten into the pruning hook, and the sword into the plow-share, and sobriety, chastity and holy affection burn with a deathless splendor in millions on millions of homes. The progress of divine events is slow to us, but their stupendous sweep is never backward. There are few wars or rumors of wars where Christianity triumphs, and there will be fewer as men come to acknowledge the power of the living Christ. War is not loved as once, but feared, and even hated. The nations that are now standing by their guns are sapping the strength of their land and people, and must ultimately enter into terms of perpetual peace. It is felt that Europe is straining for one last awful contest, after which a continental compact must be formulated, defensive of all, offensive toward none. And where the shock of battle, and the reprisals as of old go on, it is seen that it presages some better hope, some fairer day.

"'The relations of man with man are ever tending toward brotherliness. Private feuds such as England witnessed a century ago, and we have had in our Hatfield-McCoy vendettas of the South, are becoming fewer in number. Personal wrongs are not now cured by the club and the knife, nor are injuries atoned for only by death. And so, if we look over the whole field of the life of man and compare it with the times of Christ, we will find that he has brought in a kingdom of peace. The angels were not false harbingers when they sang 'Good-will among men.'

"'They saw the distant scene as we cannot see it. But we know we are drawing nigh it by the events of the past and the progress of the present. By so much as we ourselves live in peace, we hasten the fulfillment of the angelic prophecy and enable the Prince to reign.'

"Through the energy of Rev. Dr. Murray Roland Avenue Church is now in a prosperous condition."

The refined beauty of delivery and thought, together with his profound scholarship, has not long been in commanding the recognition of the Baltimore city press, and it is with much pleasure that the above condensed notice of the doctor's lecture is duly credited to the Baltimore *American*. This vigorous thinker and eloquent expounder of the principles of Christianity has many friends in Kent county who will be delighted to learn of his brilliant success in his new field of labors.

A BULL FIGHT IN QUEEN ANNE

An Interesting Point of Law the Outgrowth of Lightning Tampering With a Borrowed Bull.

Our Queen Anne contemporary, the Centreville *Record*, gives the following interesting account of a law suit the sequel to a recent heavy storm in that county. Says the *Record:*

"A case involving some nice and delicate complications has arisen as one of the resultant incidents of one of the electric storms which have visited Queen Anne county recently. We have lately had three or more storms characterized by unusual electrical manifestations and display, attended with considerable damage to stock, buildings, etc. But the case in point, which, it is understood, is now making extraordinary drafts on the legal knowledge, accumen and research of some of our young and talented lawyers, may be briefly stated thus: Mr. B. and Mr. S., two prominent farmers of the county, living in close proximity to each other, each being the owner of a choice bull, agreed to a temporary exchange for the purpose of improving their stock. Mr. B took Mr. S's bull, and Mr. S took Mr. B's bull, the understanding being that after a limited time each was to return the other's bull; there was to be a simultaneous re-exchange. The first exchange had been consummated by mutual deliveries, the first stipulation in the contract executed. Then the storm came up and Mr. S's bull, standing under a hickory tree in Mr. B's field, instead of in the open field, where he should have been, was struck by a bolt of lightning and killed—according to modern form of expressing it, he was electrocuted—thus rendering it impossible for Mr. B to fulfill the second stipulation of the contract for the return of the bull. Now Mr. S firmly thinks that this untoward state of things enlarges his hold on Mr. B's bull and gives him a fee simple title thereto. 'What right,' says he, 'has Mr. B to demand a return by me of his bull, as he originally existed, unless he is in a position to return mine.' 'This was a contract, the re-exchange was to be a simultaneous act.' The laity generally think this gives Mr. B's bull to Mr. S, as Mr. B cannot comply with the conditions of the original contract, there being no reservations or exceptions of any kind incorporated in it. The young lawyers, who have been consulted, are ransacking Blackstone, the Maryland Digest and the multitudinous reports of the other States of the Union for a case in point, but so far have been unable to find one, or discover a precedent. It is generally supposed the case will go to the Court of Appeals, and will make one of the unique and standard cases for future generations. It is also hinted that the legal and oratorical display in the court below and in the court above, in the discussion and argument of the case, will fully equal the electrical display of the late storm which did the mischief."

Judge Russum Sees Through a Glass Darkly.

In speaking of the political outlook on the Eastern Shore, Judge Russum said last week:

"I am out of politics and am taking no part in the contest, except as a looker-on. So far as I can see, there are no Republicans who intend to vote the free-silver ticket. Here and there will be found a Republican who is in favor of free coinage, but notwithstanding that fact, all say they will vote for McKinley. I do not consider the free-coinage sentiment, even among Democrats, half as strong as some appear to think. It is making a great noise, but it is more noise than substance, and I do not consider that the free-silver people are likely to carry the election in the First district."

The people have long since learned that the most disagreeable medicines are not necessarily the best. In fact, as a rule, they are not. What is wanted is something mild and sure, such as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy.* That is really pleasant to take when reduced with water and sweetened. Then it is acknowledged everywhere to be the most successful remedy in the world for bowel complaints. Ask any number of druggists for the best remedy they have for diarrhœa and fully nine out of ten will recommend Chamberlain's. In speaking [illegible] medicine, Dr. B. B. Buffum of Fri[illegible] Susquehanna Co., Pa., says: "We [illegible] it in our family for pain in [illegible] and d[illegible] tive re[illegible]

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