

Our monetary commission sent by the President to Europe in order that an international agreement on the silver question might be had has received a very favorable reception from France and other countries, but nothing seems to favor any action on the matter. It is now believed that the commission will not amount to anything tangible, but the expense of this country will amount to near \$1,000,000. If there is nothing in the silver craze, as the Republican and gold standard Democrats argue, why send these men to Europe at a big expense to beg for bi-metallism? If the gold standard is the best thing for our country, why not stick to it and quit "monkeying" with bi-metallism? The Republicans are on this money question and they see that something must be done and now they really want more silver in "thern." All they will have to do is to wait and see what the American people will do about this matter hereafter.

The Republicans now have full control in the State and nation. The President House and Senate are fully Republican of the old original stripe. Now if prosperity still lingers and no improvement in business except what will naturally occur. What will our Republican friends say? Will they have any excuse? What do they say about our State matters? Have taxes been lowered? Is there prosperity among us? Will higher taxes make us more prosperous? We are having a trial of both conditions. Would not most of our Republican friends like very much to be placed back under the laws of the Democrats?

We have a great and glorious country. Thousands of dollars are raised occasionally to feed the starving poor in India and Cuba, but not a dollar is expended nor not a iota of legislation is made to relieve the suffering poor of our country. Of course the Dingley tariff and the gold standard will set them up alright just wait you poor starving people of America we will pass the Dingley tariff bill and tax you higher for what you eat and wear.

The American Economist issued by the American protective tariff League in New York sends out numerous documents all showing the great blessings of a high tariff, and urging the passage of the monstrous Dingley bill. Free trade is soundly condemned and proof is brought to bear that free trade is ruining our great country. When did this country have free trade? The present tariff bill is the highest we ever had except the McKinley law.

An old rascal by the name of Vance wanting to marry a young girl in Montana, caused a bogus telegram to be sent him that he had fallen heir to four million dollars in North Carolina. This telegram captured the girl and she married him. Estates in North Carolina with four millions are so scarce that they would be hard to find.

IN MEMORIAM.
Mrs. Harriet N. Brown, of Baker's Gap, Tenn., departed this life May 16, 1897, and as she was a native North Carolinian, and a former resident of Watanga county, I ask space in the DEMOCRAT to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory.

She was born May 22nd, 1816, was a daughter of Rev. William W. and Polly W. Farthing, and was the last of a family of 13 sons and daughters to cross "over the river," only two of whom attained a greater age in life than the deceased.

She was married to Maj. James Brown Sept. 14, 1837, and became the mother of 10 children—4 of whom with her companion preceded her to the spirit land.

Sister Brown experienced faith in Christ at the early age of 8 years, was baptized into the fellowship of the Three Forks Baptist Church soon after her marriage, by Rev. Joseph Harrison, and lived an exemplary christian life until death.

She was greatly afflicted all through life, but bore her troubles with cheerfulness and christian fortitude. No one ever heard her murmur or complain, indeed, she was a perfect model of patience. Her faith in a Saviors love and power to save, was strong, and she frequently expressed her readiness and willingness to leave this world.

The deceased was an affectionate companion, a devoted mother and a kind neighbor. She was especially kind to the afflicted, and her relatives and friends generally thought it necessary to have "Aunt Harriet" present in all cases of sickness, in fact, by her cheerful and encouraging deportment she seemed to inspire the despondent invalid with hope and courage; but for several years prior to her death she had not been able to make any visits of any kind. Several times in the last few years, she seemed to be near her end, but under the attentive care and nursing of her daughter, she would again revive and linger on, until she finally attained the ripe age of 81 years 1 month and 24 days.

May 18th, her remains were conveyed by a considerable concourse of relatives and friends, to the family cemetery on an eminence, overlooking her late pleasant home, and laid quietly and tenderly to rest by the side of her late lamented husband. The burial services were conducted by Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood.

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Dots from Valle Crucis.

The Rev. Adam is off on a trip to Newark, N. J., and other Northern points.

Rev. and Mrs. Nicholson returned from Lenoir last week and are ready for school which opens the 8, inst. The prospects are flattering for an excellent term. Mrs. Nicholson spent the entire of vacation with her mother Mrs. Squires, of Lenoir, N. C.

Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Veach made a flying trip to Elk Park and Shell Creek last week. Mrs. Vaughan is looking out for the new Mission House. We hope to succeed in securing a good library at Valle Crucis which is very much needed. Prof. Nicholson is much encouraged about it, and as he never fails in anything he attempts, we feel sure we will have one at an early day. The idea is to have our young people read more and better books.

The Sunday School and Epworth League are doing well. Mrs. Vaughan also has a very interesting Sunday School at 3 p. m. at the Mission House.

Rev. Gantt filled his appointment at 3 p. m. yesterday. He preached at White Springs in the morning.

Claud Gantt enters school at the first of the session.

Miss Lucy Jurney Married.

The Washington Star of the 2nd, has the following paragraph: A wedding at which only relatives and immediate friends were present took place this morning at the home of the bride, 918 Massachusetts avenue. Miss Lucy Jurney, daughter of the late Dr. P. C. Jurney, of N. C., was married to Mr. L. T. Stimpson, of North Carolina, Rev. N. M. Jurney, a brother of the bride, officiated. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson left for a trip to New York, Niagara Falls and Canada. After June 15, they will be at home in Turnersburg, N. C., where the groom is a manufacturer.

[Miss Jurney is well known by many of our people, having taught in the Normal schools at Boone two terms. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.]

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