

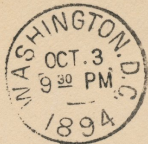
It is indeed, a singular fact that in order to carry a point, the majority of our politicians will stoop to methods, which otherwise applied, would call forth ~~the~~ most almost universal condemnation. "The end justifies the means" is a degrading sentiment; but among many leaders of modern politics it is ~~more~~ ~~more~~ adopted as a standard of morality. Conventions are called, platforms are promulgated, but if the pith and substance of these wonderful instruments suit not the taste of the politicians, they are declared either as not tests of party fealty, or they are altogether ignored. So also with the various editions of the party

hand books which are now being very liberally distributed in anticipation of the fall elections, the puerile absurdities which fill the pages of these pamphlets would be amusing if we could forget that their primary object is deception, they are told, for instance, by the author of a certain redoubtable looking campaign document, that silver has not been demonetized, because, forsooth, silver dollars are now being coined at our mints, And politicians address the people, holding in their hands an 1894 dollar, declaring that "this, fellow citizens, is proof that silver is yet the money of the people," Secretary Carlisle declares that these dollars are coined solely for the purpose of

redemption; and yet he knows,
 (indeed it was his own ruling),
 that gold alone can be used
for redemption. Is the shrewdness
 of the average politician on the
 wane, or has he such contempt
 for the intelligence of his constit-
 uents as to believe, that he can
 bait them with these silly and
 palpably fraudulent declarations?
 Vance's words touching the authors
 of this policy are as true today
 as when they were written - "they
 are either fools or knaves;"

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