

QUERIES FOR BRYAN.

An Open Letter to the Popocratic Candidate for the Presidency.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Apprehension Excited by Campaign Utterances Refuses to be Allayed.

The New York World, in an open letter to Candidate Bryan on Tuesday morning, puts some grave and important questions to him, and urges him to answer them if he wants to be elected.

The World says, under the caption "To Mr. Bryan: On the 10th of July, the very day of your nomination for President, you addressed a communication to the World in the following words:

William J. Bryan, in a letter to the World, has conscientiously considered your courteous request. I have carefully studied your speeches made during and since the Chicago convention. It has studiously examined your utterances and has been a real character to the World, as it has been to the Chicago platform, on which you stand.

In this connection it is only just to remind you that the plank in the Chicago platform seeming to reflect upon the integrity of the Supreme court and indicating a purpose to pack that tribunal in order to secure a desired decision, the government has been severely criticized by conservative and law-abiding citizens. The people have a profound and abiding respect for the highest court, even when they are disappointed in their decisions.

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Are you, Mr. Bryan, for actual and practical bimetalism—the equal coinage of gold and silver—in a ratio that will permit the circulation of both metals, as the ratio of 16 to 1 has never been? When you say that you favor free coinage by the United States without waiting for the aid or consent of any foreign government, do you mean that the coinage of gold and silver is a desirable and even indispensable if the country is not to sink to a silver basis?

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You point us to "a larger field of usefulness in supporting the gold or silver coinage of the Constitution." But what is the gold and silver coinage of the Constitution?

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would be relieved to have its apprehensions allayed and its misconceptions, if they are misconceptions, corrected.

He Democrats in vast numbers who share this curiosity and these apprehensions, are in favor of the policy of the historic policy of their party in regard to the currency.

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CANNOT STAND ALONE.

Foolishness of the Declaration in Favor of Monetary Independence.

POPULIST IDEAS OF FINANCE.

Feeble Attempt to Invoke the Nation's Fathers in Support of Free Coinage.

Among all the crazy assumptions of the Populist platform, perhaps the most foolish is the one that we can create and maintain a monetary system independent of that of other nations.

To make this stroke of folly more preposterous, the spirit and the example of the fathers of the republic are invoked to sustain it.

The fathers of the republic were not more earnestly and steadily directed to bringing the young republic within the commercial brotherhood of nations, and nothing was further from their thoughts than the idea that the progress of the country could be facilitated by a declaration of financial independence.

For sixty years after the passage of the mint act, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese coins were freely circulated in the United States, and were a legal tender for the payment of debts at certain values fixed by act of Congress.

In his celebrated Mint Report, Alexander Hamilton endeavored to co-ordinate our monetary system with that of other nations—not to make any violent departure from European practice. The only striking departure that was made in the legislation framed on Hamilton's recommendations was in fixing the coinage ratio between gold and silver at 15 to 1, and the result of this quickly demonstrated what the Populists call our "financial servitude."

That is to say, it showed that while the mints of Europe were producing gold and silver in the ratio of 15 to 1, we could not keep our gold from going where it would have most value.

The difference was only about 3 1/3 per cent., but it sufficed to drive gold out of the country, where it was then Senator Benton's extinction was complete.

It is believed that the farmer would be better off if he sold half as much of his produce as he does now at the same rate. I believe the farmer will be benefited by having to pay twice as much as he does now for everything he does not raise and must buy.

I believe that the city workmen would be better off if he earned half as much as he does now. I believe that all the widows and orphans whose means of support are invested in gold and silver would be better off if they had to go to the poorhouse.

I believe that the country would be better off if half the value of the capital of the 4000 national banks, amounting to nearly \$700,000,000, were extinguished. It would help business all over the country.

I believe it would be a blessing on the states of the American union if the \$600,000,000 deposited by private persons in 4000 state banks were reduced to 50 cents on the dollar or largely lost altogether.

HALSTEAD'S LETTER.

Writer Introduces Himself to the Farmers Telling of His Own Rural Experiences.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH FARMING?

Propounds and Answers This Question Advocating McKinley and His Policy as a Panacea.

New York, Aug. 5.—I desire to introduce myself to the farmers by saying I am by trade one of them, though for a long time engaged in daily labor on the daily papers.

There are still some frosty old friends of mine who can testify of their own knowledge that fifty years ago there wasn't a boy in Butler county, O., who could turn a furrow better than I, or who was more expert in using plows left or right handed on hillsides or level lands, so as to leave less broken land at the turn than I, and there is no light work I would like better now than plowing corn when it is about as high as a plowboy.

The simple fact is that the United States has a very much larger actual supply of full legal-tended silver money than any other country in the world, excepting China, and a larger supply in proportion to its population than any other, excepting France, Spain and Holland.

It has more gold in circulation, actually, than any in the world, excepting only France, and more proportionately than any European country, including Great Britain, France and Germany. It also has more money of all kinds in circulation, and all at par, than most nations of the world.

Less talk and more reflection would convince these would-be currency reformers that we already have an abundance of the constitution, in abundant supply, for every man who is willing honestly to earn it.—New York Tribune.

More truth cannot be crowded into an equal number of words than is found in this passage of Maj. McKinley's speech in reply to a congratulatory address from some of his old comrades in arms:

What I do not know what you think about it, but I believe it is a good deal better to open the mints of the United States to the labor of America than to open up the mints of the United States to the labor of France or Holland. That the bullion in the silver dollar thus became more valuable than the bullion in the gold dollar did not trouble them much, for they, apparently, did not consider the simple reality of the matter. The silver dollar was established for the first generation of the republic as a part of the monetary system of Europe on the part of the "fatherly" system of finance, and established for the first generation of the republic as a part of the monetary system of Europe on the part of the "fatherly" system of finance.

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BRYAN'S CREED.

The Gist of His Long Argument in a Few Short Paragraphs.

I believe it will be a blessing to the United States to lose five hundred millions of gold.

I believe it will be a blessing to the United States to take half the purchasing power out of its five hundred millions of silver dollars.

I believe that to cut a dollar in two is to double its value.

I believe that 50 cents is twice as much as 100 cents.

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Farmers Are Discouraged.

The news has been circulated a good deal and not conclusively contradicted that this year a good many farmers are discouraged by the way their affairs have been going that they are ready to do something unexpected in politics—

Free Silver and Wages.

A correspondent attempts to explain how wages would be increased under free silver coinage by asserting that "trades unions, through strikes and other means, would force the cost of labor to a higher standard."

The Difficulty is the Tariff.

In a recent speech at La Grange, Ind., Senator Burrows said:

To Sound Money Democrats.

Here is a brief and simple catechism for sound money Democrats:

Do you want to beat Bryan?

Do you want to beat McKinley?

Do you want to beat Bryan and McKinley?

Do you want to beat Bryan and McKinley and the country?