

POLITICAL THE SILVER QUESTION.

Speech of Senator Hereford of West Virginia in the U. S. Senate December 13th, 1877, Showing the Iniquity of Republican Legislation in the Interest of the Bondholders and to the Robbery of the Tax-payers.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT BONDS. The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews...

Mr. Hereford, Mr. President, in addition to the bill known as the "Bland silver bill" passed the House and last Tuesday was fixed for the consideration of the Senate...

The Government did not and would not intend to pay in gold, or in silver, or in any commercial paper, the principal and interest on the bonds...

That is the position of the West and South, who sell their products abroad—That is, who are the gainers by the passage of this bill...

The senior Senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Hooper, has placed this matter a little more pointedly in the following language: "The bondholders of Massachusetts, and I do not wish to speak of any other State, are the losers of this bill...

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THE LEVEE QUESTION.

Extracts of a Letter of Gen. S. W. Ferguson, President Board of Levee Commissioners.

Editors Vicksburg Herald:—The United States tax was ever imposed for the highest tax ever imposed for the purpose of rebuilding the levees...

The difference between gold and silver is about 3 per cent. I see this morning in the Vicksburg Herald, a statement of the difference between gold and silver...

It is not in this. The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report of 1877, in response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, transmitted the following statement: "The amount of the public debt of the United States on July 1st, 1870, was \$1,100,000,000..."

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MISCELLANEOUS.

WHEN THE SHIP COMES IN.

A sweet-faced woman and a sweet-faced child are wandering among the shipping docks of the great city. The woman is plainly dressed, but evidently in her best attire...

Then Mr. Tawman says: "Now you had better go. I'll see to the child; I'll bring the little girl up with me to-night."

"No, no," exclaims the mother. "I must have my Ellie with me always, sir! You are so very good, though, sir; so very good, and there is no news of the Good Luck?"

"Not a word, I'm sorry to say." "It can't be possible. The brig must come in to-day."

"I'm sure I hope so, with all my heart and soul," says the mother, "but I don't know. I know you do," she responds with a sigh.

"Now go, I'm sorry you had to waken the child, but I suppose you can't help it." "Yes, yes, yes," says the mother, touching her lightly on the shoulder.

"The child, with a start, awakes and cries: "Is it my papa? Dear, dear papa!"

"Not yet, ma'am." "She sighs and looks out of the window at the shipping. She says she will wait for Tawman and sit down."

"When Mr. Tawman comes in as usual he greets her very kindly, and kisses the little girl and says: "I'm sorry the brig isn't in yet!"

"I hope so." And he goes behind his desk and looks over his letters. He has not long been engaged in his correspondence when a scream from the woman starts him.

"She has risen and is pointing excitedly out of the window. "Here is a ship coming in. Look! Look!"

"That's not it," says a clerk; "that's a schooner." "Oh, no," adds Mr. Tawman, "that's not the Good Luck!"

"It is! It is!" She darts from the desk, dragging the child after her, and across the crowded street, across the bustling wharf, out to the very edge of the water.

"Mr. Tawman rushes to the window, however. All the clerks cluster about the window to watch her." "The woman is mad," says one. "She's going to drown herself."

Tawman says quietly to the telegraph operator: "It's the Mary." The schooner is being towed up the river by a tug. She is making preparations to anchor in the stream opposite another wharf. All this time a crowd of excited people, waving her handkerchiefs and the little girl is waving hers.

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