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THE BATTLE FOR SILVER.

The distinguished statesmen who met in the city lately to discuss the silver question appreciate, without legislation from us, the necessity of proceeding upon a line of policy which will appeal to the economic intuition of the people rather than to partisan feeling or party prejudice. In a word, that the line of battle should be non-partisan and nonsectional. There is no reason in this matter for independent political action in any section or in those studies in adding it an unnecessarily sectional political movement.

A cogent reason for not bringing this as a political issue between the east of the West is that then, whatever their party affiliations, are practically a unit in the view that the white metal should be treated fairly. The vitality of one party are as strong and resolute bimetallists as are those of any other party which has a following here. All can work harmoniously in the cause for practically all are silver advocates, and all should do so. To introduce the question into sectarian or partisan, or to assign one party or the other as being unfriendly to the use of the white metal, will be merely to create discussion that are unnecessary, and that cannot fail to weaken the issue itself. In the West all parties are silver supporters, and can work together on that proposition, whatever may be their differences on other topics. It is only demagogues who seek to gain selfish ends, or those unfriendly to silver, who would make it a partisan issue here and divide its supporters among themselves.

Nor should it be made a sectional dispute to secure adoption. The whole country is interested in the question. It is as important for the men of the people in Maine as here silver remained as it is for people here. Those in the West have more intimate knowledge of the subject than do those of the East, because they have had occasion to discuss and examine it more closely and thoroughly. What is wanted is that the men of the East be reasoned with so that by their own intelligence they will adopt the western view and put it into practice. To array our forces in a sectional fight of the West against the East would be so absurd to divide knowledge into somebody's head with a club—a proceeding that usually results disastrously, and that to the club-wielder when the other is the stronger party, as the East is today in comparison of population and voting strength with the West.

The effort for silver is called a battle in its behalf, but it is one that should be fought out with the use of good feeling so far as the interests of people in the country, north, south, east or west, are concerned. The weapons of triumph are persuasiveness, calm logic, convincing arguments. The aim of it should be the whole country to a fair understanding of the subject. Then, when the people understand the right, they will do it. The only correct, quickest way to settle this and other political questions is to have fair, intelligent and reasonable discussion of the subject, and to which this is the method of bringing about the success of the cause of bimetallism or of anything good and worth it.

In Iowa Democrats have been discussing the subject in the auditorium meeting with the result that they stood about a majority of those in attendance favorable to the silver proposition. The Republicans of the State have been discussing the question in the same way, and the result is that the majority of those in attendance favor the proposition. In Nebraska the Democratic party has adopted a platform favoring the free coinage of silver, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Kansas the Populists have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Colorado the Republicans have declared for free coinage, and the Democrats are expected to do the same. In Nevada the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Montana the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Idaho the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Utah the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In California the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Oregon the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Washington the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Dakota the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Wyoming the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Arizona the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In New Mexico the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Indian Territory the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Oklahoma the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Alaska the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Hawaii the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Porto Rico the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Philippines the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Cuba the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Canada the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Mexico the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Brazil the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Argentina the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Chile the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Peru the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Bolivia the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Paraguay the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Uruguay the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Venezuela the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Guiana the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Dutch Guiana the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Portuguese Guiana the Democrats have declared for free coinage, and the Republicans are expected to do the same. In Spanish