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## The Gold Standard Vs. Managed Dollar Money Issue Again Up

(From United States News)  
Sold is back in politics to help dominate another political campaign. Its return to the arena of controversy was engineered by Gov. Alfred Landon, of Kansas, after the Republican platform makers had side-stepped to avoid its mention.

The issue can now become: The gold standard vs. a managed currency.

In framing a platform, the Republican party said:

"We advocate a sound currency to be preserved at all hazards."

"The first requisite to a sound and stable currency is a balanced budget."

At that point Governor Landon, in accepting the platform prior to becoming the Republican nominee for the Presidency, said:

"The convention advocates 'a sound currency to be preserved at all hazards.' I agree that 'the first requisite to a sound and stable currency is a balanced budget.'"

*The Gold Standard*

"The second requisite, as I view it, is a currency expressed in terms of gold and convertible into gold. I recognize, however, that the second requisite must not be made until and unless it can be done without penalizing our democratic economy and without injury to our producers of agricultural products and other raw materials."

What kind of a dollar is the American dollar today and what kind of a dollar is Mr. Landon proposing?

At present the American dollar is a paper dollar. Thirty-five of these dollars will buy an ounce of gold.

### CLOSING STATEMENT OF SEN. ROY SANDERFORD

When interviewed by the Forum reporter Senator Sanderford said: "In the closing days of this campaign, I desire to make this statement to the voters of the state especially the readers of the Forum. I thank the Forum for its support of my candidacy for governor and I thank its many thousands of readers for their response to my appeal and offer of support as we approach the day of election."

"I urge everybody to turn out and vote and I urge our friends to see that the old people have a way to go to the polls."

"I am not able to maintain expensive campaign headquarters or to buy expensive radio time or hire political fixers to tell a thousand lies to deceive the people."

"While I am not pleading poverty, I cannot boast of being rich."

### Radio Announcement Programs

The speech by Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson at Houston, July 16, in behalf of the candidacy of Senator Roy Sanderford for Governor will be broadcast over KXYZ out of Houston. The time will be 8 to 9:15 p. m.

Also, Senator Sanderford's speech at Houston, July 23, will be broadcast over KTRH (Houston), KNOW (Austin) and KTAT (Fort Worth). The time will be 8 to 9 p. m.

## Aged at County Home Still Await Pensions

Not One Has Come Yet—and it's Hard to Wait When You Are Old and Hope is Waning

Waiting is hard when you are old and hope is waning.

Old folks wake early and that makes the hours longer until the time the postman may arrive bringing the news they are awaiting. If he doesn't then there are more long hours to be passed until it is again time for the shrill of his whistle.

*At Home for Aged*

These words could describe the waiting that marks the lives of many, but they are meant this time to be a picture of some of the old folks from the County Home for the Aged who are expecting to receive a pension.

So far, not one of them has been so lucky.

Except for the ill and the miserable, the men and women in the home are fairly content there.

Many of them first refused flatly to sign pension applications when they learned that receiving a pension meant leaving the home. It is "home" to those who have been there long.

*Apply for Pensions*

Presided by Superintendent J. G. Mason, that those who were eligible should apply, they did so.

After awhile they began to believe that perhaps they would enjoy being "away" from the home, after all.

State investigators went to see Mr. Mason, but no questions have yet been asked about most of the old folks, he said today.

Then newspaper stories began to appear about the pensions starting. Interest at the home was renewed.

"Since they had been told they must leave the home before they could actually receive the pension, eight of them moved out," Mr. Mason said.

*Two Give Up*

Already two of the old men have given up waiting and are back "home."

One had been hungry most of the time he was in town. He reported bitterly that he had had to beg.

The others a little luckier in having relatives who can look after them for awhile, are still "away," Mr. Mason said.

"Perhaps any day now a check for a few dollars will arrive in the mail. In the meantime, the old folks are waiting."

So are several thousand other Harris County residents whose applications have not yet been acted upon.—Houston Press.



## THE POT BILES

By JIM, The Editor

At last the people have become aroused to the fact that the coming primary election is in reality their election and not the candidates election. It has at last dawned upon them that if bad candidates are elected to office, it is their mistake and not the candidates mistake.

I had a very enthusiastic reception last week upon my appearance at Lampasas where I had 1500 voters, in Brownwood where I had 2500 and at San Angelo where I had 4000. The old Ferguson guard is still in line with but a very few exceptions. If the election were to come off today, it would be Allred and Sanderford neck and neck, Fischer third and Hunter fourth. If Allred continues to lose like he has in the last two weeks, he will be no better than second and Sanderford will lead. Jimmie is already in a state of political collapse. His failure to get big crowds like he expected has alarmed him into an uncontrollable fright. He started out very bold and defiant, but when he had only 2000 people at his opening date at Waxahachie and only 400 at Corpus Christi, he at once realized that the tens of thousands who turned out to meet the President when Jimmie was permitted to come along were really not his crowd, but the President's crowd. He has also discovered that the hit which he was supposed to have made in Hollywood was not in Texas and brought in no votes. He has also realized that his queen crowning and ribbon cutting ceremonies were intended for state affairs and not for candidate affairs, and he has also discovered that the young girls who participated at these functions generally were not old enough to vote or if so they had no poll tax. All this has stampeded Jimmie's political equilibrium and he has now turned his speeches into a whine and he is squealing like a pig under a gate.

The old age pension issue appears to have already destroyed Jimmie's chances for re-election. His pension commissioner has refused to give to the press official information as to how much money was paid to 40,000 pensioners to whom checks were sent in the last ten days. I have dug this matter up and I find the reason for this refusal was that there was only \$700,250.00 paid out and the amount was not over \$8.00 average apiece from the state. These people feel outraged at the small amount of the pension payment and they know that very few of them will get any more and this leaves 150,000 pensioners of legal age who will not receive a thin dime now or hereafter if Allred is kept in office. The people feel now that Allred is not big enough for the job and Sanderford has convinced thousands of people who have heard him that he is in every way qualified to make them a good Governor and who will promptly pay the pension to everybody eligible under the constitution. Sanderford has made a wonderful campaign and he has not slipped a single day since his announcement, and every thinking person now realizes that the only way to bring relief from excessive tax burden and pension mismanagement is to elect Sanderford who has already proven his ability by laws which he introduced in the Senate.

Allred's proposition to pay the pension with the liquor dollar, and Fischer's proposition to pay the pension with a 15 cent tax on oil, which he can't collect and Hunter's gross income tax idea which on account of Hunter's exemption clause of \$6,000.00 would not pay one-tenth of the pension, has caused the minds of the people to turn to Sanderford and his platform is already sweeping the state. The people realize that they must get results and not promises and for that reason Sanderford's sales tax idea has already sunk deep into the minds of the people and none of his opponents have dared say that his sales tax idea will not produce the result and get the money with which to pay the pension. The state of Ohio has just completed the first three months operation of a three cent sales tax and it has produced \$12,750,000.00, enough money to pay all the expenses of the government including the schools.

I call upon the friends of sane and sensible government regardless of past affiliations or controversy to go to the polls and vote for Senator Sanderford. Don't waste your vote on anybody that don't know how.

## Sanderford's Plan For Recovery & Restoration Of Texas Homes, Farms

### THE YOUNG MUST ALL GET DRUNK

The Pension Law's a funny thing, I think it is the bunk, Before the old can laugh and sing The young must all get drunk.

The Governor's plan is hard to beat, For being purely punk, Before the old can drink or eat The young must all get drunk.

Has logic gone? Is reason dead? Have morals slept? Has virtue shrunk? That before the old can have their bread The young must all get drunk?

The law is bad and should be dead, As pure Legislative junk, To get the old folks pauper bread, The young must all get drunk.

Has reason from our people fled, Or man and woman lost their spunk, That before their mothers can be fed The young must all get drunk?

The young will say, at least I think, Come boys, lets take a plunk, Before grandpa can eat or drink The young must all get drunk?

The law is bad as each one knows, The odor rancid, rotten, funk, But grandmama must have some clothes, The young must all get drunk?

Let us do that dirty law As we would another skunk, Then pass one without a flaw And no one will get drunk.

T. H. MCGREGOR,  
Austin, Texas.

\$735,000,000 TAXES ON GASOLINE

Last year the federal and state governments collected no less than \$735,000,000 taxes on gasoline. This is an average of about \$30 a year for every owner of automobiles.

Within the last few years large insurance companies, mortgage companies, federal land banks, and other land agencies have come into possession of many farms and large tracts of land in every county of the state as a result of foreclosure of mortgages, and to avoid the danger of these lands being withheld from home ownership for speculation purposes, I merely open this subject to the minds of the people as a warning, and suggest that the time may come when it would be well for the commissioners courts of all the counties to be empowered to levy additional tribute upon such corporations for the privileges they might assume.

It is the history of older nations and governments that as home ownership decreased, there was a proportionate increase in the holdings and influence of the landed gentry and overlords. This process over the years reduced the average man to a mere peasant, and the final result was revolution and an overthrow of the government.

Under our American ideal of equal opportunity we should be alert to avoid such a condition. I call your attention, however, to the constant disintegration of farm tenancy for the last twenty-five years. This element alone is a tremendous factor both in our social and economic structure. We who are past middle age can recall the time when farm tenancy was both happy and profitable. But as customs and systems began to change the habits and desires of the people to faster moving society, it was then we began to bond our property for every kind of improvement. The landlord soon found himself taxed almost to confiscation. His loss of incomes and profits was partially absorbed by the tenant, mostly in the payment of extra rentals and bonuses. Through the landlord's inability to keep his properties in repair and to preserve his soil, he suffered continuous losses in both production and profits. These conditions influenced a steady movement of tenant farmers to industrial centers to become added competition for the normal industrial laborers. And as depression years came on, many of them were placed in the bread-lines and on the relief rolls. If this process is (Continued on page 3)

## Senator Sanderford Announces Speakings

- Liberty, Thurs., July 16, 2:30 p. m.
- Port Arthur, July 16, 8:15 p. m.
- San Augustine, July 17, 2:30 p. m.
- Kilgore, Fri., July 17, 8:15 p. m.
- Sulphur Springs, July 18, 2:30 p. m.
- Ennis, Saturday, July 18, 8:15 p. m.
- Hamilton, Monday, July 20 2:30 p. m.
- Abilene, Monday, July 20, 8:15 p. m.
- Breckenridge, Tues., July 21, 2:30 p. m.
- Wichita Falls, Tues., July 21, 8:15 p. m.
- Denton Wednesday, July 22 2:30 p. m.
- Fort Worth, Wed., July 22, 8:15 p. m.
- Hempstead, Thurs., July 23, 2:30 p. m.
- Houston, Thursday, July 23, 8:15 p. m.
- Marlin, Friday, July 24, 2:30 p. m.
- Hillsboro, Friday, July 24, 8:15 p. m.

Senator Sanderford will discuss at these meetings Old Age Pensions, Sales Tax, Taxation, State Income Tax and Law Enforcement. He especially invites the voting public to come out and hear what he has to say.

## Speaking Dates of Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson

- in the interest of the candidacy of Senator Roy Sanderford for Governor
- Houston, Thursday, July 16, 8 p. m.
  - Galveston Friday, July 17, 8 p. m.
  - Tyler, Saturday, July 18, 8 p. m.
  - Dallas (Oak Cliff) July 20, 8 p. m.

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NOTICE

On account of next week being election week the Forum will take a holiday. We will be back with election returns and runoff information.

L. A. WOODS FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Elsewhere in these columns the friends of Hon. L. A. Woods candidate for re-election to the office of State Superintendent of Education have placed a very persuasive ad setting forth the reasons why Mr. Wood should be re-elected. If Mr. Woods has accomplished the things set forth in the advertisement then he has accomplished much that would recommend him for re-election.

WHAT C. C. McDONALD SAYS

"It Looks Like Roy Sanderford for Governor. Two years ago I carried Maury Hughes as a handicap. He only received 58,000 votes and tied the ticket but it kept me out of the runoff. Sanderford does not have this handicap. Nobody split Hunter's votes two years ago now Fischer and Hunter are drawing from the same votes and are cutting each other throats everywhere.

CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN

Hon. J. P. Buchanan, Congressman from the Austin District, is a candidate for re-election and has an opponent. We are not acquainted with the candidate who is opposing Congressman Buchanan and therefore, we could have nothing against him personally. He has a right to run for any office within the gift of the people.

A BRILLIANT SENATOR

We understand that Senator John S. Redditt has opposition for re-election. This is indeed surprising in view of the very fine record he has made in the State Senate. During the 43rd Legislature when Mrs. Ferguson was Governor Senator Redditt was largely instrumental in bringing about reduction in cost of Government. As a reward for his services during the 43rd Legislature he was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor as chairman of powerful finance committee of the Senate during the 44th Legislature.

A CANDIDATE MAKES UNUSUAL STATEMENT

E. A. Tweedy of Valley Mills, Bosque County, a candidate for State Senator, makes an unusual statement. He says: "Dear Voter in closing my campaign for State Senator of the 21st District composed of Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Hamilton and Erath Counties, I want to say: I was born and raised in Bosque County, and am 52 years old. I am an active farmer and ranchman. My two opponents are young lawyers 27 and 28 years old respectively, just out of law school. If the people think that either one of these two boys (one of them calls himself Son) can serve them better than a grown man with farming and business experience, I shall not complain; but I want to emphasize the fact that I will appreciate the people's support and I pledge my best efforts to serve them efficiently and honestly.

RE-ELECT GEO. H. SHEPPARD

There is one Texas official who has made an enviable record in the administration of his office and who rightfully deserves the support of every voter who believes in an officer discharging his duties. This man is our present State Comptroller, Geo. H. Sheppard. It is pointed out that during his tenure of office the position he holds has grown in both size and responsibilities until it is now one of the most important offices in our system of State government. He is responsible for more than \$140,000,000.00 of State moneys annually, of which he collects more than half.

HOME-LIFE THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

"Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."—John Howard Payne. "The Cavalier, as well as the Puritan, was on this continent in early days. But neither Cavalier nor Puritan long survived as such. Both were hidden and lost in the storm of the first revolution, and the American citizen, greater than either, supplanted both Puritan and Cavalier," and became the symbol of American home life, and the guaranty of American democracy.

RIGHT OF WAY

American graveyards are thickly populated with motor car drivers who had sailed along under the false colors of the right-of-way legend. As the National Safety Council observes in a recent bulletin on this frequently misunderstood subject, the term right-of-way as a hard and fast rule to follow is as antiquated as hoop skirts. It may be all right when you have the right-of-way to keep going at the intersections. But DON'T FORGET to keep your car UNDER CONTROL, for another driver may think HE HAS THE RIGGHT-OF-WAY, TOO.

PROVERBS

THE MAN who knows not, and KNOWS that he knows not, is simple; TEACH HIM. The man who knows, but knows NOT, that he knows, is timid; ENCOURAGE HIM. The man who knows, and KNOWS that he knows, IS WISE; HEAR HIM. But the man who KNOWS NOT, but KNOWS NOT that he KNOWS NOT, IS A FOOL; LET HIM ALONE.

SALES TAX WINS IN OKLAHOMA ELECTION

The Sales Tax idea is gradually selling itself, meaning that the people, nationwide, are gradually accepting the plan as a solution of the ills of which so much complaint is made about taxes. In the first place, speaking of conditions in Texas, millions of dollars of tax-exempt securities, so-called, are never written up by assessors, there being no effort made to collect at all, because Texas law says such holdings are non-taxable. This is unfair to those who pay taxes, because they must of course pay higher taxes to make up the deficiency arising from these tax-exempt "securities."

ON THE WAY

From President Roosevelt's Acceptance Speech

Philadelphia is a good city in which to write American history. This is fitting ground on which to reaffirm the faith of our fathers; to pledge ourselves to restore to the people a wider freedom—to give to 1936 as the founders gave to 1776—an American way of life. The age of machinery, of railroads, of steam and electricity; the telegraph and the radio; mass production, mass distribution—all of these combined to bring forward a new civilization and with it a new problem for those who would remain free.

A SALES TAX NUT

If the sales tax is not paid to the government the merchant keeps it. In other words, the purchaser does not save anything by not having the sales tax—it is a question of whether you will give something to your government or to the merchant who already charges you a profit of from 20 to 80 per cent. The merchant does not reduce his price because we have no sales tax, but adds all the purchaser can stand. Which shall we do, help the government a little, or the merchant more? Instead of being a tax on poverty, a sales tax is a means of getting something FOR poverty, something that the merchant is now getting.

spirit of charity than the consistent omissions of a government frozen in the ice of its own indifference.

There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of others much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.

I believe in my heart that only our success can stir their ancient hope. They begin to know that here in America we are waging a great war. It is not alone a war against want and destitution and economic demoralization. It is a war for the survival of democracy. We are fighting to save a great and precious form of government for ourselves and for the world. —Brewery Worker

HAILE SELASSIE AT GENEVA

Never before in history had there been such a scene as that at Geneva yesterday, when a deposed monarch pleaded before the representatives of some fifty nations for "justice" against the conqueror that had overrun his country. Haile Selassie was a pathetic figure as he made his plea. His denunciation of the Italian actions was underscored by the tactics of Fascist demonstrators who reviled the former Emperor and sought to prevent his address. It was not to be expected that persons who felt the conquest of Ethiopia to have been "a sacred mission of civilization," as the Italian memorandum phrased it, would care to hear the protests of the victim.

"SIDELIGHTS"

(By Jesse J. Gorman, Houston, Texas)

According to the records of business transacted in America in 1935, a total of two hundred and five billion dollars worth of financial transactions passed through the hands of the American people. We must keep in mind that only five billion dollars in CIRCULATION carried on this enormous safety-valve-of-the nation. Hong Kong, China claims to have in active operation 103 INDEPENDENT RADIO STATIONS. . . While New York City—America's largest city—claims to have only four radio stations, which are owned and controlled by great giant radio monopolies and combines. If America continues to allow monopolies to grab everything in sight, we'll soon realize the word INDEPENDENT will be completely outlawed and swallowed up by the Money Trust.

THE MOST ACCURATE TIME

The most accurate time is obtained by automatic photographs of the heavens, the prints of which are gauged on a calculating machine. By this method, from which the human equation is entirely eliminated, time accurate within one one-thousandth of a second is broadcast twenty hours out of the twenty-four from Arlington, Va. This automatic system so confused a group of astronomers in Paris that it took two days of explanation before they began to ask questions.

CALLING THE ATTEN OF P PULP FLUID FOR HIGHWAYS

It has been discovered that the waste of paper mills, known as pulp fluid, is adhesive and, when mixed with oil, makes a good road surface and dust palliative. Hither to it was considered valueless.

Next Sunday the churches here will be open and, if you feel that way, you can listen to the preacher of your choice without any expense.

A REQUEST

"When you have read your copy of Forum will you please pass it on to some one else? Thanks. We will appreciate this spirit of co-operation on your part; and your friends will appreciate your service to them.

SANDERFORD AND POLL TAX

"I favor the right of suffrage being extended to any citizen on the payment of a small registration fee to take the place of our present poll tax. Whatever qualifications might be proper for voting privileges, it should not include a financial requirement of more than the actual cost of registration. A good and worthy citizen should not be denied his right to cast a ballot only because he cannot afford the payment of \$1.75. During the times of depression, especially, many capable and worthy citizens were denied this right solely because it was necessary to devote every dollar to provide for his family needs.—Roy Sanderford.



