

# 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 1793 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.

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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. He has between 400 and 500 acres, eight miles from Durango, and for it he pays a yearly cash rent of \$600. He devotes himself to crops of corn and chili.

"F. J. Bradley, an American, has a farm containing 300 acres of tillable land and considerable pasture land just outside the city limits of Durango. For it he pays \$1,000 a year cash rent. In the five years that he has occupied it he has saved \$15,000 from his crops of corn and potatoes and from the stock he has raised. But of course it must be remembered that these savings are in Mexican dollars.

"In this state it is becoming very common for peons to rent tracts of ten or twenty acres from the haciendado 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."

Gold will fall in value to its natural level, and silver will rise to its old bullion value of \$1.29 per ounce the moment the mints are opened equally to both gold and silver.

The anti-silver man asks the farmer how he is going to get the silver dollar after the miner has got it coined. Ask the a.s.m. if he thinks the silver miner lives on rarified atmosphere.

These excursions on free railroad passes to the republican shrine at McKinley's home, reminds us of the pilgrimages in India to see and fall under the wheels of the great juggernaut.

All the bonds of the United States are payable in coin, gold or silver, and if Bryan is elected they will be paid according to the contract.

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.

It is worth a railroad employee's job to be caught without a McKinley button on his coat and a McKinley picture in his front window.

In free silver Mexico a pair of good shoes, made to measure, cost but \$4, and wear well. The same shoes in gold standard United States cost \$6.

The Gold Standard Conspirators have their lieutenants at work in every school district.

The gold of the world can be cornered by the Rothschilds in 24 hours, and they have done it.

It costs nothing to travel if you happen to be a railroad employee on a pilgrimage (compulsory) to Canton, O.

Clothings made to order in Mexico are cheaper than in the United States; are made of better material and wear longer.

Nearly all the gold in the world is held in banks, all under the control of the Rothschilds and their great banking combination.

## The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Cailhouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at F. B. Meyer's Drug Store.

# 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 re-monetized, 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 moneys 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 mints 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.

## The English Motive.

That silver was stricken down for a purpose there is no question. Had there been no purpose for so doing there would have been no opposition to the restoration of the free-coinage laws as existed previous to 1873.

There were several reasons for the prohibition of the free coinage of silver, thereby shifting the debts of the country from the double standard to the single gold standard, and one of the chief of these was to enable the exchange dealers of England to have a steady and profitable exchange on the silver standard countries with a falling market.

Another purpose was to cheapen the securities of the silver countries as measured by gold, this class of securities alone having, as a consequence of the fall of the gold price of silver, depreciated over £200,000,000.

To the competition in the price of cotton, hides and other products, thus enabling England and other European countries to get cheap food stuffs and raw material, was also another principal purpose for bringing about the fall in the price of silver as measured by gold.

The methods by which the prices of raw material were cheapened was to get quotations from India on wheat and cotton, and thereby regulating the price of the American product in

Liverpool. The dealers would also get quotations for hides and wool from South America and thereby regulate the price of these commodities in this market for American and Australian hides and wool.

In order to arrive at a proper understanding of this matter, it is necessary to know that the silver price of cotton and wheat in India as measured by the rupee is practically the same as in 1873.

Silver being the standard in India has, therefore, not depreciated in that country.

The same principle holds good in South America, as wool and hides were purchased on the silver basis.

In 1873, and before the fall in silver, the gold sovereign could only purchase in exchange 10 silver rupees. Consequently the gold sovereign could not purchase any more wheat and cotton in India than could be purchased for 10 silver rupees. Therefore, just in proportion, as more silver could be "tucked" in to a gold sovereign, so much more Indian wheat and cotton could be purchased with the sovereign.

In 1873, and some time after, a gold sovereign could purchase only about four bushels of Indian wheat delivered at Liverpool; but for many years, owing to the cheapness of silver, the Liverpool wheat buyer has been able to exchange his gold for cheap silver, and is so enabled to obtain seven bushels of wheat delivered in Liverpool for his gold sovereign.

The result of the fall in the price of silver was at once to cause a corresponding fall in the agricultural products, and the land of Great Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States. It also caused a fall in the price of such other kinds of real estate as are situated in the agricultural districts of those countries, the loss entailed being variously estimated at from 800,000,000 to 500,000,000 sterling.

Gilt edge securities have not of course depreciated in value, though there has been a great loss by the liquidation with the lesser grades of gold securities.

Put up Bryan's picture.

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If you are away from home, go back in time to vote.

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A vote for McKinley is a vote for the Rothschilds.

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Read the "Wage Earners and Free Silver" discussion on page 6.

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Don't forget to subscribe for the Silver Daily for your neighbor.

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If Gen. Grant were living today he would be a free silver man. His son Jesse is supporting Bryan.

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The cause of free silver is growing despite the tapping of the republican barrel.

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Preserve the soldier's pension by redeeming the government from bankruptcy. Free coinage of silver will do it.

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Can it be that a scheme is on foot to delay the building of the new court house and give our banks a chance to use the money for a year or two without interest? They now have \$80,000 of it.

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The United States has been the chief sinner. It has done the real injury to silver; so we must remonetize it before we can get any substantial co-operation. England is certainly not going to pull our chestnuts out of the fire, and things move too slow there for us to place any dependence upon England until we have first restored the law to the status ante 1873, and go to her with clean hands and a substantial case.

Organize silver clubs.

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Distribute Silver Literature

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Circulate the Silver Daily.

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Gold never stayed in circulation when there was a business depression.

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Indiana will be carried for free silver, so will Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. Any one of these states is sufficient to elect Bryan.

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The editor being unexpectedly called from home this morning, this issue is somewhat lacking in editorial, and probably the readers will recognize the fact and trust that he will depend more on his shears than on his pencil in the future.

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Did you ever stop to consider that Bryan is making no apology for his past record on silver and financial reform. He stands squarely on it—how about the man who looks like Napoleon? His flop to the gold standard is really amusing.

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If silver should be restored to its former position it would then be at par with gold, and the importer of grain would not then be able to buy silver cheap with which to exchange for the products of the silver-standard countries, which would result in raising the price of the leading agricultural products to the normal price. The British and European markets having to pay more, those who produce would, of course, get more.

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It is admitted, even by its most pronounced opponents, that free coinage of silver will advance the selling price of all farm products, but not a voice dare be raised to say that the "depreciated" silver dollar will not pay as much taxes and debts as the scarcest gold dollar they could find.

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England will take no responsibility whatever in leading the way either jointly or otherwise; so if anything is to be done for the restoration of silver to the position it ought to occupy, the amelioration of prices and the saving of the debtor, it is for the United States alone to lead. The rest will soon follow.

## Conversions by Sam Small.

Special to the Chicago Record.  
Pana, Ill., Sept. 16.—The Rev. Sam Small of Atlanta, Ga., addressed an audience of 1,200 people to-night under the auspices of the Pana Silver club. The address was said to be the most logical campaign address delivered in Pana this year. Fully 4,000 people were unable to obtain admittance. At the conclusion of the address a number of McKinley men went forward, shook hands with Mr. Small, tore off their badges and declared for Bryan and the democratic ticket Mr. Small will speak at Macon tomorrow and Taylorville Saturday.

## Old Lumber For Sale.

I have for sale about 50,000 feet of oak lumber of all dimensions, at my farm 5 miles northwest of Rensselaer, at prices to suit the times.

JAMES YEOMAN.

## Silver League.

There will be public meeting at the Center school house in Milroy tp. on Tuesday evening Sept. 22, a Silver League will be organized. Eugene Dilley and David W. Shields will address the meeting upon the subject of free coinage of silver.

Gold will at once leave its hiding place in the bank vaults and seek investment when it is known that silver is to be restored to its old place as a money metal.

We're all selfish. The Creator did not make any class of people who were entirely unselfish. But I have faith in our form of government, because I believe that people in their better moments will adopt laws which restrain themselves in hours of temptation, in order that their neighbors may also be restrained in hours of temptation.—W. J. Bryan.

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