

HE PLAYED BALL.

Experience of a Noted Judge When He Was on the Diamond.

Of all the people who ever entered his district Judge Wray... since his accession to the bench it is not probable that even one has ever dimly imagined that Judge Robert E. Frazier ever played baseball.

He told me about the first annual regular game in which he ever appeared. He had long been a recognized professional at round ball and three-die-at, so when the county officials of Washtenaw challenged the city officials of Ann Arbor to a national game...

"Perhaps I ought to explain," said the judge, "that out in the country where I used to play ball we had no umpire and never heard of such a personage. We used to decide all questions of play ourselves, and when there was a serious difference of opinion we had it out right on the spot, and the side that got whipped was in the wrong. On the whole, I think it was better than the modern umpire system, for it was soon over, was satisfactory and there were no protests to vex the board of appeals.

"You're out!" he yelled at me. "I knew I was out, and I was not particularly well pleased at the knowledge. To be told of it by a meddling fellow was rather annoying. I walked up to him at once.

"Look here, young fellow, you are having altogether too much to say about this game. You've been sticking your nose into other people's business about long enough, and if you open your mouth again I'll—"

HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.

A Missourian Sent Abroad for an Instrument with Funny Results.

A musical instrument dealer tells a good story about the expense of a peculiarly inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was of sufficient value to pay for an ordinary instrument, and yet he did not succeed in getting anything that quite satisfied him.

"Do not shrink from me," he began in a low, menacing tone as he gazed upon us with his whitening eyes; "surely you should not shrink, seeing that all of you are partners in the crime that has brought me here today. My name is Aye! don't you see, if you will, but I know it. The vengeance of the god has fallen upon me, his false servant, and it has been justly. Moreover, I shall take vengeance also, for the Eye has seen, the Mouth has told, and the Heart has thought upon your doom.

"The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful workmen, but dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best one placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are sold largely in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent. above what they should be. The ocean trips may improve them, but the Hermann gentlemen cannot see just where it comes in.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Carrot Stew.

There is a certain prejudice against the carrot as a vegetable owing to the coarse manner in which it is usually cooked. Boiled in water and served without a sauce, it has a rank flavor that is agreeable to few people. Like a great many other vegetables, it is necessary to blanch it to extract the rank, coarse juices. Slice young carrots, scraping them, and put them in plenty of salted boiling water. Cook them tender, and drain them. When they are cold make a cream sauce of flour and a tablespoonful of butter, with salt and pepper, and let the sliced carrots boil up in it for five or six minutes. Serve them at once. When you are in a hurry, the carrots may be cooked in cold water. Cabbage is delicious prepared in this way, but it must be simmered for three-quarters of an hour, and a tablespoonful extra of butter added.—N. Y. Tribune.

Dietaries of Fashion.

Hat are to be made exclusively of feathers, as are boas, muffs, shoulder-capes, sashes, ruchings, fichus, jabots, belts and dress trimmings. Some of the novelties from London and Paris are using black velvet ribbon, either plain or trimmed in the form of straps, lattice-work. Out of compliment to the princess of Wales, ribbons, especially black velvet ribbons, are greatly in vogue. Silk and satin have yielded their preference to the richer material. The tulle gown in olive, gray and other odd combinations of color, which have been so popular for evening wear this summer, will probably retain their vogue to a large extent during the fall and winter season.—Chicago Record.

the people, to rejoice with you in your great happiness and to lay certain months of the state before you. For some months the people have grown weary of the oppressions and cruelties of Tikal, who in defiance of the laws of the land, has put many to death on suspicion of their being concerned in plots against his power. Further, he yesterday it came to the ears of the council, through the confession of one whom he had employed to execute his wickedness, that a plan was laid to murder your husband and your child and the Lord Ignatio here.

"Indeed," said Maya, "and why was my name omitted from this list?"

"Lady, we do not know," he answered, "but it seems that the assassins had orders to take you living and to hide you away in a secret part of Tikal's house."

"Now the senator sprang to his feet and swore a great oath to be avenged upon Tikal."

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THE ELECTION IN MAINE.

Press Opinions on the Result of the Contest.

It seems to be very clear that the result in Maine falls to justify the vehement bragging and bluster before election, and that it cannot give the republicans that increased basis which their papers claim.—Buffalo Times.

The people of this country are for fair play every time. In Maine with the republicans as a democracy had to vote for gold or not at all. As a natural consequence many of the silver men of both Maine and Massachusetts had to wait until November, when the people will be able to vote for Bryan and free silver.—Philadelphia Record.

Maine gave 49,999 republican plurality. "The republican campaign in Maine," says Chairman Manley, "is the best and most thorough organized, has made a house-to-house canvass, and have pleaded with every voter to vote for Bryan and free silver."

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THE SILVER TIDAL WAVE.

No Danger of Being Overwhelmed with Money.

The advocates of gold monometallism never weary of depicting in loud colors the horrors of the silver flood which would set in should the United States declare for the free coinage of silver. But they never explain to us the exact modus operandi. They tell us glibly enough that there is about \$3,500,000,000 of silver money in the world, and that if we adopted free coinage the nations of the world would begin pouring their old coin and bullion in upon us, and that they would unload eventually all their white metal upon us. In addition to this the earth would be scoured for silver and this, too, would all be dumped upon our shores.

Now, the silver money of the world may be divided into two almost equal parts. One-half of it circulates at its market value, while the other half circulates at nearly twice the market value. The silver money of the United States, England, France, Germany and other European nations is worth about twice as much as the silver of which it is composed. It is therefore evident that none of this kind of money would be dumped on us for the very simple reason that it wouldn't pay. This point can be made clearer by illustrations. Suppose that France should adopt the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, what profit would there be to anyone to "dump" the money of this country upon France? Nobody could buy up American dollars for less than a dollar price. It will therefore be seen that if we should adopt free coinage we would save the democratic party the cost of the money of Europe, generally speaking.

It was estimated in 1893 that the then silver standard countries had the following stock of silver money: Russia, 41,000,000; India, 950,000,000; England in Asia (Ceylon straits settlements and Hongkong), 110,000,000; China, 735,000,000; Central American states, 5,000,000; South American states, 30,000,000; Mexico, 50,000,000; or together, 1,914,000,000 American gold dollars.

Now, how much of this money would flow into the United States? Which one of the silver standard countries could afford to part with any of its silver? Russia has none to spare. The per capita of India is only \$3.22, and it would be of no use to India to invest her silver in American products, and cut down her circulating medium still more. The per capita of China is only \$1.83, and still further cut her currency by pouring her silver, which is now scattered all over the land, in upon the United States would be a suicidal policy.

Indeed, there is no reason to anticipate that there would be a flood at all. There is not a nation in the world that would have any interest in such a course, so that all this talk about a silver flood, when examined critically, is seen to be mere leather and prunella.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

WILLING TO YIELD THE POINT.

Showing What Would Take Place Under Free Coinage of Silver.

An Ithaca correspondent to the Tribune throws too much to the gold side, and cites our disagreement with Mr. Bryan in his claim that free coinage would restore the parity on the metals. The Tribune seeks only to develop the truth, in whichever direction it may lie. It advocates remonetization because it sees clearly that it will conduce to the general prosperity of the country, and to no other partisan reasons. It matters not to the Tribune the flip of a copper which way the people determine the money question to remember. It will throw all possible light on the subject, and then be satisfied with the people's verdict, whatever it may be.

In regard to Mr. Bryan's claim, the Tribune admits that under free coinage silver will advance and gold come down. Were our country alone concerned the two metals might mean in value and an approximate parity be restored. But it must be remembered that to maintain a parity in this country not only ours but the whole world's stock of gold must be pulled down in value. Should a higher valuation obtain in Europe than in this country gold will be exported to the better market abroad. This is what we anticipated in the article on the gold standard.

But it is no yielding of the question, for it is just what should take place under a bimetallic system. There can be no such thing as continuous parity. One metal or the other will always be worth more than its companion, and the dealer metal will drop out of circulation. We anticipate for a time gold will go up, and it is nothing to be deplored, any more than its disappearance was prior to 1834, or the disappearance of silver after that date.

Mexico and the South American republics are unable to maintain the parity of the metals by free coinage, and there is little more reason to expect that we can do so, though what difference does it make if we can be richer and happier with silver? We certainly are finding neither wealth nor contentment with gold, and everything is going from bad to worse while we remain so wedded to it.

The silver advocates do not propose the demonetization of gold. It will still perform an important function as a check upon silver, and if at any time silver, as during the period from 1834 to 1873, should become worth more than gold at the sixteen to one ratio, it will have to step back and again give place to gold as the standard. Such a result is not at all unlikely to occur, and especially as the remonetization of silver extends, as it no doubt will, to other countries.

But we cannot think that in any case within the next three or four years silver will return to \$1.29 per ounce in gold. Nor is it altogether desirable that it should.—Detroit Tribune.

ARKANSAS VS. VERMONT.

What Figure the Silver Question Cut in the Elections.

Two states have just held their elections. Vermont, of course, went heavily republican, and Arkansas, of course, went heavily democratic. On its face, it appears to be a stand-off; but a moment's reflection will show that it is not so far as the presidential election is concerned. In Vermont both parties had declared for the gold standard, and when the national democracy put itself on record for free silver it left the party in Vermont with absolutely no ground to stand on.

The silver question was in no sense a square issue in Vermont. In Arkansas, on the other hand, the question of free coinage was the only issue, and the democratic vote, according to the latest advices, shows a net gain of from 15,000 to 25,000. The majority is estimated at fully 65,000. It is perfectly safe to say that Mr. Bryan's majority in November will be 16,000 greater. The populists will vote for him and so will many silver republicans, who would not support democratic state ticket.

Moreover, Arkansas may be fairly deemed a barometer of sentiment in the western states. If the silver cause has grown there it has almost certainly grown in Missouri.—London Bimetallicist.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To purify the water cooler, either green soap or zinc lye, pour a little vinegar on a clean cloth and wipe it well once or twice a week.

To clean the silver spoons and forks in everyday use rub them with a damp cloth dipped in baking soda, then polish them with a little piece of chamois skin.

Though not as choice as embroidery, linen is now sometimes marked with indelible ink in a fashion so artistic that it looks like etching, as the crests and letters of any size, in any text, are done to order.

In giving medicine in liquid form to an infant place the point of the spoon containing the medicine against the roof of the mouth. Administering it in this way it will be impossible for the child to choke or eject the medicine.

A new laundry bag for handkerchiefs and small pieces of blue linen with the top made of white, on the right side of the bag is worked an empire torch, held at the base by a bow knot with floating ends. The design is worked with embroidery floss in chain stitch.

NEW VOLCANO IN MEXICO.

A new volcano, which is emitting immense quantities of smoke, lava, and fire, has been discovered at Jacotlan, Mexico.

ON WHICH SIDE, PRAY?

The Goldite Fear of National Dishonor Examined.

Some of the goldite newspapers have been rejoicing over the fact that a certain clergyman of note has come out for the gold standard. Said this reverend doctor: "The issue is not over national dishonor (as in 1861) but over national dishonor, and patriotism again summons us to sink our partisanship in our love of country."

The hundreds of thousands of good men including clergyman of an high standing as this man, whose belief in the goldite doctrine is now paramount will not tamely submit to the imputation that they favor "national dishonor."

It was a "national dishonor" to demonetize silver in the surreptitious manner in which it was done in 1873. Abraham Lincoln called such a contraction of the currency a "heinous crime." Instead of its being a national dishonor to undo that wrong and simply restore our currency to where it was before, it is, in the view of millions of voters, a "national dishonor" to continue the oppression to the producing and working classes of our people.

When the people did not know what had been done and were not informed as to its far-reaching evil consequences, it might have been held to be a dishonor to the congress who brought it about under the influence of the money lenders of Great Britain, but that the nation was not responsible. But now that the issue is clearly before the nation, if a majority of our voters should decide to perpetuate this wrong a national dishonor to our country, for years to come, the gold despotism, it would be a consummated and deliberate national crime. The "dishonor" would certainly attach to the nation as a body politic.—Farm, Field and Fireside.