

SENTIMENT FOR SILVER IN NEW JERSEY FOUND.

But It Is Not Pronounced, Perhaps Because the Subject Has Not Been Studied.

Defections and Desertions in Both Republican and Democratic Ranks Apparently About Equal.

As in New York, the Free Coinage Idea According to Leading Editors, Is Becoming More Popular with the Agricultural Population.

Will you kindly let the New York Journal know what influence, if any, the free silver doctrine is having in your neighborhood; whether it has led or is now leading to any defections from the old parties, and whether it will affect the vote this fall? The New York Journal would be glad to receive a few words from you on this subject, and would be glad to reciprocate in any way in its power.

This question was asked the leading editors of New Jersey, and the result has been a flood of responses. From them it is evident that the free silver idea has not taken a firm hold in the minds of voters, and also that it is a subject that has, apparently, not received a great deal of study. Yet there have been converts to the cause from both the Republican and Democratic parties and, if anything, the sentiment in favor of the white metal appears to be gaining, more particularly in the agricultural population. Letters received include the following:

ATLANTIC DIVIDED.

Pleasantville, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
I think Bryan will run ahead of Cleveland's vote in this county.

H. JENNINGS,
Pleasantville Weekly Press (Rep.).
Atlantic City, N. J., July 21, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
No decided effect has yet been manifested in this locality by the free silver issue. I shall support the Chicago ticket and platform with all my heart.

J. F. HALL,
Daily Union (Ind.).
Hammon, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The question is likely to turn a large number of voters for McKinley in this vicinity. Harrison received 22 majority over Cleveland, and McKinley will probably go 100 to 150 better than that. Prominent Democrats say that one-tenth of each party will vote the silver ticket.

J. M. HASSETT,
Chatter (Neut.).
Atlantic City, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver issue is having little if any effect in my neighborhood. The only thing noticeable is the constant defections from the Bryan and Sewall ticket of Democrats who state plainly and openly that they will vote for McKinley and Hobart.

WALTER B. BENDER,
Daily Press (Rep.).
BERGEN SENTIMENT.
Hackensack, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
A number of Democrats will not support the Chicago ticket. A number of Republicans will. The loss will be heavier on the Democratic side.

H. C. DEVER,
Democrat (Dem.).
Teaneck, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
In Teaneck the sentiment is in favor of the free coinage of silver is not very strong. There are some few Democrats, however, who believe that benefits would be derived from free coinage.

HOMMEL & JOHNSTON,
Teaneck Record (Ind.).
Rutherford, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Judging from the opinions openly expressed here by leading Democrats the free silver doctrine will result in the temporary secession from the Democratic party of, perhaps, 25 per cent of its local voters. The Republicans may lose 5 per cent on the same issue.

JOHN E. TYLER,
American (Rep.).
Westwood, N. J., July 24, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver doctrine doesn't seem to be as thoroughly understood in this section as it should be. Many are for it, however, and others against it. This is a strong Democratic section, but most of those who cannot accept the Chicago nominations and platform refuse to vote at all, while others declare they will vote for McKinley. On the Republican side there are many who want free silver, and announce their intention to vote for Bryan, but the majority will stand by the party.

E. E. YODMANN,
Bergen County Chronicle (Ind.).
Rutherford, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
There seems to be an unsettled determination on the part of a few members of the Democratic party to desert the party on account of the attitude of the Democratic party on the silver question. These persons are generally men who were formerly Republicans, so-called "mugwumps." I do not know of a single regular Democrat who will desert the party.

ADDITION KLY, Jr.,
Bergen County Herald.
BURLINGTON VIEWS.
Mount Holly, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The silver movement has had more or less influence in the disarrangement of party lines. The defection of Democrats to McKinley has been heavy, while the silverites will poll very few Republican votes. The sentiment in favor of a gold standard is overwhelming.

CHARLES H. FOLWELL,
Mirror (Rep.).
Mount Holly, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver issue has made but little impression on this Quaker neighborhood. On the contrary, a number of Democrats re-

late the ticket. The sentiment here is strongly for sound money.
WALTERS, HAND & KINGDON,
Mount Holly News (Rep.).

PULSE OF GARDEN.
Gloucester, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver doctrine is very popular in this neighborhood. In fact, times have I seen so hard of late that anything which savors of relief is eagerly grasped.
WM. D. JENKINS,
Advertiser (S. J.).
Cramer Hill, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver madness is in no wise epidemic, either in this town or in the county of Camden, so far as I am able to find out.
S. W. WHEATLEY, Jr.,
Independent (S. J.).

CUMBERLAND GAINS.
Vineland, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Free silver is gaining ground here every day. I hear of no desertions from the Democratic party, but find there are many free silver Republicans here whose course in the campaign is still uncertain.
R. A. LADD,
Evening Journal (Dem.).
Millsville, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Very few desertions from the Republicans in this locality. Democrats are bolting Bryan by scores and hundreds. I am confidently expect to increase our Republican gain from 2,500 to 3,500 in this county.

J. V. F. NEWLIN,
Rep. (Rep.).
Bridgeton, N. J., July 21, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Solid Democrats hereabout do not like the Chicago platform. Many of them will either vote for McKinley or abstain from voting at all.
GEO. J. M'CONNAN,
Pioneer (Rep.).
Bridgeton, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The silver question is having some effect in both the old parties. There are some out-and-out gold Democrats, and many bolting. But the number of silver Republicans far outnumber the gold Democrats. The farmers and working people of this (Cumberland) county are three to one in favor of McKinley (one to one) for silver before November. If the election were to occur I believe the 2,000 Republican majority it would be entirely wiped out.

W. A. GUYNE,
Chronicle (Dem.).
IN OLD ESSEX.
South Orange, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
There is every reason to believe that for the first time will be "the memory of the oldest inhabitant" this village will give a majority for the Republican ticket in the approaching Presidential election.

EDWARD W. FARRELL,
South Orange Bulletin (Ind.).
Orange, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Guesses are as to facts are scarce. It cannot be denied that the theory that that coming money will be in many pockets is a theory that has many adherents. There is no good reason for believing that the theory gains strength. On the contrary, the reverse seems to be the case.
FRANK W. BALDWIN,
Chronicle (Ind.).
Orange, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
I do not think that the free silver doctrine is making as good headway in this vicinity, I know of only one Republican who believes in the 36 to 1 theory and who has publicly announced his determination to support Bryan and Sewall.

EDGAR WILLIAMS,
Journal-Herald (Rep.).
SILVER HUNTERDON.
Huntington, N. J., July 21, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
There are many more Republicans outspoken in favor of silver and Bryan and Sewall than there are Democrats against the ticket. Very few of my few Democrats think that I will vote the Democratic ticket, and we know of many Republicans who will vote it.

A. KILGORE,
Democrat (Dem.).
Clinton, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
Careful inquiry in various parts of this county has thus far disclosed six cases of bolting; four from the Democrats and more than one from the Republicans.

JOHN CARPENTER,
Democrat (Dem.).
Flemington, N. J., July 22, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
One farmer and the laboring classes are quite generally in favor of free silver coinage, quite a few of past political preference.

J. N. & H. M. VOORHEES,
Democrat-Advertiser (Dem.).
Milford, N. J., July 24, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
A few Democrats call it a strange doctrine, and I denounce it. But their denunciations will be more than overruled by Republican recruits, who in the same terms denounce the gold standard. I do not think the general result will be affected by the withdrawal of Democrats.

WILLIAM C. TOMSON,
Milford Leader (Ind.).
HUDSON IN DOUBT.
West Hoboken, N. J., July 24, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
I know of no silver converts in this county.
HARRY T. HAGAMAN,
North Hudson Leader (Ind.).
West Hoboken, N. J., July 24, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The silver question will have to be simplified to the working classes to get their views. The business men want gold, and not silver.

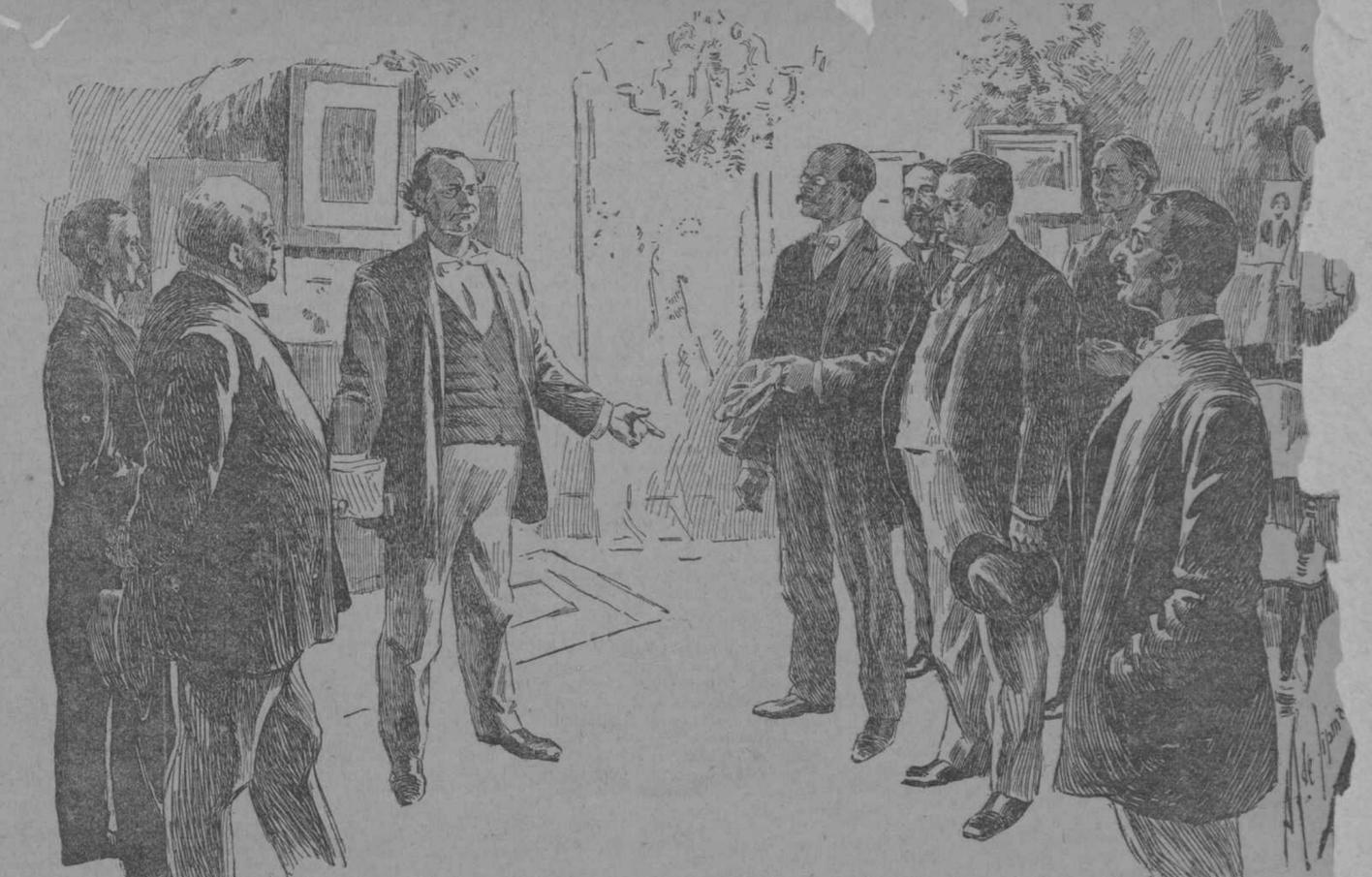
NEW JERSEY CONTRACTOR AND REAL ESTATE BULLETIN.
Bayonne, N. J., July 24, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The doctrine has the hearty endorsement of

partly leaders, of the party's City Committee, of numerous ratification meetings, of the people, without regard to party, and the support of three of our four local papers. A goodly number of desertions from both parties are few, unimportant and without factorial influence of any ascertainable value. The spectacular passing of a free professional Democrats in this (Hudson) county to the support of the gold standard has failed to do more than "hogwash" on a gold-note basis.

M. R. FRIEDEL,
Democrat (Ind.-Dem.).
FRANCIS F. HUMMEL,
Dover Index (Dem.).
Dover, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
A Dover Republican recently said that the silver plank is more taking with the voters at large than the Republican gold plank. Another Republican has said that for every Democratic voter he can produce two Republicans who are out for silver.

ALFRED SPEER,
Passaic Item (Ind.).
Passaic, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The most diligent inquiry has not enabled me to find a single voter in this industrial city who has been won from the Republicans by the silver issue. But I have found that dozens of Democratic working men have declared for McKinley and Hobart. Only two converts to silver have been discovered in the entire city, and they are outside the ranks of labor.

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To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The adoption of the free silver coinage plank by the Democratic Convention is warmly received by the majority of Democrats hereabouts. The number of Republicans who are talking free silver is astonishing. How they will vote in November is a problem. Your Republican hereabouts gets many an independent notion in July and turns up promptly in support of the G. O. P. in November. Possibly these free silver Republicans are no exception.



CANDIDATE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN RECEIVING THE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

While his competitor in the Presidential race is unwilling to talk for publication, it is the custom of Bryan every evening to send for the newspaper men. Then he talks freely, giving them whatever news there may be of interest to the general public.

able influence in this neighborhood. It is too early yet to say whether it is leading to any desertions from the old parties. The matter is certainly being discussed with great vigor.
DAVID SPENCER,
Morris County Journal (Ind.).
Dover, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
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MERGER DESERTERS.
Princeton, N. J., July 23, 1896.
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PASSAIC WAITS.
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ROBERT G. WYSE, JR.,
Salem Standard (Dem.).
Salem, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The free silver sentiment in this county is not at all pronounced, and there is no doubt that McKinley and Hobart will carry the county.

W. H. CHEW,
National Standard (Rep.).
SOMERSET IS STRONG.
Roshell Brook, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
I have a strong silver sentiment prevailing among the people. Irrespective of party, many farmers and workmen and, in fact, men of all classes, frankly acknowledge that they do not as yet fully understand the question, but say they have a strong leaning toward the silver side, and the more they read of it and hear it discussed the more they are convinced that silver is sound doctrine.

J. C. WILSON,
Bound Brook Democrat (Dem.).
Somerville, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
About ten per cent of the Democrats will support Bryan and Sewall if another ticket is put in the field. If no other ticket is put up, they will receive about eighty per cent of the Democratic votes. About two per cent of the Republicans will vote the silver ticket.

D. N. MESSLER,
Somerset Democrat (Dem.).
GROWING IN SUSSEX.
Newton, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The sentiment in favor of free silver is increasing daily in this (Sussex) county. The rank and file generally will give it a hearty support. There are a great many lifelong Republicans in every township who will vote for Bryan and free silver, and as the campaign progresses there will be more of them. If they read the Journal, for this is a campaign of sensation. HOWARD LITTLE,
Newton, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
There is no questioning of the fact that the farmers of Sussex and Warren Counties are very deeply interested in the matter of the free coinage of silver—they firmly believing that by the adoption of this method their straitened circumstances would be very greatly benefited. There are Democrats in this county who criticize the platform adopted at Chicago, but I have yet to hear of one who opposes the McKinley cause. On the other

hand I have in mind dozens of Republicans in the county and business men in the town of Newton, who declare in favor of Bryan and Sewall.
JACOB L. BUNNELL,
New Jersey Herald (Dem.).
RETIGENT IN UNION.
Railway, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The campaign is too young yet to allow of any decided opinion as to the situation here—the voters maintaining a reticence generally. We hear of a few gold standard Democrats, who express opposition to the Chicago platform and nominations, but, from indications, they are more than offset by Republicans who will vote for Bryan and Sewall. We hear of no prominent Democrat who will not vote for Bryan and Sewall.

LEWIS S. HYER,
Union Democrat (Dem.).
Plainfield, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
So far as I know or can learn at present, there is very little influence in favor of the free silver doctrine in this city. A little later in the campaign this sentiment may develop so as to become perceptible, but if it exists to any extent now it is latent, or, at least, dormant.
L. E. LIVERMORE,
Sabbath Recorder.

WARREN WILL REMAIN.
Phillipsburg, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
While I believe Warren County will remain in the Democratic column this year, the majority will not be more than a few hundred. The usual Democratic majority in the county is about 2,000.
M. T. LYNCH,
Phillipsburg Post (Ind.).
Phillipsburg, N. J., July 23, 1896.
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:
The whole town, or nearly so, is out for silver. The farmers throughout the county are also shouting for the white metal.

CARSON & GOOLEY,
Warren Democrat (Dem.).
HAIR SHEDDING AT THE ZOO.
Buffaloes Fail to Appreciate the Efforts to Aid Them.
Keeper Holmes, of the Central Park Zoo, went cautiously into the buffalo paddock yesterday, armed with a rake, tipped toward the nearest buffalo, lunged at it, and pulled off a section of matted hair. He then fled, with the buffalo in hot pursuit. "What does it mean? Why, the buffaloes are shedding their hair, that's all," he said, in response to an inquiry, "and I help them."

He further explained that, in a state of nature, the buffaloes, in hair shedding time, rub their coats off, but they cannot do so in captivity. "The big camel's hair also mats, but I cut it off a couple of weeks ago," he said. "I can't tackle the buffaloes that way, for they would tackle me."

The monkeys, deer, bears and hyenas have nearly finished their shedding. The lions and tigers are doing it, too. It's the Zoo fashion. The poisonous Gila monster, from Arizona, is the humorist of the Zoo, and, having no hair to shed, has just completed the shedding of its skin. It lies lazily in its box, blinking at its new coat with complacency, and waiting for a chance to bite Keeper Shannon.

DETECTIVES AFTER MAYER.
Brother of Lawyer Julius M. Mayer in Trouble About a Check.
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