

The Gold Democrats.

The platform of the "gold" Democrats, adopted at the recent convention at Indianapolis, is as follows:

This convention has assembled to uphold the principles upon which depend the honor and welfare of the American people, in order that Democrats throughout the Union may unite their patriotic efforts to avert disaster from their country and ruin from their party. The Democratic party is pledged to the maintenance of the public faith and sound money. The declarations of the Chicago convention advocate a reckless attempt to increase the price of silver by legislation, to the debasement of our monetary standard, and threaten unlimited issues of paper money by the government. In view of these and other grave departures from Democratic principles, we cannot support the candidate of that convention, nor be bound by its acts. The Democratic party has survived many defeats, but could not survive a victory won in behalf of the doctrine and policy proclaimed in its name at Chicago. The national democracy, reconvened here, therefore renews its declarations of faith in democratic principles, especially as applicable to the conditions of times. We demand that henceforth modern and liberal policies towards American shipping shall take the place of our imitation of the restricted statutes of the eighteenth century. The experience of mankind has shown that by reason of their natural qualities, gold is the necessary money of the large affairs of commerce and business, while silver is conveniently adapted to minor transactions, and the most beneficial use of both together can be ensured only by the adoption of the former as a standard of monetary measure and the maintenance of silver at a parity with gold, by its limited coinage under such safeguards of law. This is the largest possible enjoyment of both metals gained with a value universally accepted throughout the world, which constitutes the only practical currency assuring the most stable standard, and especially the best and the most money for all who earn a livelihood by labor or the produce of this country. They cannot suffer when paid in the best money known to man, but are the particular and most defenceless victims of a debased and fluctuating currency, which offers continued profits to the money changer at their cost. Realizing these truths demonstrated by long public inconvenience and loss, the Democratic party, in the interests of the masses and of equal justice to all, practically established by the legislation of 1831 and 1833, the gold standard of monetary measurement, and likewise entirely divorced the government from banking and currency issues. To this long established Democratic policy we adhere and insist upon the maintenance of the gold standard and of the parity therewith of every dollar issued by the government, and are firmly opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and to the compulsory purchase of silver bullion. But we denounce also the further maintenance of the present costly patchwork of national paper currency as a constant source of injury and peril. We assert the necessity of such intelligent currency reform as will confine the government to its legitimate functions, completely separated from the banking business, and afford to all sections of our country uniform, safe and elastic bank currency under government supervision, measured in volume by the needs of business. The fidelity, patriotism and courage with which President Cleveland has fulfilled his great public trust, the high character of his administration, his wisdom and energy in the maintenance of civil order and the enforcement of the laws, its equal regard for the rights of every class and every section, its firm and dignified conduct of foreign affairs and sturdy persistence in upholding

the credit and honor of the nation, are fully recognized by the Democratic party, and will secure to him a place in history beside the fathers of the republic. We favor arbitration for the settlement of international disputes. Believing these principles to be essential to the well-being of the public, we submit them to consideration of the American people.

World's Wheat Crops.

The annual compilation of Clapp & Co., New York, showing the world's wheat crops, and much of kindred information, has been received, from which the following totals of wheat production from 1885 to 1895 are obtained, figures for the earlier years being taken from their previous reports:

	Bushels.
1882.....	2,270,982,000
1883.....	2,068,775,000
1884.....	2,302,306,000
1885.....	2,108,475,000
1886.....	2,129,805,000
1887.....	2,305,325,000
1888.....	2,291,178,000
1889.....	2,197,221,000
1890.....	2,325,762,000
1891.....	2,132,822,000
1892.....	2,481,805,000
1893.....	2,562,918,000
1894.....	2,672,341,000
1895.....	2,552,677,000
1896.....	2,623,500,000

In these estimates the official figures are adopted for the United States, with 400,000,000 recognized for 1896. It the six years previous to 1895 the official estimates were short of the evident production to the extent of about 300,000,000 million bushels. By allowing for this difference it appears that the annual average for the five years from 1882 to 1886 inclusive was 2,175,000,000; for 1887 to 1891 inclusive, 2,330,000,000, for 1892 to 1896 inclusive, 2,600,000,000 bushels. It thus appears that the annual average for the past five years has been about 20 per cent. greater than the average for the first five years of the period. Going further back, with data from other sources, it is shown that in 1873 the total was about 1,800,000,000 bushels. In 1877, about 2,050,000,000; in 1881, about 2,050,000,000.

This information makes it quite apparent that the world's production in the past twenty years and more has advanced more than the increase in population, probably largely due to the lessened cost of production and of transportation from localities of surplus to those of requirement.

For the current year the indications are that the world's crop of wheat will not vary greatly from last year, and also will not be much out of line in comparison with the estimated consumption—which implies that while the markets may not be so forcibly influenced by accumulated stocks in sight as heretofore there is promise of an abundance for all requirements—Cincinnati Price Current.

A Perfect Glut of Fruit.

Providence has been kind to the human family this year in sending them immense crops of everything in the shape of food; and this superabundance of eatables has in no case been more pronounced than in fruit. Just imagine fifteen car loads of fruit standing on our railway tracks this morning, awaiting disposition, consisting chiefly of bananas grapes plums and pears. Three auction sales have taken place in this city to-day, at which plums sold as low as 30 to 35c per basket of 2½ gallons, and grapes at 2½c to 2½c per lb. Apples are an enormous crop, and what will be done with them all is puzzling our dealers and shippers. In the city to-day they sold at 75c to \$1.50 per bbl, as to quality.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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