

## CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION

That is What the Gold Bugs and Plutocrats Fear.

They Know It Means Death to Syndicates, Trusts, Corporations and Monopolies Which Have Been Oppressing the People.

It is an old aphorism "that men who think govern those who toil." A "Campaign of Education" is a misnomer unless it sets men to thinking. Indeed, the highest function of education is to teach men to think. If it fails in that essential particular, we have men who accept what is told them as truth and who, however much they may boast of their independence, are, nevertheless, the hypnotized victims of cunning men who use them to promote their schemes of aggrandizement.

The great mass of the people can have no interest in promoting the schemes of syndicates, trusts, corporations, monopolies or the millionaire class, who, operating in conjunction, constitute what is known as the "money power," or the plutocracy of the country, which, representing 4 per cent of the population, has managed to secure at least two-thirds of the wealth of the country. And this 4 per cent of the population, by devising schemes, the result of thinking, are now dominating the financial policy of the republic. They constitute the brains and backbone of the gold standard aggregation of plutocrats and expect, by the influence they may be able to exert by the use of money in the campaign, to substitute duplicity, and all the arts of chicanery for education. These gold standard advocates propose to do the thinking for the masses of the people, and lead them, as white horses lead droves of mules, or as bell wethers lead flocks of sheep. They are destined to experience sad disappointments. The great body of the people are thinkers along lines which involve their welfare. The mind forces of the masses are now intensely active. The chuck-a-luck methods of education, the tricks and enchantments of the gold standard wizards will not be accepted as arguments by the rank and file of the American voters; or as reasons why they should abdicate these prerogatives to do their own thinking on all political questions, including the "free coinage" or the "sound money" issues.

It may be expected that the Republican speakers and the Republican press, during the campaign will indulge in the usual amount of vulgar epithets, when referring to those who favor free coinage and uphold the silver dollar as sound money. In 1896 the men who rallied to the standard of William Jennings Bryan, more than 6,500,000 of free men who would not bow down and worship the gold standard, as the slaves of old Nabuchadnezzar worshiped his golden image, were denominated "anarchists," "communists," "idiots," "border ruffians," "socialists," "blackguards" and other equally argumentative epithets. It was the goldbug method of education and will again be introduced, but with less avail. The people are now asking for facts, and they will ply the gold bug-speakers with questions which they will shrink from answering.

One of the choice declarations of the goldbugs has been that to coin standard silver dollars would drive gold out of the country, a condition which they depreciated as a far reaching calamity. Well, from 1878 we have coined 433,000,000 of standard silver dollars, all debtpaying, legal tender, sound money dollars, but gold did not, therefore, leave the country, nor was it ever shown that, owing to the coinage of silver dollars, any calamity, large or small, was created; and if such a charge or any other charge intimating that the coinage of standard silver dollars has been productive of a panic in business, commercial or industrial affairs, those who make the charge will be required to point out when and where it occurred. This they will be unable to do. The people are thinking and baid assertion, vulgar epithets and duplicity will be swept away before the onward march of thought which education, worthy of the name, will emancipate the people from their money power vassalage.

The farmers, the working men, the producing classes of the republic have, to an extent which cannot occur again, been terrorized by the soothsayers and magicians of the money power—a favorite prognostication being that the free coinage of silver would not only drive gold out of the country, but would, to the utter consternation of rich and poor alike, bring home from Europe the stocks and bonds held there for payment. Suppose this should be true, "what greater blessing," queries a distinguished United States senator, "could be bestowed upon this country than the giving to the nation and the people a sufficient amount of sound, irredeemable gold and silver coined money of our constitution to enable our people to transact all their business, develop all our resources, and pay for and own all the obligations and debts of every kind of our government, states, municipalities and corporations and receive the interest and enjoy perfect financial independence of all nations and all gold syndicates?"

But thoughtful men will ask the goldbug concocters of the delusion relating to the return of securities held abroad, because of the triumph of free coinage in the United States, in what sort of money would the foreigners expect to be paid for their securities? Manifestly in silver, the goldbug theory being that the gold has already been driven out by silver. The mere statement of the proposition reduces it to a delusion that

no thoughtful man will consider for one minute, and yet this senseless vagary, has been injected time and again into the discussion of the money question as one of the impending disasters which would befall the country provided free coinage was to triumph and silver regain its rights at the mint to stand, as the constitution of the republic intended it should stand, as one of the metals out of which standard, legal tender sound money dollars should be coined. Again, the people have heard that already the limited coinage of the standard silver dollar, the sound silver dollar, the legal tender silver dollar is embarrassing the government by requiring vaults of large dimensions in which to store it. The educational knaves who resort to this trick laugh in their sleeves at the gullibility of those they impose upon. Up to 1896, as has been stated, 423,000,000 of standard silver dollars had been coined, of this amount more than 375,000,000 are in circulation in the form of silver certificates, leaving about 48,000,000 silver dollars in circulation, or about 67 cents per capita of population, or if the total amount, 423,000,000 were in circulation as coin, it would be only about 86 per capita of our population or if the total amount could be equally distributed to families of five persons, each family would have \$30.

Along such lines the people are thinking and, as the campaign progresses, they will be heard resolutely demanding of the goldbug Republicans facts instead of delusions manufactured by plutocratic spoliemen to deceive men who do not think.

## ADVOCATES OF FREE SILVER

Their Demands Just and in Consonance With the Constitution.

In 1896 the main issue of the campaign was the free coinage of silver, or the unlimited coinage of silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1. The imperative demand was that silver should enjoy all the rights at the government mints which are accorded to gold. William Jennings Bryan, one of the "common people," a superb leader, an orator in the best sense of the term, thoughtful, logical and eloquent, was the national standard-bearer, and to his support rallied 6,511,678 American citizens, who cast their votes for bimetalism, for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, for the same rights of silver at the mints that gold enjoys.

The demand was just, eminently so. It was a lawful demand, in consonance with the constitution of the republic. It was a demand for an upright, impartial, even-handed, straightforward financial policy. And, besides, it was a demand as purely American as the national flag. It voiced the patriotic sentiment that the United States was, and ought to be, in shaping its financial policy free and independent, having no entangling alliance with any other nation.

And here it should be said that no nation on the face of the earth consults the United States in any way when a change of financial policy is contemplated. When Japan decided to reduce the weight of her gold yen one-half without impairing its debt paying value, she did not consult the United States or any other nation; and when Russia reduced the weight of her gold coins to the extent that 10 roubles were made equal to 15 roubles, the imperial autocrat asked neither permission nor consent of any other nation. It is only the degenerate advocates of the gold standard in the United States that become the willing vassals of European nations when a financial policy is discussed.

The advocates of the gold standard in the United States, in congress and out of congress, have flattered themselves and the country that what they are pleased to call the "silver craze" is dead, that the campaign of 1896 was what gave it the death stab, and that the advocates of free coinage, like Bret Hart's Chinaman, were defunct, and that "subsequent proceedings would infest them no more." But they have found it a remarkably vital and lively corpse, and now they are trying to kill it, again. Indeed, they find it more vigorous, more energetic than in 1896.

The more than 6,500,000 of voters who cast their ballots in 1896 for the remonetization of the silver dollar are as determined now as then to overwhelm the goldites in defeat and confusion. They know the principle for which they contended is bed rock, fundamental, constitutional and just. The result in 1896 neither dismayed nor demoralized them. They believe that the conspiracy to demonetize silver has wrought incalculable ruin, and they believe with John G. Carlisle, late secretary of the treasury, that "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. THE ABSOLUTE AND INSTANTANEOUS DESTRUCTION OF HALF THE ENTIRE MOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING HOUSES, SHIPS, RAILROADS AND ALL OTHER APPLIANCES FOR CARRYING ON COMMERCE, WHILE IT WOULD BE FELT MORE SENSIBLY AT THE MOMENT, WOULD NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING LIKE THE PROLONGED DISTRESS AND DISORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY THAT MUST INVARIABLY RESULT FROM THE PERMANENT ANNIHILATION OF ONE-HALF OF THE METALLIC MONEY IN THE WORLD."

The advocates of the gold standard care nothing for the ruin which Mr. Carlisle pictures so graphically. They

constitute the "money power," the plutocracy of the country, a power that is soulless and heartless and in its greed as relentless as a hungry tiger in the jungle. And, strange to say, however paradoxical it may appear, this money power thrives on the calamities of the people, as wreckers thrive when the storms and the billows drive ships upon shoals and rocks. A fact that was brought into the boldest possible prominence when its managers bought government bonds with depreciated paper money, the bonds costing them about 65 cents on the dollar, and then, by using their influence over a Republican congress, made them payable in "coin," gold or silver, and proceeded to collect principal and interest of the bonds in gold, and this has been going on for more than 30 years, until we have the astounding fact disclosed that on an interest-bearing debt of \$3,331,311,918 in 1895 interest alone up to 1897 had been collected amounting to \$2,511,169,065, or approximately \$389,637,147 more than the total interest-bearing debt in 1895. It is this money power, this power that controls the wealth of the country, that advocates the gold standard policy and denounces all who advocate free coinage.

These facts are stated that the friends of silver may have in full view the enemy that confronts them. It is as Bryan would say, the plutocracy at war with the producing classes—the men who create the wealth which, by infamous legislation, is poured into the coffers of the rich in a ceaseless tide. As an issue in the campaign now on, the friends of free coinage of bimetalism, the friends of the producing classes, may expect to have their leaders and their cause traduced by the advocates of the gold standard policy. A subsidized press will lend its energies to the nefarious work, but they will find the ranks of the free silver advocates compact and unbroken. They will find them shoulder to shoulder and knee to knee, intrepid and unfaltering, believing the welfare of the country depends upon achieving a victory by virtue of which silver shall regain its rights at the mints and place the option which the law confers upon the secretary of the treasury in the hands of a man who has not been corrupted by the money power, and who will give to silver its rightful station as a coin in all regards at the legal ratio, equal to gold.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

How to Mark Ballot.



### DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

DEM.	For Secretary of State, SAMUEL M. RALSTON.
DEM.	For Auditor of State, JOHN W. MINOR.
DEM.	For Treasurer of State, HUGH DOUGHERTY.
DEM.	For Attorney General, JOHN G. McNUTT.
DEM.	For Clerk Supreme Court, HENRY WARRUM.

### INSTRUCTIONS.

If you want to vote a STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET make a cross thus, X, within the large circle containing the ROOSTER at the top of the ticket. If you mark in the LARGE CIRCLE you must not make a mark anywhere else on the ballot or you will lose your vote.

If you want to vote a mixed ticket, you must not mark within the large circle, but must make a cross thus, X, in the SMALL SQUARE opposite the name of each person, for whom you desire to vote.

You must not mark on the ballot with anything but the BLUE PENCIL given you by the poll clerk. If you by mistake mutilate your ballot return it to the poll clerk and get a new ballot.

You must fold your ballot before coming out of the booth so that the face will not show, and so that the initials of the poll clerks on the back will show.

### The Silver Dollar.

There is not a voter in Indiana who does not know that the standard silver dollar is sound money.

There is not a voter in Indiana who does not know that the standard silver dollar is a legal tender for all debts, principal and interest, public and private.

There is not a voter in Indiana who does not know that the man who seeks to discredit the standard silver dollar is a knave, and working in the interest of the money power and against the interests of the producing classes.

Bimetalism, for the securing of which the Democratic party stands pledged, and will contend for as long as there is a rooster to crow, means the use of both gold and silver as standard money—money of final payment and redemption.

## CLOSING OUT SALE OF

# \*CLOTHING\*

AFTER thirty-five years in the Clothing Business I have decided to close out my entire stock of Clothing, consisting of Mens', Boys' and Childrens' Suits, Overcoats and Pants, in order to enable me to turn my attention more fully to Dry Goods, Shoes and Furnishing Goods. My stock is fresh and comprises all the latest styles and effects, and they must be sold. Profit will be thrown away for the reason that prices must sell this

## Immense Stock of Clothing!

And money we must have. You can't afford to miss this sale. It's a chance of a lifetime. This is no fake sale, it is just merely a sacrifice of an enormous stock of Clothing for the benefit of the people. If you are needing anything in

## Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Comforts

Blankets, Underwear or Hosiery, we sell everything at greatly reduced prices during this sale, for we will make this the Greatest Bargain Sale ever known. All articles guaranteed as advertised or money refunded.

## Look Here for a Few of the Bargains.

### Men's and Boys' Clothing.

10 Men's good Suits, closing out price .....	\$ 2 24
13 Men's black and blue, square or round cut Suits, sizes 34 to 38, closing out price .....	3 69
9 Men's back wool chevot Suits, sizes 35 to 42, closing out price .....	3 89
23 Men's all wool Suits, sizes 33, 34, 35, closing out price .....	4 49
6 Men's all wool chevot Suits, square cut, closing out price .....	4 69
10 Men's all wool black clay worsted, closing out price .....	5 49
39 Men's all wool fancy plaids, all sizes, closing out price ..	6 00
Boys' good Suits, long Pants, 13 to 18, closing out price .....	2 00
Boys' all wool Suits, long Pants, 14 to 19, closing out price ..	3 99
Boys' all wool black clay worsted, 13 to 19, closing out price ..	5 00
Children's short Pants, school Suits, 5 to 13, closing out price ..	49
Children's wool Pants, school Suits, closing out price .....	1 49
Children's Pants, school Suits, all sizes, closing out price ..	1 75
15 Men's odd Pants, all wool, closing out price .....	1 00
30 Boys' odd Pants, all wool, closing out price .....	1 00
28 Children's knee Pants, all sizes, closing out price .....	49
Men's good Jeans Pants, lined, closing out price .....	65
Men's heavy Jeans Pants, lined, closing out price .....	83
Men's wool Jeans Pants, lined, closing out price .....	99
Boys' heavy Jeans long Pants, lined, closing out price .....	49
12 Men's black Beaver Overcoats, closing out price .....	3 69
25 Men's black or blue Beaver Overcoats, closing out price ..	4 49
1 lot fine brown Beaver Overcoats, 33, 34, 35, closing out price ..	4 89
25 Children's Overcoats, sizes 6 to 15, closing out price .....	98
100 Men's Mackintosh with Capes, all sizes, sale price .....	1 59

### Boots and Shoes.

Men's good Boots, per pair .....	\$ 1 35
Boys' good Boots, per pair .....	1 25
Ladies' heavy riveted, lace or button Shoes, per pair .....	98

### Blankets and Woolen Goods.

Good cotton Blankets, per pair .....	\$ 39
Extra cotton Blankets, per pair .....	49
Extra red or grey Blankets, per pair .....	99
Wool, grey or red Blankets, per pair .....	1 24
Extra heavy, all wool Blankets, grey, per pair .....	1 89
Comforts, each .....	49
Big size Comforts, each .....	73
Sateen Blankets, each .....	99

### Notice the Dry Goods Bargains.

Ladies' full size, all wool flannel Skirts .....	\$ 59
Ladies' all wool Hose .....	12
All wool Dress Goods, per yard .....	25
Fancy plaid Dress Goods, per yard .....	18
Extra wide Canton Flannel, per yard .....	5
Extra wide Flannellette, per yard .....	5
Good Calicoes, per yard .....	3
Cotton Batting, per roll .....	4
Yard wide Floor Oil cloth, per yard .....	15
Ladies' good Capes .....	65
Ladies' Fancy Trimmed Capes .....	99
Ladies' heavy Capes, trimmed with Buckles, etc. ....	1 24
Ladies' Plush Capes .....	2 99
Mens' 50 cent Undershirts .....	23
Mens' 50c Drawers, heavy, per pair .....	23
Mens' Fleece lined Drawers, heavy, per pair .....	43
Mens' Fleece lined Undershirts, heavy .....	43

## Sale Now Going On.

Don't fail to come early to this sale, for the best bargains are picked out first. This is no humbug sale for I am actually going to quit the Clothing Business, and consequently will sell Clothing at a price to close out at once. Don't miss this sale. You can buy more with a dollar now than ever before.

Remember the place.

# MOSES FRANK,

PETERSBURG, - - - - INDIANA.