

"OUR GOVERNMENT IS BASED ON THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED."
—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE.

"THE QUALITY OF LIBERTY WE POSSESS IS EQUAL TO THE QUANTITY OF RESTRAINT WE PUT UPON THE GOVERNMENT."
—DANIEL WEBSTER.

OUR TICKET FOR 1896.

For President:
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.

For Vice-President:
ARTHUR SEWALL,
OF MAINE.

ABUSE IS NOT ARGUMENT.

It has always been a natural result of an argumentative discussion, that the person worsted in the debate to try to even the matter up by resorting to personal abuse or threats of violence. It is the tyrant's last argument. Just now this style of the defense of a bad cause is noticeable in the Eastern press, in the discussion of the money question. The single gold standard advocates have abandoned the field of logic in defending their cause, and are now taking up the weapons of sarcasm, abuse and threats. The free silver men of the United States are characterized as "Populists," "anarchists," "cranks," "repudiators," "fanatics," "communists," "socialists," "barbarians," and every other degrading character that their imagination can invent. They are also just now indulging in the threat that the monied men of the East, will withdraw their capital from the West and South, and refuse to make any investment in any section where the free silver sentiment predominates, on the ground that any business enterprise in these localities would be unsafe and extra-hazardous. A recent number of *Harper's Weekly* contains two editorials which furnish a striking example of this sort of imperious argument. All the epithets named in this article are applied to the adherents of the Chicago Convention and the silver men generally, as well as the threat we have alluded to. One would almost believe that we had returned to the ante-bellum days, when the pro-slavery press and negro drivers were defending their unholy and sectional institution of slavery by a similar line of argument. There is an undue and unfounded degree of prejudice in the East toward the West. They are jealous of our growth in wealth, population and enterprise, and they feel that we in the West and South are uncouth, unlearned and immoral. This was exemplified by a recent utterance of President Cleveland at a New York Church meeting, wherein the substance of the remark was to the effect, that the benighted West was in need of missionary work, owing to its immoral and ignorant condition. This sentiment was applauded and endorsed by the eastern press and people, almost unanimously. All we have to say in reply to all this is, the people who say such hard things about the West and South either don't know what they are talking about, or else they don't care; for their statements are positively untrue. People who formerly lived in the East but now live in the West know better; and those in the East who have never lived in the West or South, know nothing of which they speak. Out of the West came Lincoln, whose wisdom and patriotism saved the Union. Out of the West came Grant, the leader of the Union Army, who alone was able to subdue the Confederate forces, after all the Eastern generals had tried

and failed; and in 1861 the homes of Lincoln and Grant were as far West as the home of W. J. Bryan is now. After all there is nothing to fear from this sort of tactics in the present campaign. Reason cannot be successfully answered by ridicule, nor logic with lies. In this fight we have the right on our side, and are bound to succeed in the end. In the meanwhile let the Eastern goldbugs remember that "Westward the course of Empire takes its way."

A FEW SILVER POINTERS.

The gold standard advocates are resorting to all kinds of misrepresentations and deceit, to convince the people that this country would be ruined by free coinage. Among the untrue statements that have been current in all the goldbug presses of the East, is, that there was only \$8,000,000 of silver coined in the United States prior to 1873. The facts are that the U. S. treasury reports show that up to that time one hundred and forty millions of dollars were coined, besides a large amount of Spanish legal tender dollars. Another false statement is, that if we adopt the free coinage of silver, all the silver of the world will be rushed to this country and coined, and thereby flood the United States with silver money, giving us all the silver and the rest of the world having all the gold. Such a condition would be impossible, but if it even came to pass we would be in a much better condition than any other portion of the globe, as we would have in this country about one-half of the money of the world, and this alone would give us a power and prosperity unequalled since the flight of time. The facts are that the United States is the greatest silver producing country on the earth. The nations of Europe and Asia have to buy silver of us. We have sent England \$57,000,000 of silver annually for six years past; we have sent from New York alone over \$19,000,000 worth of silver in 1896, at the price of about 67 cents per ounce. We have regular customers for our silver bullion in England, India, - China, Japan and others. By demonetizing the white metal we have done all we could to lower the price and give the foreign buyers the benefit of the cut. Let us adopt free coinage and at once silver bullion will become scarcer in London, and to get us to send it there they must pay us the coin value or go without. Either would inevitably raise the price in London. With that rise in price up would go the labor cost of wheat and cotton in India and of the goods of Japan; and with it our farmers and laborers would get higher prices, and all would share in the prosperity. We own a corner on silver almost as much as we do on corn. But by our system we have been doing all in our power to give foreigners the benefit of the price at the expense of our own producers. Bimetallism, on the basis of international agreement, will never come, as it is to their interest not to have it.

Judges Street and Ritchie, the candidates for the District bench on the McKinley ticket, are a trifle nervous regarding the Bryan boom. At one time they were consoling themselves that they would have no opposition, but now they begin to see that there will be plenty of it. It will come from Democrats and Republicans alike.

WHAT BLAINE SAID.

"I believe the struggle now going on in this country and other countries for a single gold standard would, if successful, produce widespread disaster in and throughout the commercial world. The destruction of silver as money, and establishing gold as the sole unit of value, must have a ruinous effect on all forms of property except those invested which yield a fixed return in money. Those would be enormously enhanced in value, and would gain a disproportionate and unfair advantage over every other species of property. If, as the most reliable statistics affirm, there are nearly \$7,000,000,000 of coin or bullion in the world, very equally divided between gold and silver, it is impossible to strike silver out of existence as money without results that will prove distressing to millions and utterly disastrous to tens of thousands.

"I believe gold and silver coin to be the money of the constitution, indeed the money of the American people anterior to the constitution, which the great organic law recognized as quite dependent of its own existence. No power was conferred on congress to declare either metal should not be money. Congress has, therefore, in my judgment, no power to demonetize either. If, therefore, silver has been demonetized, I am in favor of remonetizing it. If its coinage has been prohibited, I am in favor of ordering it to be resumed. I am in favor of having it enlarged."

We ask all admirers of the "gallant plumed knight," to carefully read the above words of wisdom from the lips of one of America's greatest statesmen. These words were delivered in Congress years ago; they seem almost prophetic now. Were James G. Blaine alive now he would be a Bryan bolter, and would be branded by the goldbug press and speakers as an anarchist and a repudiationist. Does any of his admirers suppose for a minute that Blaine would have subscribed to a platform which admits that the United States must obtain the help of Great Britain before we can have silver as an equal part of our money? Blaine was not that sort of an American.

REV. J. B. FIELDS

The silver tongued orator of Denver, Colorado, is visiting this fair city of Zion, and he comes to our city highly recommended, not only by the very best citizens of Colorado, but also by a great many of the very best citizens of other sections of the country. The press throughout the country speaks of him as being one of the greatest pulpit orators of the age. They also refer to him as being a true representative of the new and progressive negro. Rev. Fields is here in the interest of the American Baptist Missionary Society of North America. This Society is engaged in a commendable and a laudable cause. The Society has been engaged for a number of years in raising funds to be expended for educating and instructing the negroes residing in the various ex-slave States. The rev. gentleman informed the Broad Ax that he has met with remarkable success in soliciting funds here in this beautiful city of Zion; and he desires to express his sincere gratitude to all of those who have so generously contributed their means toward this worthy cause. He is desirous of informing all the world to the effect, i. e., that the people of this city are kind hearted, noble and generous, and that they are the best people on earth. Doctor Fields has always heretofore affili-

ated with the g. o. p., but hereafter he will be found working for the party founded by the immortal Jefferson.

J. L. Rawlins has declined to be a candidate for United States Senator. We have no idea why the gentleman should refuse. A man like Jo Rawlins is needed in the Senate from Utah; and the people may insist that he should serve them; if they do, we doubt not the gentleman would yield to the demands of his State. Such men as J. L. Rawlins cannot be spared from the battlefield yet. The Broad Ax is for Mr. Rawlins for Senator in spite of his declination.

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