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The wage earner who should be paid in 50-cent dollars will not have so much purchasing power over what as he now has—50 cents, which would not enhance the price of that article.

Why should the government double the price of the silver syndicate's silver bullion by coining it for nothing and extend no like advantage to any other property or industry? Why?

Letters from the intelligent Republicans who first gave the Journal notice of the silver craze state that the craze or excitement is passing away, and that men are now thinking about the matter.

There is reason to suspect that the owner of one of the greatest retail stores in Chicago is intent on free and wide advertising by preferring to go to jail to telling the Illinois Senate the amount of his sales in 1894.

Japan seems to be having great success in dispatching her silver which she does not own for cash. The readiness with which China pays her for a quitclaim deed to China's territory is highly complimentary to Japanese diplomacy.

A story is told of an American who purchased an article in Mexico worth a dollar of Mexican money, tendering in payment a United States silver dollar.

As change the dealer gave him a full Mexican dollar, which had a little more silver in it than the American.

It is not probable that there is any truth in the report that the President is writing a text-book on an economic topic. Such a work, because of the President's limitations, would be of the most rudimentary character, while his vocabulary is not suited to the primary grade.

One of the most remarkable statements that ever came from New Jersey is that the peach crop will be excellent. It is probably the first announcement of that sort regarding peaches ever printed. It may not be proof of the presence of the millennium, but the State is in the hands of Republicans.

Ex-Senator Palmer, of Michigan, says the Republicans will easily win in 1896, and that it will not cost a free silver coinage under present conditions would set the country back twenty years, and that the depression we have had would be prosperous times compared with the panic that would follow.

It is charged that the inaccuracy of the crop reports the past few years is due to the fact that members of the Farmers' Alliance have been employed to collect the data, and that from some cause or other they have greatly underestimated the wheat crop the past two years to the detriment of farmers more than any others in the end.

At length the Sugar Trust seems near its reward. It has been buying up raw sugars extensively at a time when the stock was deemed to be low, and now there has been a sudden rise, accompanied by reports of a short beet sugar crop. Forty per cent. of the amount paid for sugar by Americans, however, will be the duty imposed by Democratic tariff.

After Thomas Jefferson's order in 1806 suspending the coinage of silver dollars not another one was coined during the remainder of his administration, nor during the administrations of Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson and Van Buren. Yet "Coin" asserts that during all that period the country was on a silver basis, and implies that a vast quantity of silver was in circulation.

For a long time the excellent Mr. Godkin, of the New York Evening Post, has been urging the Legislature of that State to provide by law that no person having other employment shall sell a portion of his efforts to the public. The Legislature turned a deaf ear until it was known that a reporter to whom Mr. Godkin was paying \$20 a week had been given a place worth \$10 a day in connection with the civil-service examining board, while at the same time drawing his salary as reporter. When the Legislature heard of this a law was passed prohibiting such a division of employments and such excessive compensation for the work done for the city. Mr. Godkin, as an extreme purist, comes in for much reviling—so much so that the Civil-Service Commission has felt it a duty to explain that he is in no way responsible. Some of Mr. Godkin's friends intimate that he took this method to get his bill passed by the Legislature. If they can lead the public to entertain such a view of the transaction they will relieve Mr. Godkin from a serious charge of inconsistency.

A communication in a New York paper suggests the erection of an arch to Lafayette at some prominent point in Central Park. The honor would be well bestowed. Lafayette's services to this

country are not properly appreciated by the present generation. In addition to his other services there is no doubt that it was mainly through his influence that the alliance between the colonies and France was brought about. This event was of such importance to the colonial cause that, from his headquarters in Valley Forge, Washington issued a general order setting apart a day "for gratefully acknowledging the divine goodness and celebrating the important event we owe to His benign interposition." The order prescribed various salutes and maneuvers which were to be made, appropriate to the occasion, and closed by saying: "On a signal given the whole army will huzza, 'Long live the King of France.'" No honor can be too great to pay to the memory of a man who was chiefly instrumental in bringing about an event which led Washington to issue such an order as that.

THE REHEARING IN THE INCOME TAX CASE.

The rehearing in the income tax case presents some novel and curious aspects. In the first place, it must be a strange idea to any foreigner that a court, even the highest court of the land, can sit in judgment on an act of the highest legislature and affirm or nullify it on constitutional grounds. This could not happen in any other country, and even intelligent foreigners have difficulty in getting such a knowledge of our Constitution and political system as to enable them to understand how it can be done. To Americans the idea is as simple as the practice is common, and so far from regarding it as a dangerous or revolutionary proceeding they regard the courts as pre-eminently the defenders of the Constitution and their final decision as the ultimate law.

The present case presents the singular feature of the highest court of the land, after hearing argument with one judge absent in a case of almost unparalleled importance, and being equally divided in their opinion as to the constitutionality of the law, voluntarily granting a rehearing before a full bench, and virtually according to the ninth member of the court, who was absent in the former hearing, the important duty of upholding the eight who were evenly divided. This is as if all the judges had waived their previously formed and expressed opinions and agreed to leave the entire question to one member of the court. The action is as creditable to them as it is to him. It shows that they have no pride of opinion that they are not willing to lay aside in the furtherance of a correct decision, and that, without knowing in advance how he will hold, they are willing to leave the casting vote with the ninth judge. Of course, in a strict sense the casting vote is always with the ninth judge, but in the present case each one of the eight judges knows the views of the other seven, while none of them knows the views of the ninth. The umpire will certainly decide against four out of the eight, and none of them knows whether he will be sustained or overruled.

The attitude of the court in this singular situation is worthy of remark. First, a law of vast importance, affecting property interests of enormous value, is submitted to the Supreme Court for decision as to its constitutionality. The people whose interests are involved await the decision patiently. When it comes it is so indefinite as to puzzle even lawyers to construe it, the only consensus of opinion being that it wipes out some very important provisions of the law. Still, the people do not object. They are ready to obey the law if they can only find out what it is. Then the court, on motion of counsel, orders a rehearing of the case, with a possibility that it may result in over-throwing their former decision and re-establishing in full force a law which the people had supposed was set aside by the first decision. As still the people do not object, they are ready to obey the law if they can only find out what it is. Then the court, on motion of counsel, orders a rehearing of the case, with a possibility that it may result in over-throwing their former decision and re-establishing in full force a law which the people had supposed was set aside by the first decision.

A BETTER METHOD POSSIBLE.

Strikes have never proved an effective method for settling differences between employer and employe. As the result of such contentions one or the other feels that he has been beaten by forces somewhat foreign to the conflict. At the present time strikes are less a remedy than ever, particularly when the demand is for increased compensation.

It seems to an outsider that a board of arbitration could make it clear whether or not any manufacturer engaged in the industries which have been opened largely to foreign competition by the Democratic tariff law can pay more wages than he is now paying. It is no longer a question what was paid in 1892, since all of the conditions are changed. The protective tariff enabled employers to pay higher wages without coming into competition with the foreigner. Now foreign competition is 50 per cent. easier than it was under the McKinley law. Half the cost of getting through the American custom house has been cut off. Consequently, with the wages which prevailed in this country three years ago the foreign competition would get the market because of his lower wages. Wages have been cut in all the larger centers once and in most of the industries twice since the close of 1892. A few industries have restored a part of the reduction, but the most of them will not do more than hold out promises. As the result, there are many strikes already, and more are threatened.

If, before striking, the whole matter could be left to disinterested business men and experts who would inquire into the cost of production, the market for the work done for the city. Mr. Godkin, as an extreme purist, comes in for much reviling—so much so that the Civil-Service Commission has felt it a duty to explain that he is in no way responsible. Some of Mr. Godkin's friends intimate that he took this method to get his bill passed by the Legislature. If they can lead the public to entertain such a view of the transaction they will relieve Mr. Godkin from a serious charge of inconsistency.

WISE WORDS ON SILVER.

The Hon. Daniel Manning, Mr. Cleveland's first Secretary of the Treasury, was a man of ability and a practical financier and banker of large experience. His discussion of financial questions, whether one agreed with his views or not, showed that he had firm convictions and a grasp of the subject. His annual reports were praised by the Democratic press and leaders of the party at that time as models in their way, and Republicans recognized his soundness on the money question. Mr. Manning was strongly opposed not only to free silver coinage, but to the compulsory coinage of silver under the act of 1873. In his annual report of 1886 he set forth the disturbed condition of the country, or, as he termed it, "the monetary dislocation," and spoke of free silver coinage as one of the "prescriptions" offered to cure it. He had no faith in the prescription. He said it would assuredly "bring us to the Asiatic silver basis" because, offered by the open mint to both metals, free coinage of silver for silver owners into legal-tender dollars would stop the use of the mint for the free coinage of gold by gold owners, and gold, being at a premium, would be exported. "Throughout the United States," said Mr. Manning, "it would make the use of silver in legal-tender payments exclusive, apart from the greenbacks, which would first be used if possible to empty the treasury of gold, and then would cease to signify by 'dollar' anything else than the debt of a silver coin—not at all the monetary unit once embodied in equivalent coins of the two metals." These are not the views of a theorist or a priori reasoner, but of a practical banker and financier of experience in monetary matters. What he was talking about, they are reproduced not because they are strikingly original, for all persons of even moderate financial knowledge and experience in both political parties are of the same way of thinking, but to show how far many Democrats have drifted from views which they indorsed a few years ago. Mr. Manning concluded an intelligent and forceful presentation of the subject by saying: "As our limited coinage paralyzes, so our free silver coinage at this time would destroy the power of the United States to promote the restoration of silver to its old and equal place in the monetary order." This was true in 1886, and it is true now. Independent free silver coinage by the United States alone would end all hopes of a restoration of silver to parity with gold by international action.

THE MONUMENT REGENTS.

The board of State officers upon whom the Legislature devolved the responsibility of selecting regents for the completion of the soldiers' monument has made good use of the time taken for deliberation by naming a most excellent board. General Lew Wallace, General Fred Kneifer and Major G. V. Menzies make a board whose character and attainments will insure the completion of the work in harmony with its design. Doubtless the men whose names would have preferred other men, but when it comes to the discharge of the responsible duties which devolve upon the regents it would be very difficult to find three other citizens who would constitute so near an ideal board as those selected. The contentions over the construction of the monument have been as bitter as they should have been unnecessary. The State officers have wisely placed these differences where there can be no excuse for bringing them forward again. Of the soldierly record of the regents the public is well aware. General Wallace was one of the first to enter the war for the Union, and throughout was one of the most conspicuous men in the service from Indiana. Since the war, as a diplomat and a literary man he has attained an enviable reputation. General Kneifer entered the service a private the instant the war broke out. He served faithfully and gallantly until the close, winning every promotion by conspicuously good service. He has since the war been a student of its history, being the best informed man regarding it in the State. Major Menzies enlisted as a boy in the First Kentucky Infantry in May, 1861, serving in it until the close of the war. He entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating in 1864 and entering at once into the active service of the navy. He rose grade by grade to lieutenant commander, resigning in 1871. He is now a lawyer of large practice and a very popular man. He is a son-in-law of the late Governor Hovey. All three of the regents are members of the Grand Army and the Loyal Legion. One of the regents will, under the law, be chosen its executive officer, who will superintend the work and carry on the correspondence at a given salary. It is probable that General Kneifer will be selected for this position.

STACINOLO OF CALIFORNIA PLEASURES SEEKERS ROBBED BY HIGHWAYMEN.

CALISTOGA, Cal., May 8.—Two masked road agents caught a stageload of San Francisco on their way to the summer resort of Lake Tahoe, yesterday, and stripped them of their valuables. The robbers secured about \$1,500 from the passengers and looted the Wells-Fargo treasure box as well, but how much they got from it is not known. The hold-up was between Calistoga and Clear Lake. The stage left Calistoga at noon and reached a point one and one-half miles from Mirabel when two masked men stepped from behind the bushes lining the road and ordered the driver to stop. Keeping their pistols pointed at his head they compelled him to throw the express box. While one of the highwaymen kept the driver and the passengers covered the other broke open the treasure box and emptied its contents. The robbers kept them steady with their weapons until they had searched the pockets. The highwaymen went about their work like old hands at the business, one in particular being as cool about it as he was collecting taxes. Twelve hundred dollars were taken from the West and the robbers.

SCHEME OF A ROBBER.

OLEAN, O., May 8.—Charles Johnson, a postoffice robber wanted in Indian Territory, escaped from United States deputy marshals here and Salamanca early this morning. He was captured in Brownsville, Pa., on his way to the train. He was handcuffed to an Erie car and taken to Salamanca. He was seemingly in safe custody when the train left Olean. Soon after the car was dropped into a doze and when they awoke at Salamanca it was discovered that their prisoner had slipped his handcuffs and had escaped. So far diligent search has been made for him. The police of the surrounding towns have been notified and it is possible he will be captured. It is understood that the reward of \$2,000 upon his head.

CAPTAIN STICKS' SHREWDNESS TRIP.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., May 8.—The stoop Sticks, commanded by Captain Josiah Sticks, was yesterday taken on a trip around the world. The ship is entirely alone in the Spray, which is forty feet long.

LEONARD VINDICATED.

CHARGES MADE BY ROBERT DAVEY WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

Result of Col. Clay's Inquiry Into the Condition and Management of the District of Columbia Jail.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Some time ago Robert Davey, a prisoner at the Washington jail, of which John Leonard, formerly of Indianapolis, is warden, made a series of charges seriously reflecting on Mr. Leonard's management of that institution. The charges were laid before the Department of Justice, which has original jurisdiction over the jail, and at Mr. Leonard's request a searching investigation of the charges and a thorough examination of the institution was directed to be made. Col. Clay, chief clerk of the Department of Justice, was directed to make the investigation. To-day Colonel Clay submitted his report to the Attorney-general. His report completely vindicates Mr. Leonard. He states that he found everything in a most satisfactory condition at the jail, and that Mr. Leonard's management in unqualified terms. As to the charges made against Leonard by the prisoner Davey the report states that though Mr. Davey was requested to produce the evidence in support of his charges he was never appeared. Colonel Clay says that there is nothing in the report to call for criticism on the management of the jail.

GOLD IN THE SOUTH.

Where It Is Found, and How It Is Mined and Treated.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A report of George F. Becker, of the geological survey, who has been investigating the gold-producing districts of the southern Appalachian region, has been completed. Mr. Becker was in the field on his work last August, and spent the three following months in prosecuting it. The greater part of the time he was in the Carolinas and in Georgia, where the gold region is best defined. These districts have been producing gold for very nearly a full century, and also have been found in nearly all the other Southern States, but not in very considerable quantities. The entire South has produced about \$45,000,000 of gold since 1799, \$45,000,000 of which came from Georgia and the Carolinas. Of the \$45,000,000 of gold produced about four millions, Georgia sixteen millions and North Carolina twenty-three millions. Cabarrus county, in the southwestern part of North Carolina, is the richest part of all and is famous for the nuggets that have been found there. In the early part of the century the largest nugget on record in the United States was discovered there. Just a month ago one of the largest nuggets on record was found in the formation in which the gold is found in the Carolinas. The nugget weighed 100 pounds and was valued at \$100,000. The gold is mined in the usual way and finally treated by a wet process. The ore is crushed and the gold is separated from the gangue by means of a cyanide solution. The gold is then refined by the electrolytic process. The gold is refined by the electrolytic process. The gold is refined by the electrolytic process.

SUPREME COUNCIL A. P. A.

Seventh Session Meets at Milwaukee—Questions to Be Considered.

MILWAUKEE, May 8.—The seventh annual session of the Supreme Council of the American Protective Association began today in Liberty Hall. The delegates number in the vicinity of four hundred, and the greatest interest seems to prevail. From the various parts of the country delegates are vexing the delegates with their questions. The session will be a very important one. The order is now semi-political, and it has exerted its influence in conventions and at the ballot box. Some of its members have been elected to Congress and to the State legislatures. It is also held that the free-silver question may cut a figure during the session. From this it will be seen that unless the leaders are exceedingly judicious there will be many breaches to the coalition with any of the existing political parties which will come to open and advocate the principles of A. P. A. Another faction would have a separate political party on a strictly A. P. A. platform. 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