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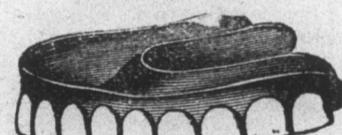
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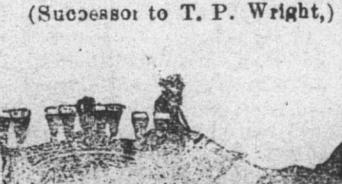
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**LARGEST ON RECORD**—The bal-  
ance of trade in favor of the Uni-  
ited States for the year ending  
January 1st, 1897, aggregates  
\$306,315,032, the largest balance in  
our favor on record. We exported  
last year \$36,871,256 worth of  
goods, and imported \$660,557,228.  
This condition of affairs would,  
under ordinary circumstances,  
bring about prosperous times.

**On the Stool of Repentance.**

The Daily Kanawha Patriot,  
published at Charleston, W. Va.,  
supported the gold standard in the  
recent campaign. It has at last  
seen the error of its way, has re-  
pent and will hereafter advocate  
the restoration of silver. It says:

"The Democratic party proper  
cast nearly 95,000 votes in West  
Virginia in the recent election,  
while that party styling themselves  
gold Democrats cast less than 700  
votes. For the success of the last  
named wing of the party we have  
been heretofore laboring, but we  
have fully become convinced that  
instead of achieving anything for  
Democracy we have only been  
working for the success of the  
enemy."

"Running a gold standard paper  
is only helping the opposition and  
receiving naught for your pains;  
they get the spoils, while you get  
laughed at for the poli-icass you  
have made of yourself. The gold  
standard has been fully tried since  
'73; as to its success the idle fact  
ories and unemployed millions can  
testify. The bimetallic standard  
cannot make our situation any  
worse."

"We are fully satisfied that even  
a fifty-cent dollar, if there is such  
a thing, is better for the toiling  
masses than an appreciated dollar  
that cannot be got for labor or  
trade."

**Confidence and Prosperity.**

A well known gentleman who sup-  
ported McKinley and sound mon-  
ey, after waiting patiently for pro-  
perty to appear, at last gives ex-  
pression to the following opinion:

"Confidence has been resto-  
ed, but business does not come, nor  
will it until some measure is bro-  
ut which will so cheapen money  
that it will be driven out of the  
banking trust into active business  
channels."

As recently as 1890, John Sher-  
man declared that the require-  
ments of business demanded that the  
money in circulation should be in-  
creased in proportion to the in-  
crease of population. He men-  
tioned in urging the passage of the  
silver purchasing law that the re-  
quirements of business demanded  
an increase of no less than \$50,-  
000,000 per year. In 1893 the sil-  
ver purchasing law was repealed  
since which time instead of an in-  
crease there has been a contract in  
of the currency to the extent of at  
least \$50,000,000 per year. On the  
other hand our population has been  
increasing more rapidly than in  
1890. Taking Sherman's view if  
the currency should have been  
increased \$150,000,000 during the  
last three years while in fact it has  
been reduced that amount. Now  
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