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CONSTITUTION,  
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RULES...



 **Bimetallic  
Club...**

Wheeling,  
West Virginia.



## ERRATA.

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First word in second line Article 4, Section 1, Constitution, should read "nominated."

Fifth word in ninth line, same article and section, should read "offices."

Second word in fourth line Section 1, By-Laws, should read "special."

In Section 3, By-Laws, after "all rules and regulations of the Club," erase "and all non-members shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the Club."

Second word in Section 9, By-Laws, should read "general."

# CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS AND RULES

OF THE

# Bimetallic † Club

OF

WHEELING, W. VA.

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Meets the first and third Tuesday of  
each month at Bimetallic Hall,  
corner Fourteenth and Market  
Streets, at 8 o'clock P. M.  
Entrance on 14th St.

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WHEELING:

THE WEST VIRGINIA PRINTING COMPANY.

1897.



# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Bimetallic Club" of Wheeling, West Virginia.

## ARTICLE II.

### PURPOSE AND OBJECT.

Sec. 1. The purpose and object of this club is to encourage the study of questions of finance and political economy. To aid in securing to the people good government economically administered in fairness to all, with special privileges to none. To uphold the constitution of the United States and perpetuate the principles of Democracy, and especially for the present purpose of maintaining and advancing the principles of bimetallism, which is the use of both gold and silver as money, at a fixed ratio, without discriminating against either metal, and to insist upon and maintain the right of the government to its option in the payment of all government obligations with either metal at the ratio fixed by law.

## ARTICLE III.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. There shall be elected at a meeting to be held on the 8th day of January, 1897, and annually thereafter, the following officers: a President, Vice-President, one from each magisterial district of Ohio county, except Madison and Washington districts, which shall have two; Madison district, one from the Island one from the city portion of the district; Washington district, one from Fulton and one from the city portion of the district; a Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. All the officers named in Section one shall constitute the general committee of the club, which committee shall have power and authority to manage the fiscal affairs of the club, and it shall from time to time devise ways and means and perfect plans for carrying into operation the purposes and objects of the club and all such plans shall be submitted to the club for ratification or rejection.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the club and to discharge such other duties and have such powers as are usually invested in the president of similar organizations and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 4. In absence of the President any



Vice-President at a meeting may be selected by the club to preside, and he shall for the time discharge the duties and exercise all the powers of the President.

Sec. 5. It shall be duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the club, conduct all correspondence, receive all money due the club from any source and turn the same over to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor, and keep accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditures. He shall on the first Monday in January, April, July and October submit to the General Committee a report of his accounts together with his books and vouchers, and the committee shall audit the same and make a report to the club annually. He shall give such bond and receive such compensation for his services as the general committee may think suitable, said bond to be made to the President of the club.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Secretary all funds of the club and deposit the same in some bank to be designated by the general committee and he shall on the first Monday in January, April, July and October submit a report to the general committee together with his books and vouchers and the committee shall audit the same and report to the club annually. He shall give bond in such sum and in such manner as the general committee



may decide upon, said bond to be made to the President of the club.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. All officers of the club shall be nominated at the regular meeting next preceeding the day of election, due notice of which shall have been furnished by the Secretary, and the election shall be by ballot. On the day after the nominations are made the Secretary shall publish the date of the election and the names of all candidates for the various officers to be voted for.

Sec. 2. Any officers of the club failing to attend the meetings of the club or general committee for three (3) successive meetings, he shall be notified by the Secretary, and failing to give reasonable cause for his absence, his office shall be declared vacant by the committee and a successor elected by said committee to fill the unexpired term.

#### ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. No monies shall be paid out of the treasury except upon the order of the Secretary drawn on the Treasurer, approved by the President and duly authorized by the club, on the back of which order shall be printed the Treasurer's check on the bank, which paper shall be the only proper voucher.

## ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. Regular and special meetings of the club shall be held at such times and places as shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The revenue of this club shall be provided in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. Any amendment to this Constitution must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the club, lay over for two weeks and on its final passage must receive two-thirds (2-3) of the votes of the members present.

## BY-LAWS.

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1. The regular meeting of this club shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 P. M., at the club room, and social meetings may be called by the President or the general committee as the necessity for the same may arise.

2. The club room shall be open every day from 9 A. M. to 11 p. m., except Sunday, on which day the room shall be open from 9 A. M. until 10 P. M.

3. The members and their friends shall be entitled to all the privileges of the club and all non-members shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the club and all non-members shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the club and obey the same.

4. Any person over 16 years of age may become a member of the club upon signing the Constitution and By-Laws and agreeing to be governed by them, and shall be entitled to take part and participate in and vote upon all questions coming before the club.

5. The club may from time to time by a two-thirds (2-3) vote elect any person or persons as honorary members of the club.

This shall apply to all persons eligible to membership, whether residents of West Virginia or not.

6. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of full membership in the club.

7. The dues to the club shall be fifty cents per quarter and shall be payable at the beginning of each quarter, but no quarterly dues shall be collected from any member of the club who shall subscribe five dollars per year to the club.

8. Any member who may be in arrears for six months' dues may be suspended from membership in the club at the discretion of the club, at a regular meeting, but upon payment of all arrears he shall be reinstated.

9. The regular committees shall provide a reading room and library and supply such newspapers, periodicals and books as it may deem best for the use of the club, and no paper, periodical or book shall be removed from the club room, and anyone taking anything from the club rooms shall be assessed with its value, and if a member shall be suspended from membership in the club until the same is paid for or replaced.

10. The general committee shall provide such literature as it may deem best for

distribution to the members and the public subject to the sanction of the club.

11. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present, provided, the same shall have been presented in writing at a previous regular meeting.

12. The meetings of the club shall be governed by Cushing's Manual.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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Roll Call of Officers.

Reading of Minutes.

General Committee's Report.

Payment of Dues.

Report of Standing Committees.

Communications to Secretary.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Filling Vacancies in Office.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Adjournment.




## Rules of the Bimetallic Club.

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1. Members are required to act in a gentlemanly manner at all times.
2. Smoking is positively forbidden in the Reading Room.
3. Spitting upon the floor is prohibited.
4. There shall be no playing for money or stakes of any kind.
5. No books, magazines or newspapers shall be taken from the Club Rooms without permission from the committee.
6. Any member may bring a friend or friends to the club, but he shall be responsible for their conduct.
7. The Club Rooms shall be open every day from 9 A. M. to 11 P. M., except Sunday, which day the rooms shall be open from 9 A. M. until 10 P. M.

By Order of the  
GENERAL COMMITTEE.





OFFICERS.

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M. F. TIGHE, - - President.  
THOS. F. THONER, - Secretary.  
F. H. LANGE, - - Treasurer.

