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Dear Sir

Seeing your notice some time since in the Advance of a prize offered for the best sermon on certain lines I wrote for terms. When I recieved the copy of the Basis with terms of competition I concluded not to attempt to fulfill the conditions for several reasons.

Of late the Basis has been coming to me and I venture this opinion of it.

To talk of "Good Government" while favoring or tolerating

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that old aggregation of all political villany called "the Republican Party" is an idea too threadbare for sensible men. You had better stop making any pretentions to "betterment," say nothing of reform.

Then to talk of financial reform while you worship the golden calf and talk of toleration towards the gold-bugs is sheer mockery. The only thing the holders of gold-bearing bonds, or gold option notes deserve is to be treated as conspirators against the public good, as extortioners which deserve the fate spoken of in the apocalyps. To be cast into that lake which some dont believe exists but which surely is needed

for such usurpers, and all who help them.

Radical! do you say? Yes, I am. I want nothing wishy-washy in these momentous times. Your silly nonsens on finance is too far behind modern ideas of money to satisfy the advance thought of this day and age of the world.

It would be a happy day for our country when all the gold and silver in the world was sunk in the ocean. Then we would give up our old time notions of commodity money and use Government credit as money. The best money we ever had.

The gigantic conspiracy of Gold is not to be met with temporising fulacies. Nor can reform be carried by the advocacy of half-way steps.

Yours for Sound Money
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