

SECOND NATIONAL SILVER CONVENTION.

The National Silver Committee, appointed by the First National Silver Convention, held at St. Louis, November, 1889, believing that the exigency has arisen which calls for earnest consideration and united action on the part of the friends of bimetallicism throughout the United States, hereby calls a convention to be known as the **SECOND NATIONAL SILVER CONVENTION**, to be held at Washington, D. C., May 26 and 27, 1892—one of the objects being to organize a National Bimetallic Association or League for the better promotion of the cause of free bimetallic coinage in the United States.

This action is impelled by the manifest determination on the part of the gold combination to suppress the silver issue for at least another half decade, and, if possible, by transmuting existing debts into gold obligations, and otherwise, to fasten forever the single gold standard upon the people of the United States, and thus to perpetuate the subtle system of robbery that has been going on for the past twenty years by means of a money standard that is constantly increasing in value.

His understanding must be defective who does not know that the demonetization of silver increased the money standard of the United States and of the world, and his conscience must be seared who would attempt to justify it.

But this increase still goes on, and will go on, as gold grows scarce and dear, until the bimetallic standard, established a hundred years ago under Washington, Hamilton and Jefferson, is restored and gold relieved of the strain of being the only money of final redemption for all other forms of money and of credit.

As the money standard is raised, prices fall, industries are depressed and debts increased. The one is the counterpart of the other, and the whole is the work of legislation.

The wit of man could not devise a scheme better calculated to enrich one class at the expense of another than by the device of an increasing money standard, and under the operation of this device, since 1873, hundreds of millions of dollars annually of the wealth created by one class have been stealthily appropriated by another.

For twenty years this has been going on, and yet a Congress pledged to the people to remedy the wrong hesitates and pauses as if hypnotized by the wand of gold.

"The people want no 'seventy-cent dollars,' neither will they forever tolerate, under the hypocritical pretense of 'honest money,' a dollar that has grown to be a hundred-and-fifty-cent dollar, and is still growing at an augmenting rate.

There may be those who are tired of the silver question, but the consequences of gold monometallism are too threatening to permit the cause of silver to be smothered, and to abandon it is to give over to ultimate slavery the toilers of the land.

No, the silver question will not down. It is an issue paramount to all others. Although it is necessarily a political question, in the sense that the remedy must be by political action, the question of free bimetallic coinage is not a partisan question, and the convention is not called for any partisan purpose, but to urge on all parties the justice and the necessity of action on a question so vital to the public welfare.

The gold monometallists are united, active and watchful, as recent events have shown. They have unlimited means at their command; they control the metropolitan press; they intimidate political leaders, dominate conventions and dictate platforms and candidates. But the people will not be enslaved, nor will they submit forever to the robbery of an increasing gold standard.

The call is extended to all who earnestly favor the immediate restoration of free bimetallic coinage in the United States, and each Congressional district is requested to send two delegates, and each State and Territory to send two additional delegates at large. Farmers' Alliance organizations, State Granges, Patrons of Husbandry, Knights of Labor, and all other industrial organizations favorable to the free coinage of silver are also invited to send one delegate for each local organization.

A cordial invitation is also extended to all citizens who, by pen or otherwise, have been advocates of bimetallicism.

Members of Congress and of the Legislatures of the several States who favor the restoration of the bimetallic standard and the coinage of silver on the same terms as gold are especially invited to attend and participate in the proceedings of the convention.

By order of the National Silver Committee.

A. J. WARNER,
Chairman.

LEE CRANDALL,
Secretary.

Washington, D. C., April 25, 1892.