

Free Silver League.

For the Tenth Congressional District of Indiana.

We the undersigned voters of Jasper County, Indiana, believing that prosperity can only be restored to our country through the restoration of silver to its coinage rights equally with gold, the same as existed from 1792 down to 1873, and feeling that the time has arrived for the putting aside of party considerations and uniting in a common cause for the good of all the producing people, and accepting the gauge of battle thrown down to us by the consolidated money power of the world, the class that lives largely beyond the sea and dictates to us a foreign financial system, for their enrichment and our impoverishment; and further believing that a distinctively non-partisan free silver county organization would the better unite and harmonize all the elements of our people who oppose the single gold standard and make victory for the white metal and prosperity certain in this county; we do hereby associate ourselves together as the Jasper County Free Silver League, each subscriber pledging himself to work for the great financial reform so fittingly championed by William J. Bryan, the patriot orator of the prairies.

NAMES.

POSTOFFICE.

PRECINCT.

Please cut out this form and paste on as much blank paper as is required, and secure as many signatures as possible at once; send the lists to this office and they will be added to the regular membership books. This same form, with proper alterations, can be used for any other County in the district.

The Farm Renter in Mexico.

The following is taken from the letter of the Chicago Record's special correspondent, Trumbull White, now traveling in Mexico for the purpose of discovering the actual condition of affairs there. Mr. White is a free silver man and his companion, William E. Curtis, is a gold man, and their letters appear alternately each day. The following was written Sept. 9th, and was published Sept. 19th:

"There is one element of the farming population of the United States that has been a little uncertain where it stood during recent seasons. The farm renter paying cash rent, has been finding himself at the end of the year with little left for his own profit, if indeed he was able to pay the rent at all, and support himself. I had a particular wish to learn the condition of farm renters in this state, and found a surprise in the comparison. I sought specific cases which could be investigated, rather than generalities.

"Senor Susano Ortiz resigned his position as an officer in the Mexican army ten years ago, after honorable service. As he expresses it, at that time he had no resources and nothing in the world except his horse, his sword, his revolver and \$7,000 of debts. He rented a farm near Durango, and in less than five years he had paid all his debts and had \$20,000 in cash. He is now making about \$4,000 a year profit on his rented farm.

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"In this state it is becoming very common for peons to rent tracts of ten or twenty acres from the haciendas by whom they have been employed, paying a rental in a share of the crop. In numerous such instances they have not only made a living, but have saved and gained independence. In this way the next class upward is continually being recruited from the peon class, and it is but fair to say that by such accretions the entire general level of the people is being slowly but certainly raised."

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What Demonetization Was.

Demonetization is the act of taking the legal tender quality away from that which has been money. That is exactly what congress did in 1873 when it passed a law which said that the silver coin of the country should be a legal tender for all sums NOT EXCEEDING FIVE DOLLARS IN ANY ONE PAYMENT. It did not exempt the coins already in circulation, but included all that had been struck and all that might be struck in the future. Those few words demonetized silver, and the effect was to exclude silver from all large transactions. If a man owed a hundred dollars at the bank he could not pay it when it was due in silver. That is what demonetization means, and though our republican friends tell us that silver has been remonetized, we would call your attention to the fact that you can't pay your note at the bank now in silver if it happens to be payable in gold. The silver dollar is still demonetized, and the law that demonetized silver also demonetized treasury notes, by legalizing contracts to pay in some specific kind of money, thus making the gold clause in your note at the bank binding on you though you got no gold for your note when given.

It should be made unconstitutional that any contract could dishonor or discriminate against any of the monies of the country.

It is not denied that silver was demonetized in 1873 and all the silver advocates now ask is to have it placed back just as it was then. They do not propose to make the silver dollar larger or smaller than it is now.

In 1873 the law that demonetized silver also left the standard dollar out of the list of coins that should in the future be coined. This action cut off the silver miner and he could no longer take his bullion to the mint and have it made into dollars. The great silver movement is simply to repeal the law of 1873 and adopt the old law, which with slight change, governed the coinage of gold and silver for 81 years. The gold miner can now take his bullion to the mint and it will be melted up and stamped into money. The silver miners desire only fair treatment when they ask for the same privilege. No new venture is proposed, and inasmuch as the whole producing people will be benefited, it is a good guess that they will vote to adopt it.

General Grant said that the great war debt should be paid in silver and that it depended upon the American miner to produce it from the mountain.

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