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THE VITAL, THE SUPREME ISSUE.

Just read the following political sermon preached by the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is sound doctrine, and will do you good.

The war with Spain is at an end.

While there will be differences of opinion in settling the details, there is nothing likely to occur of sufficient importance to argue the old political parties against each other. The question outranking all others in importance, which cannot be postponed by any new issue, is, shall the United States be freed from the financial despotism of the old world? Will the American people demand the wiping out of the shameful surrender to foreign capitalists of the power to determine what shall be the legal tender of the republic? The party in power has declared that the true financial policy to adopt in the United States is to coin both gold and silver, but the consent and approval of other nations must be first obtained, and until such consent is obtained, gold shall be the only money of final payment. The first thing to be done is for the people to declare through the ballot box our absolute financial independence of all the world.

It is settled beyond cavil or dispute that the nations determine each for itself what shall be the medium of exchange within its borders. To supply the money of a state or nation is an act of sovereignty. There is no such thing as international money. Between nations all trade or commerce consists of mere barter or exchange of commodities. When the United States took its place in the family of nations, one of the first acts of sovereignty which the constituted authorities performed was to provide for its people an instrument of exchange, a legal representative of value. The principal money in circulation prior to the adoption of the constitution was silver and gold coin.

The Spanish milled silver dollar was adopted as the unit of value. The relation between silver and gold coin was established. For nearly a century this relationship was maintained to the entire satisfaction of the people. So tenacious had been the United States in maintaining this decision of the founders of our financial system that eminent British statesmen have commended the fidelity of our government in standing firmly by the fathers of the republic. Mr. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury and member of the Queen's cabinet, in a speech made in March, 1888, said: "The adherence of the Americans to the institutions handed down to them by their forefathers is a remarkable example of national pride and national strength. America stands first in rank in the civilized world."

It is a fact worthy of record that this one of the greatest of England's statesmen, is a friend of silver coinage and in entire sympathy with the effort to restore silver coinage in Great Britain. He has expressed the opinion that the rehabilitation of silver in the United States would force its restoration in England and elsewhere. The opinion is entertained by some that the war with Spain has indefinitely postponed the consideration of the silver question. It is true that the war has been the theme upon which the public press has given the chief attention and which has been the subject of discussion everywhere. When political discussions are revived and the war excitement has died out, we have reason to expect an increased interest in the money question. The war will not to any great extent revive the productive industries. Merchants, mechanics, farmers, laborers, are not likely to be relieved of the embarrassment incident to the shrinking of values. Real estate investments are in a desperate condition.

A revival in business would reconcile many; but this cannot be expected until there is a radical change in our monetary legislation.

As a true test of the patriotism of the readers of the Enquirer, we submit to their earnest consideration the following questions, and urge that their action depend upon their honest conviction, and not upon the success or defeat of any party. Political party organizations are all right as aids in coming to just conclusions. They should be servants and not masters of the people. The condition of the country is too serious to allow trifling. The voters cannot afford to make mistakes in this crisis.

Whatever power controls the finances of a country determines the future of that country, politically, socially, morally.

There never was and never will be an equitable distribution of wealth created by labor where capital dictates the financial legislation. When combinations of capitalists are allowed to determine the instrument of exchange, they are selfish, cruel, tyrannical, and exacting in their demands. Our readers do not need to be informed that there is a conspiracy, embracing money lenders at home and abroad, to wrest from the government the power to create money and confer it upon corporations organized on purpose to rob the creators of wealth, and divide the ill-gotten gains among the conspirators. To defeat their wicked purpose labor organizations have been formed, with the hope and expectation that the assertion of their rights would give relief. A vain and delusive hope if moneyed corporations are endowed with the functions of creating money and exercising that function as their inordinate greed might dictate.

In all candor and seriousness we ask voters whether they are prepared to vote for the disfranchisement of one-half of the money provided by the constitution

of the United States?

For more than eighty years, and until silver was disfranchised, it performed acceptably the constitutional functions with which it was endowed by act of congress. It held its own with gold, and its commodity value was at a premium over gold. It was always the favorite money of the people.

Are you ready and willing to vote for the withdrawal of the greenback and all the other paper money issued by the government, and bestow that function upon corporations? This is the avowed purpose and policy of this administration. For downright impudence and boldness we know of no parallel in financial legislation. The President and his secretary propose to sweep away every refuge of lies which the leaders of the Republican party had resorted to to carry the election in 1896. Their success has been such as to encourage them to develop their whole financial scheme. While we appreciate the power of five thousand banking associations intent upon a common object, we would fain believe the voting classes incapable of committing such a crime. It taxes our credulity to believe that the people of the United States favor the single gold standard, but when they are asked to center upon the banks the exclusive power of supplying the legal tender, demanding the extinction of greenbacks and treasury notes, we declare it a libel, an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of the voting masses.

THE HYACINTH PEST.

The beautiful pest! What shall be done with it? The ladies don't want it; the farmers won't have it; navigators curse it; and everybody in general is disgusted with its beautiful worthlessness. But the question is what are we to do with it? Evidently something must be done to abate the nuisance—for such it is—and done without unnecessary delay, or we shall awake some fine morning to the stubborn reality that the upper St. Johns is closed to navigation.

There may be numerous ways to get rid of this pest, but the most feasible one apparent to us is to give it free and unobstructed passage to the sea. This can be readily done by changing the system of bridging over the river so as to allow the hyacinths to pass underneath of banking against the structures. A system of spans instead of piling would accomplish the much desired object without working any very great hardship or entailing any vast expense to the companies owning and operating these bridges. We would suggest that these gentlemen be interviewed by a committee of citizens most interested in the matter, and the subject properly placed before them, with a request that favorable action be immediately taken.

REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM.

The report of the committee on platform and resolutions endorsed the Republican platform as promulgated at St. Louis; approved of the war with Spain; favored the Nicaraguan canal; congratulated the country on Republican protection; condemned the railroad commission law of Florida as created for political purposes, and resulting in an increased tax; favored the election of county commissioners by the people; condemned the Democratic administration of the state, under which it was stated to be possible for large detachments by state and county officials to go unpunished, without recoverable action; condemned the present inhumane and cruel treatment of convicts; favored the urgent measure of protection for all Florida products; and endorsed and commended the action and policy of Hon. John G. Long, member of the national Republican executive committee,

for his unselfish and untiring devotion to the interest of all Republicans in the rehabilitation and upbuilding of the party in this state. The report was unanimously adopted.

GLORIOUS DAY AHEAD.

The Philadelphia Press thus quotes Theodore Search, of that city, president of the national association of manufacturers:

"I believe that the war has given the United States an impetus that will make its future exceedingly full of prosperity. To my mind there are glorious days ahead for the American people. I am convinced that there is a great possibility, one little appreciated by merchants. The war has brought the United States before the European nations in a manner in which it was never brought before. The deeds of our army and navy have surprised them beyond measure. They are really awakening to an appreciation of the wonderful country we have here. American goods have now a prestige which they never before enjoyed. At the same time our merchants are beginning to realize that other countries want our goods. It has only been three years since the national association of manufacturers began an agitation for the development of foreign trade. See what the association and allied organizations have done already. Last year our exports were greater than for many years past. They were phenomenal, but I believe that they can be doubled, tripled; yes, even quadrupled."

A German firm has secured the exclusive patent right in the United States to manufacture anti-toxine. Firms in the United States and elsewhere engaged in the manufacture of the product have been warned to quit. There promises to be a lively legal fight over the German firm's right to a patent in which the whole civilized world will take a deep interest.

Mr. Anderson, of Ocala, is a clever gentleman, says the Leesburg Commercial, and the Republicans displayed tact in nominating him, but he cannot hope to take Hon. Bob Davis' seat in Congress. The people in the second district appreciate the worth of Congressman Davis, and will re-elect him by a large and comfortable majority.

The Gainesville Sun is correctly of the opinion that the democracy of every county in Florida will support the congressional, state, and county nominees. The Democrats of this state know their duty, and they will not fail to perform it. Just what the majority in the state will be cannot be foretold, but it will be immense.

Bear in mind that in order to vote at the election in November you must register and pay your poll tax for 1896 and 1897. Persons should be careful to see that their names are properly registered on the state and county books. Registration for the city election does not entitle you to vote at the state and county election.

F. M. Merchison, editor of the Crescent City Philosopher, has been requested to sever his connection with the Presbyterian church, owing to his favorable expression of Mormon sentiments and aiding the extension of that faith.

The United States fish commission predicts the speedy extermination of the Florida alligator. In 1897 in the three counties of Lee, DeSoto, and Hillsborough 16,750 skins were taken, and 214 hunters were engaged in the business.

Our townsman George E. Gay would like to be state treasurer. "Will he be elected," did you say? Nit!

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The Kansas City Star says no sound, well-regulated American should permit himself to be disturbed by the wave of hero-worship that is surging over the land. The American people will be none the worse for this baptism of patriotic fire. It will subside by and by, or rather, it will be materially modified with the advent of the piping times of peace; but it is not harmful for any people to be thoroughly aroused at reasonable intervals by the revelation of high ideals, and to yield themselves to those better desires and purposes which are enkindled by the force of heroic examples.

The city council of Louisville, Ky., has voted to exempt new manufactories from city taxation for five years. What a wonderful aid such an ordinance in Palatka would be in securing new manufacturing interests here.

"I have been a Republican since 1860, but our party now stinks in the nostrils of any decent man. If the people are willing to uphold this corruption and dishonesty, God save the country."
—Ex Postmaster General Wagonmaker.

The Democratic victory in Florida in November will compare favorably with those of Dewey and Schley over the Spanish fleets, says the Gainesville Sun.

Mrs. W. P. Ward, of Augusta, Ga., who has correctly foretold many things, says that McKimley's successor will be assassinated in the third year of his term.

The Republican party in Florida is not losing ground because it is shy on leaders. Its shortage is in followers, says an exchange.

The man who wants to be governor of Florida must ride something bigger and better than a hobby, says the Tallahasseean.

"Since writing the above, we learn that the Proctoral has been signed," says the Key West Advertiser.

The annual interest upon the public debt of Spain is about \$140,000,000.

To Cleanse the System

Effectually, yet gently, when costive or bilious, to permanently overcome habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel rheumatism, colds, or fevers, use Syrup of Figs, made by the California Fig Syrup Co.