

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another bond issue is being prepared.

Local speakers should take the stump at once.

While you are sleeping your enemies are at work.

Vanderbilt gives \$100,000 to help elect McKinley.

This is the hour of self sacrifice and true heroism.

Welcome to the silver camp you heroic silver republicans.

Brother populists be patriots and rally to call for yeoman soldiers.

The Rothschild's of England are back of the Gold Standard conspiracy.

The national bank must go; the government alone should issue money.

The national banker is loaned money by the government at one per cent a year.

Spread the silver light of deliverance from Rothschild's greed for gold.

Sixteen to one means that the silver dollar shall weigh sixteen times as much as the gold dollar.

My democratic friends lay aside your partisanship and deal fairly with your populist brothers.

"The public be d—d, here's a hundred thousand to kill of this silver craze."—WM. H. VANDERBILT.

The Mexican silver dollar was once a legal tender equally with our own silver dollar in this country and until it was demonetized it was always at par with our money, both gold and silver.

The Bank of Montreal has just purchased \$100,000 of greenbacks, preparatory to another bond issue.

The banks and other monopolists have contributed \$20,000,000 to the McKinley campaign fund, about \$2 per voter.

The man who lives alone by loaning money and is too selfish to want to see his neighbors prosper, is in favor of the gold standard and dear dollars.

Why do the railroad corporations oppose Mr. Bryan's election? Because he favors government control of the railroads.

Remember that even if free coinage did make dollars easier to get that it would take no more of them to pay your taxes or your debts.

One American laborer is calculated by scientists to be equal to nine Mexican peons. Does the American get nine times as much for his labor?

If your business is the clipping of coupons from government bonds it is to your selfish individual interest to vote for the single gold standard.

The republican party opposes government control of the railroads and therefore those great corporations are turning up the very earth to elect McKinley.

While the farm renter in Indiana is having hard work to live and pay his cash landlord, the renter in Mexico is living well and making more clear money than owners of farms do here when they work themselves.

The Chicago Record has sent two correspondents, one a silver man and the other a gold standard advocate, both well known and prominent in the cause they represent. Their letters appear daily in that paper and are full of valuable information as coming quite authoritative sources, and are establishing the impression in this country that Mexico is really prosperous and a most inviting place for Americans of all occupations to emigrate to. Especially does it seem to be worthy of notice by farm renters, and some of our local renters are reading the letters with a view of moving there in the near future.

We demand that the bonds be paid in silver and gold.

Is the dollar dear enough for you with your 10 cent oats and 20 cent corn?

The railroad news agents are no longer allowed to sell free silver literature.

McKinley seems determined to play the mountain to all his worshipping Mahomets.

Silver circulates among the people and cannot be as easily cornered as gold alone.

Free coinage of silver will give the people more money and reduce the rate of interest.

If you believe with us, my honored republican fellowcitizen, be brave and tell the truth as you see it to your wavering neighbor.

Skilled factory labor in Georgia is paid 60c a day; children 9 years old 11c, and twelve hours is a days labor. How does that compare with your Mexican peon wages.

Prohibitionists, nationalists, populists, silver republicans and silver democrats, though differing on other issues, can unite in the great battle for silver, and all demand the initiative and referendum for the settlement of all great questions.

The old soldier is being told that free silver will reduce the purchasing power of his pension. We wish to call his attention to the fact that four years more of gold standard and contraction will bankrupt the government and wipe out his pension.

There are 371.2 grains of pure silver in the silver dollar and 23.2 grains of pure gold in the gold dollar. To each is added an alloy to make the metals hard and durable, making the finished silver dollar weigh 412.4 grains and the gold dollar 25.8 grains.

An indignant Spanish Mexican asks why Americans in writing about the poor Indians of Mexico do not compare them with the American Indians. They are both Indians, he says, but the Mexican Indian earns his own living while the American Indian is a pensioned pauper. The former lives in free silver Mexico the latter in gold standard America.

The silverites ask for no change in the size or value of the present silver dollar; they simply demand that the old law which was repealed in 1873, shall be restored so that the silver miner may take his bullion to the mints and have it coined into standard dollars, the same as the owner of gold bullion now does.

Previous to 1873 there had been over \$150,000,000 of silver coined, \$9,000,000 of which was standard dollars and \$145,000,000 in quarters and halves. Besides this there was in circulation as full legal tender money over \$100,000,000 of Mexican and Spanish dollars, and they remained a part of our money until after 1853.

The purchasing power of the soldiers pension is more than twice as great as it was twenty years ago, but the ability of the government to pay it is about gone and a continuance of this gold standard policy will soon make pension retrenchment absolutely necessary or bonds will have to be regularly issued to pay them.

Half of our old soldiers are farmers and nearly all have children who do not draw pensions, and it is not one in ten of them who would not welcome an advance in prices on farm products.

Republican speakers are bitterly opposing free coinage of silver on the ground that it will raise the cost of food. How do you like that, brother farmers? Stop talking about what you get for your pork, beef, wheat, corn and oats; if you got any more for your stuff your republican orator would accuse you of robbing the old soldier, the widow and orphan.

## Aptly Answered.

PERU, Indiana, August 15th, 1896.

Messrs. Pitt, Armon, & Co., Chicago, Ill.,

DEAR SIRS:

Your offer of 50 cts. worth of meat and a Mexican dollar in exchange for an American dollar received, but we can do as well with our patrons. We can offer 50 cents worth of meat and \$2 worth of Portuguese three percent gold bonds in exchange for a silver dollar.

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Portugal has a "little gold," the world has had its "improved banking facilities" since 1853, and we can supply the "confidence," so the bonds are certainly good. We can continue to give you 50 cents worth of meat and \$2 of Portuguese gold bonds after Bryan is elected. Will you continue to give 50 cents worth of meat and a Mexican dollar in exchange for an American silver dollar after Bryan is elected?

Yours Truly,  
Columbian Meat Market,  
Peru, Ind.

P. S. We see the London Times quotes Mexican bonds at 94 1-2; Portuguese 3 per cent. gold bonds at 26 1-4.

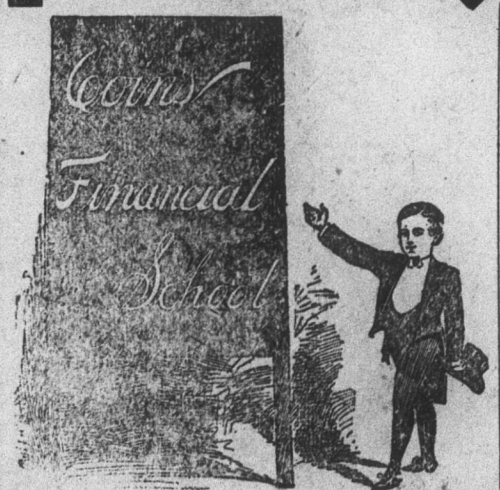
It is the duty of every man who has the cause of humanity at heart to devote every moment of time that he can possibly spare to the advancement of the silver movement. Read and become familiar with every phrase of the money question and be able to meet your neighbors questions with convincing proof. Those who have the gift of speech should address meetings at school houses every night until election. Especially do I urge the old guard in the populist party, as being eminently fitted to meet the arguments of our deceptive antagonists. Circulate literature and have personal talks with every man you can influence.

Daniel E. Kelly, of Valparaiso, democratic elector from the 10th district has resigned his place because of his views on silver. It is probable that James Pierce of Rensselaer, the populist elector, will be elected to fill the vacancy.

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