

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

J. F. NISBET Editor.

Lancaster C. H. Alliance will meet next Sat. 25th inst. at 3 o'clock, p. m.

E. EVERALL, Sec.

Those who purchased their cotton ties through the Alliance exchange will be glad to learn that they are here and we would be glad for all to come and get them at an early day.

Cotton is gradually going down while other commodities are advancing. This should be a warning to us to see to it that we are thoroughly organized. We know that the crop is much shorter than was expected. Let us investigate and if possible find out the cause.

Let us try to help our State exchange in every way possible. When you need anything in the way of machinery, wagons, buggies, cane mills, plows and, in fact, almost anything let us know and we can save you money.

The Washington Post argues rightly and convincingly concerning the ability of Mexico under the silver standard to build up her industries and become more prosperous than ever by maintaining that standard. It is regrettable indeed that the editor who wrote that article cannot see that the United States would enjoy the same benefits in a large degree if free coinage of both gold and silver prevailed in this country.

We would like to ask some of the international bimetalists if, as they contend, we must secure the assent of the nations of the world to enjoy the advantages of free silver coinage and a larger circulation, why the same contention would not hold good in regard to the tariff? The Dingley bill strikes a blow at every nation with which we trade. Why enjoy the benefits of protection if it hurts foreign nations. It is poppycock to say that we are big and strong to legislate independently on the tariff, which virtually affects the trade of all nations, but that we are too small and weak to establish an independent financial system which is demanded by the people.

More Money, Higher Prices.

The formulated demands of the Farmers' Alliance embrace the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1, an increase of the circulating medium, also a graduated income tax, and that our national legislation be so framed as not to build up one industry at the expense of another. We had free and unlimited coinage of silver in the United States from 1792 to 1893. The commercial ratio of silver to gold during this period was never above 15 to 1 and only reached 16 to 1 twice, viz: In the years 1812-13, during the war with Great Britain. After the Act of 1873 denying to silver free coinage its ratio declined to 32 to 1 in 20 years. The Secretary of the Treasury of the United States aided in depreciating silver by giving gold options to creditors, thereby virtually demonetizing silver. The adoption of the gold standard by commercial nations (including the United States) reduces the volume of money of final account in the world one-half. In his book on political

economy Mills says: "That an increase in the quantity of money raises prices and that diminution lowers them is the most elementary proposition in the theory of currency." He says, "other things being equal an increase in money in circulation raises prices and diminution lowers them—If the whole money in circulation be doubled, prices would be doubled."

United States Circular, No. 23, of July, 1896, informs us that "the amount of coined gold in existence at that time was \$4,068,800,000 and the amount of coined silver \$4,070,500,000, all other money redeemable in gold and silver coin." Practically all other money, including silver, is redeemable in gold coin alone. Thus reducing the money of final redemption one-half and thereby reducing the prices of labor products one-half. The average value of an acre's product of corn, wheat, oats, hay and cotton in 1871 to 1875 was \$15, in 1893 it was \$8, in 1873 the price of cotton was 18 cents, now it is 7 cents, thus proving the theory that prices of commodities are controlled by the volume of money of final account in circulation. Low prices of farm products are depressing to that industry. The only benefit that farmers receive from low prices is in purchasing the products of their brother farmers. When they want money to pay debts and taxes it takes double the amount of their labor products to get it that it took when the debt was contracted. The debts of the people of the world amount to \$25,576,575,000 or six times the amount of the coined gold of the world. The average per capita debt of all the people is \$20—The average in gold standard countries is \$50 and in silver standard it is only \$4 per capita. How can we pay these debts with money (gold) that costs twice as much as it did when the debts were contracted? The only way is to remonetize silver. Give it free coinage. Make it a legal tender for all debts, public and private, and thus enhance the price of labor products until they equal the prevailing prices of such products when these debts were contracted. We may comment on the other formulated demands in a future communication.

JAMES R. MAGILL.

Democracy and Plutocracy.

The New York World is one of the leading plutocratic organs of gold monopoly, but it is enterprising and successful. The other gold papers of the East and nearly the entire press of the Northeast (which are owned and controlled by gold gamblers) have claimed that Bryan and the silver question are dead and buried. The New York World has been investigating the subject, and finds that the Democrats, not only of the South and West but of the Northeast, occupy the same position with regard to the Chicago platform that they did the campaign of 1896; in fact, they are much more pronounced, and make Bryan their leader and free silver their paramount issue. This is as it should be. All that is required for the success of free silver is for the Democratic party to remain true to the great cause. The moral sense of mankind, so far as it is enlightened, is against the depravity, wickedness, and extortion of the goldites. The destruction of half the world's money, the doubling of the property of the owners of bonds and money, and the enslavement of the balance of mankind, is abhorrent to every sense of justice.

Last year a new Declaration of Independence was promulgated

at Chicago, and according to The World, that declaration is still held sacred by the lovers of human liberty, the despised silverites. Of course they are despised by the aristocrats of gold monopoly the same as the fathers of the Revolution were despised by the English Tories who fattened on corruption and enjoyed the smiles of the English crown.

The following editorial from The World is quite indicative of what The World deprecates on this question, but what is deplorable in the eyes of The World is an unmixed blessing in the eyes of the people. The editorial is as follows:

The dispatches in The World from National and State Democratic Committees, unanimously affirming their adherence to free silver and their allegiance to Mr. Bryan, were an astonishing revelation.

It was perhaps to have been expected that the Democrats who managed last year's campaign in the Populist states of the Northwest and the South should still "stand to their guns," in spite of dollar wheat and 40-cent silver dollars. But that the committeemen in the now prosperous states of the West, and in the Middle and Eastern states that accepted the Chicago platform simply to be "regular," should take the same position is a striking and disturbing proof of the strength of party spirit and the vitality of a delusion.

The representatives of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Vermont align themselves with the committeemen of Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, and West Virginia in looking to Bryan as the leader of the party and in accepting free silver as its shibboleth.

Taken in connection with the similar action of the state conventions this year, it shows a surprising popularity for a defeated candidate. It is a warning, furthermore, that the battle for sound money and for the national honor and authority is not yet over.

WHY IS IT.

What is value? Estimation.

How is the value of money ascertained? By estimating how much property in general it will buy.

How is the value of wheat ascertained? By estimating how much money it will take to buy a bushel.

What is intrinsic value? There is no such thing. Whatever is intrinsic is a quality existing in things and not an estimation of how much of one thing is required in exchange for another.

Why do people speak of intrinsic value? Generally because they do not know the difference between the qualities of things and the estimation of men in exchanging their property, but sometimes because they want to fool the people.

Upon what does the value of a legal tender dollar depend? It depends upon the number of dollars in circulation compared with the property for sale.

Is the value of money determined by the law of supply and demand? Certainly. The value of all things is comparative, and other things being equal, the greater the supply the less the price, the smaller the supply the greater the price.

Is money cheap or dear in these times? Very dear.

What made it dear? Reducing the volume by demonetizing silver.

Why was that done? To increase the value of money and bonds payable in money, and to reduce the price of all other commodities.

Who had an interest in increasing the price of money and bonds? The persons who own money and bonds.

Were the people at large consulted when silver was demonetized? No; they knew nothing about it until years afterwards.

Why do Harrison, Cleveland, and other goldites say they want every dollar as good as every other dollar? Because they want nothing but gold dollars, and they know that as long as the law makes gold alone the only money nothing but gold money can be equal to gold money.

What salaries did Cleveland and Carlisle receive from all sources? If our Christian friends are right, that question will be answered after Gabriel blows his horn, and certainly not before.

How do treasury officials get rich and graduate at the head of leading banks of the United States?

The people they worship have greater command over the rewards they offer for the worship they receive than Satan had to the kingdom of the earth, which he proposed to give the Saviour of mankind if he would fall down and worship him. Satan couldn't deliver the goods.

What is civil service reform? An official syndicate which monopolizes the distribution of office.

Who organized the official syndicate called civil service reform? The Mugwumps, to prevent the people having anything to say about official patronage.

Is the civil service syndicate honestly managed? Yes, on the principle that there is honor among thieves. The members of the syndicate never cheat each other when they think there is a chance of being found out.

Why do the goldbugs shout good times when prices rise, notwithstanding the fact that they insist that contraction and falling prices are the sum of human happiness and progress? Because they know the people feel good when prices go up and they want to make the masses believe that they will put prices up for their benefit.

What is the main argument which the goldites use in favor of the gold standard? Their principal and only argument is that it brings things down to rock bed, and makes people economize by taking away all means of extravagance.

Why does President McKinley continue to say that prosperity his surely come? Because he wants to believe that prosperity has really come, and by repeating it often he thinks that he himself will believe it if nobody else does.

The Cotton Crop.

The cotton crop is late and it is now passing through a critical stage. The weather is dry and very hot, too dry and hot in certain sections, and nothing definite can be said of the crop to come.

Of the crop for the season closing August 31 the yield was 8, 714,011, according to the safest estimates.

The coming crop may exceed these figures a million bales. This for a year of prosperity would be a shorter crop than that of 1896 and 1897 and prices according to all reasoning should be higher. There is no large accumulation of cotton and there is a world wide demand for it. In other words, there is every reason to expect better prices for the crop to come than was received for the crop just sold.

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Resolved, 1st. That in the death of our brother, Geo. T. Bailey, Saint Luke Alliance has lost a faithful and true member; one always at his post, ready to discharge the duties imposed by his brother Alliancemen.

Resolved, 2nd. That, we tender to the bereaved widow and orphaned children our heartfelt sympathies, commending them to the tender mercies and compassion of Him who has promised to be a husband of the widow and a father of the fatherless.

Resolved, 3rd. That, a blank page in our minute book be inscribed to the memory of our deceased brother, and that a copy of this preamble and resolutions be given to his family and copies be sent the county papers, with a request to publish same.

J. E. STEWMAN,
T. R. DUREN,
J. L. ADAMS,
Committee.

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