

**WE SYMPATHIZE.**

The Democratic family in Missouri is not happy, and the two metropolitan organs of the two metropolitan cities are at outs—are at fist and skull. And it is all about silver. The *Republic* of St. Louis is for silver and the *Times* of Kansas City for gold.

In the recent past both were strong free silver advocates, but with the advent of Cleveland the *Times* "fopped," while the *Republic* keeps on in harmony with Western ideas and interests. The *Republic* charges the *Times* with being owned in New England, and the *Times* refers to Colonel Jones as "the little editor who caters to ignorance, selfishness and prejudice." And then the little editor is informed that the *Times* is vastly its superior, because it has "an acquaintance of over thirty-five years with all phases of humanity in the Southwest, coupled with a large experience in the management of financial institutions, mercantile establishments and manufacturing industries, employing hundreds of men." The "little editor" must feel little before an opponent that had been engaged in all these things fifteen years before being born. But a paper that can change from free silver to old gold in a night is not to be measured by little people.

Then the "little editor" comes back and calls the *Times* "our mortgage-dealing friend," that is being "edited with a coupon cutter," to which the *Times* responds by saying that "Missouri will follow Cleveland a mile when it would not follow the *Republic* an inch."

We think this last retort of our converted neighbor lets the secret out. During the entire administration of President Harrison the *Times* was howling for free silver for bi-metallism and against the plutocrats. Now it says the charge that it is a plutocrat is a slander, that the so-called plutocrats that deal in mortgages "are old maids, widows and money-saving workers." To which of these the *Times* belongs we leave it to say.

There is an old adage that honesty is the best policy, and another that consistency is a jewel. If our plutocratic-Cleveland neighbor had not changed position on this vital question, so sudden and so violently, the "little editor" would not have had it at such a disadvantage.

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