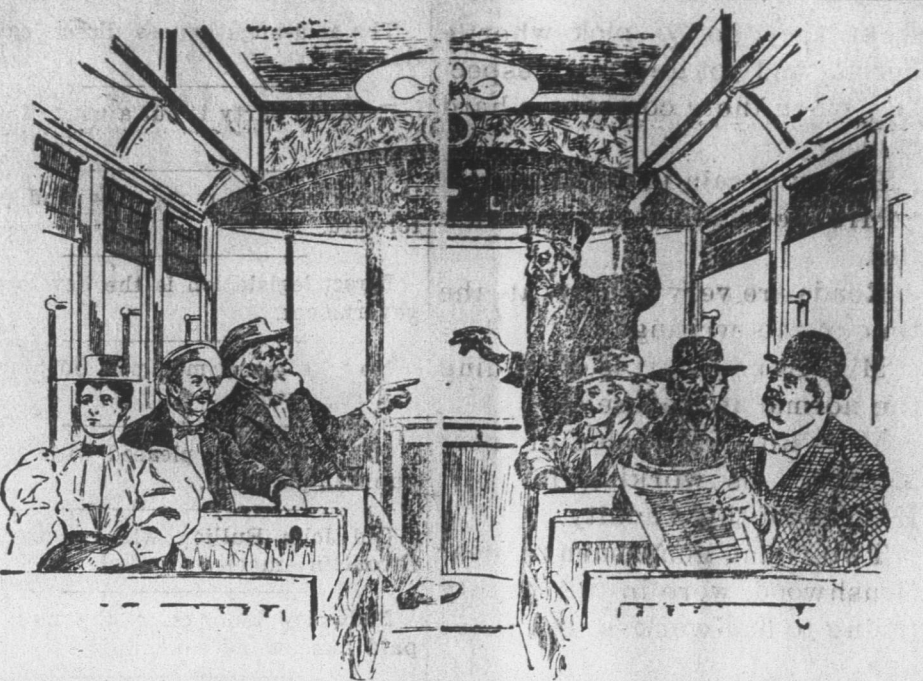


AN ACTUAL CONVERSATION ON A CHICAGO STREET CAR.

With apologies to Times-Herald.



GOLD STANDARD ADVOCATE—I presume you are for free silver.

CONDUCTOR—How did you guess?
G. S. A.—It's easy; but never mind that. Get down to the practical side of it. You are earning \$45 a month now. When prices go up under free silver coinage your salary will not go up correspondingly, because the railroad companies cannot increase the rate of fares on the public. How do you figure out that you will be better off under free coinage?
Conductor—I'll tell you in a very few words. You say I earn \$45. That's not so; if the money received from the among the employees of this company what he is now receiving. But the three men who, under these conditions, of what they (the employees) earn. wages and there seems to be no prospect of relief as there are three men waiting for every job. A strike would be twice as plentiful by free silver it will who are waiting for our jobs will find turn. It will be an easy matter to adjust. You see, unlike some classes of themselves first. Work for the idle is the first object.
The gold standard advocate listened. "By the way," said the conductor, "worth \$100,000, are you not?"
G. S. A.—Somewhere about that sum, yes.
Conductor—It is to your interest to keep prices down. Is it not?
G. S. A.—Oh, no; I want to keep prices going up. I'm for high prices always. (High rates of interest probably.)
Conductor—But how are we going to get higher prices unless there is an expansion of the currency, such as would follow the remonetization of silver?
G. S. A.—You fellows are all crazy, lunacy, madness, anarchy, Tillman, Altgeld, flub, dub—rah—boo—hoo—hoo—!!!!!!

ABOUT SOUND MONEY.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE REPUBLICAN SHIBBOLETH.

Innocent Words and Phrases Are Sometimes Effectively Used to Cover Up Designs Which Would Not Bear Exposure.

The word "sound" is as harmless as any little word in the English language. Its meaning is various and depends entirely on the connection in which it is used. It may be an adjective or an adverb or a verb, transitive or intransitive, or a noun, but whatever it is it is just as capable of wrong use and of working mischief by deceptive application as any other word in which men express their thoughts or which they use to veil their real meaning. It is in its capacity of descriptive adjective that it is most liable to misuse, and it is notoriously true that "principles," "morals," "religion," "reasoning," "government," etc., described as "sound" are frequently the very opposite of that which it is intended to convey by the word "sound."

Now may it not be that its application to the thing called "money," in the sense in which many of our friends use it, is as deceptive as it sometimes is when used to describe maxims or rules adopted among men and the correctness of which is frequently said to be "proven by the exception" to them? "Sound money" is not a self-explaining compound like "sound headed" or "sound bodied," but seems to be a phrase coined for a purpose and very much resembles in its capacity for taking on a variety of meanings the phrases "Fair trade" and "Free trade" as used in England and the United States. The term "sound money" as used in this country carries with it the implication that there exists or may exist somewhere money that is not "sound." Technically this may be true, but absolutely it is false, for the reason that the thing called "money," whether made of gold, silver or paper, must fulfill certain legal requirements and if it fall in any of these it is not unsound "money" for it is just no money at all. While a twenty-dollar gold piece which has been "sweated" until it has lost one grain in weight may continue to circulate as money and to perform all the functions of a medium of trade, it is in reality neither sound nor unsound "money," but simply a piece of gold the shape and appearance of which enables it to impose itself on the public. A person who knowingly and wilfully circulates such a piece of metal as "money" commits a crime for which he is liable to severe punishment by the national government, one of the highest functions of which is to safeguard the people's medium of exchange.

The fact that a piece of metal which once performed the proper functions of money may, without losing any of its quality, become a medium of fraud through loss of its legalized quantity, seems to prove conclusively that "money" is not a matter either of quality or quantity but of legality. Thus the law declares its legal tender functions on a piece of paper and the paper through wear and tear may become ragged and soiled; it may lose a fourth, or a third, or even more of its quantity. It may, in fact, assume every appearance of that condition which is universally recognized as the opposite of "sound," yet no man commits a crime in circulating it and any one may obtain a new bill in its place by asking it of the government. Now since this is true it is plain that the thing called "money" depends upon the law, not for its "soundness" or "unsoundness," but for its legal tender status.

for its very existence, and to brand any money issued by the government as "unsound" is practically to impeach the integrity and power of the government.

"Sound money" men affect to believe that "money" is a thing which depends entirely on the intrinsic value of the material of which it is made for its effectiveness. The weakness of their position is apparent in the fact that if the material constitutes money then government, since it does not and cannot make the material, has no more to do with making money than it has to do with making wheat or cotton, and even "sound money" men recognize the necessity of the government designating the amount of the material which shall constitute a given money unit. Granting, for the sake of argument, that the only prerogative which the government can exercise in the making of money is the establishment of the amount of material which it shall contain, would our sound money friends admit that a change in the use of the government's prerogative which would declare that ten grains of gold should constitute a dollar would still recognize gold as "sound money"? Certainly not. Why? Because they would reply, "that would cheapen our money," "destroy our credit and enable the debtor to pay his debts with 60-cent dollars." But suppose government should increase the number of grains of gold in one dollar, how would that strike our sound money friends? Well, we can only judge the effect of actions contingent upon a future event by the effect of similar actions in the past. When the government destroyed vast amounts of paper money at the close of the war it wonderfully enhanced the value of all kinds of money remaining and its course met with the approval of the "sound money" men of that day who, by the way, included at that time our silver friends. Nobody, or at least nobody of account, noticed that the debtor was compelled by this act of the government to pay his debts in 200-cent dollars. Later when silver was deprived of the privilege of free coinage sound money men did not say anything about the debtor being obliged to pay his debts in money of increased value. Judging from all this it is more than likely that sound money men would not protest very strongly if the government should conclude, at some future time when such a course became safe (it wouldn't be now), to enhance the value of the gold dollar by requiring it to contain double its present amount of material. It seems likely that instead of "sound money" being a phrase inspired by a patriotic desire to place our nation in the van of progress it is really a cunning invention used for the purpose of cloaking the pernicious designs of selfish schemers.

The Belated Ones

It looks now as if the silver band wagon were crowded to overflowing by the fellows who have been holding off to find how the squirrel was going to jump. Having found out that free silver has the "bulge," they have run themselves nearly out of breath to catch up with the procession. We don't believe much in deathbed repentance, but being assured on good authority that "while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return," we welcome the belated ones upon the condition they do some work meet for repentance and do not prove to be "Greeks bearing gifts."—Ex.

Republicans who boast of their descent from Lincoln, are respectfully reminded that Judge Caldwell, the last living appointee of Abraham Lincoln, will not support the republican ticket of this year. Neither would Lincoln if he were still alive.

Don't be a "yellow dog."

There are lots of calamity howlers now.

Money makes the elephant (g. o. p.) dance.

The republican party is no longer republican.

This is the year to vote for Katie and the babies.

The policy of the republican party is to please England.

Every gunholder ought to vote against the bondholder.

Hobart is the man who has the bar! Mark Hanna has one also.

McKinley ought to be advertised as the advance agent of poverty.

The republican party cowardly bows to the British system of finance.

McKinleyism was repudiated in 1892. Will the people swallow it now?

Nothing can be plainer than that McKinley is Wall street's candidate.

As long as banks control the currency we will have periods of depression.

The abolition of interest would soon free the world of debt and debt slavery.

The democratic party is divided against itself and cannot give us free silver.

The republican party is goldbug all the way through; it even had a Jew to pray for it.

Paper money bottomed on taxes is the safest and most convenient money for the people.

The trouble with the democrats is that they are better reformers out of office than in office.

The democratic party has attracted attention to itself chiefly by the blunders it has committed.

About the only enthusiasm in the old parties now is from the fellows who draw the salaries—or expect to.

According to old party logic God made the earth and the good things thereof for a few human hogs to enjoy.

The constitution denies to the states the right to issue money. Then why should the privilege be granted to the banks?

Have you the names of the populists who tried to steer the democratic convention at Chicago? Put them down for future reference.

The record of the democratic party is against free silver, and their premises have been violated so often that they amount to nothing.

A party that has thrown up its own promises eleven times can hardly expect the populists to swallow the promises, party and all, at one gulp.

The political pot boiled over a first at St. Louis—and it is getting hot at the time. There's going to be a lot of old party potatoes get burned this time.

The gold power is grasping, unscrupulous, and will hesitate at nothing to continue its clutch upon the throat of labor. When you vote with either old party you vote with it.

There is no longer any doubt as to the republicans being in favor of a gold standard. There is no Lincoln republicanism in this. Now let the true republicans come out of that party.

According to republican logic it is perfectly proper to print paper money to pay men to shoot other men, but it would be all wrong to print it to pay men for constructing public highways. Nice logic, that!

Where is the democrat who said four years ago that if his party got a chance to relieve the people and did not do it he would never vote the ticket again? Most of them are eating their words and chewing a free silver cud.

The success of the anti-gold standard men would of course result in a panic, as Jackson's veto of the United States bank bill did—but that would only prove the power and unscrupulousness of the banks and the necessity of their abolition.

When you hear a democrat trying to lay the blame on Cleveland for his party not passing a free silver measure just remind him that a democratic congress never gave Cleveland a free coinage bill to sign. That knocks the wind out of them. Besides that, the democratic party gave us Cleveland.

Three years ago the goldbug bankers raised the cry that it was the Sherman law and the compulsory coinage of silver that was driving gold out of the country. The law was repealed and silver coinage stopped, but since that time gold has continued to leave the country as rapidly as ever, and bonds have been issued to the amount of \$262,000,000, and the end is not yet. Now, to every sensible man who is not as blind as a bat, politically, it is evident that the goldbugs either lied or did not know what they were talking about. The preponderance of evidence is that they lied and that they are still lying.

Monon Time Table No. 27, in Effect June 21.

NORTH BOUND.	SOUTH BOUND.
No. 4..... 4.45 a. m.	No. 31..... 4.45 a. m.
No. 40..... 7.21 a. m.	No. 35..... 7.21 a. m.
No. 32..... 10.07 a. m.	No. 39..... 10.07 a. m.
No. 6..... 3.30 p. m.	No. 33..... 3.30 p. m.
No. 42..... 6.05 p. m.	No. 37..... 6.05 p. m.
No. 74..... 8.08 p. m.	No. 3..... 8.08 p. m.
No. 46..... 9.20 a. m.	No. 31 does not stop
No. 32 stops at Rensselaer.	No. 31 does not stop
No. 74 carries passengers between Monon and Lowell.	
A new train, No. 12 daily except Sunday, has been put on between Monon and Lafayette. Passengers can now leave Lafayette at 5.38 p. m. and arrive in Rensselaer at 7.30 p. m.	

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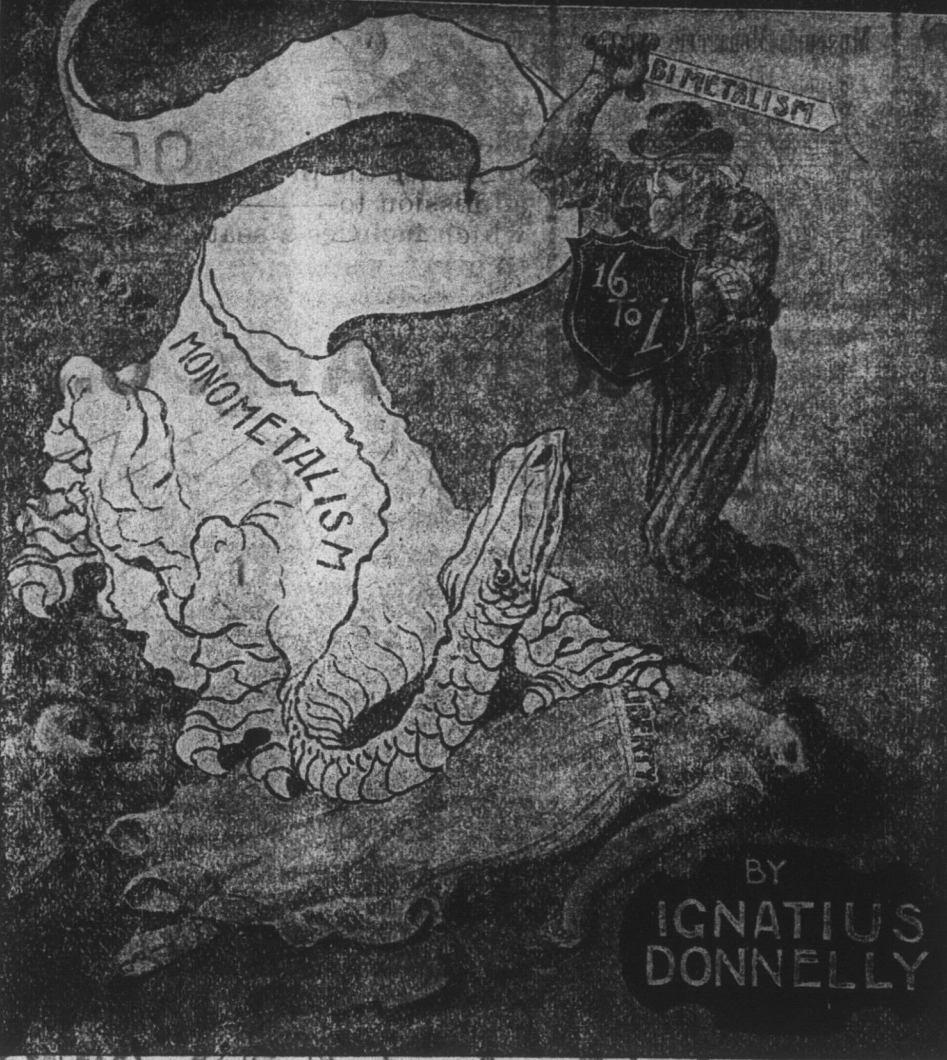
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