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Repeal of the Ten Per Cent Tax. Well informed people are aware that early in the late war Congress suppressed the circulation of state bank money by levying a tax of ten per cent on it.

Ever since that time we have had no "wild cat" or "red dog" money, but instead thereof we have had money of uniform value, good everywhere throughout this country and also in Europe.

Nobody has to be on his guard when he travels as respects uncurrent money. It is all at par everywhere. This is one of the great blessings and compensations of the war, and it is a blessing as we might suppose that every one familiar with our previous history would forever appreciate and cherish.

This is the money we used to have. The time was when Wheeling money would not buy a ticket at Bridgeport, just across the river, to Pittsburgh, and was only taken under a special arrangement for redemption with the banks.

The danger of going back to this "wild cat" money is well set forth in some extracts printed in another column from the last financial circular of Hambleton & Co., bankers, of Baltimore.

To what is said about Virginia bonds might be added the financial history of such repudiating states as Mississippi or Minnesota. A nice basis for money, such bonds, Mississippi is still a repudiator. She would not even pay the bonds held by the Peabody educational fund for the benefit of her own youth.

It is going to help her needy there is no time to lose. Some things won't wait. The President forgot the dignity of his office in his desire to have a drive at ex-Minister Stevens, upon whom he piled epithets after the fashion of a common scold.

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court. Whether he gets the appointment in consideration of a campaign contribution has not been revealed.

Why Not Tell All? An important dispatch from Minister Willis does not appear in the message and accompanying documents. That dispatch is held back "because it would be incompatible with the interests of the government to make it public."

Ex-Queen Lilioukalani has been taken into the secrets of this government so far as Mr. Cleveland represents the government—are not Congress and this country as much to be trusted? They are even more interested in the acts of the President, our minister in Honolulu and the possible use of our military forces at that place.

Why keep back anything from the people in whose name the President was acting? The scheme is done for. Nothing is to be gained by secrecy. The President is not treating the country well.

Now the house has the tariff bill. If it will listen to the country it won't pass the bill. But it won't listen to the country. It isn't that kind of a house.

Employment for the Needy. The matter of employing needy men through the city boards does not make rapid progress. Perhaps the clouds will roll away and a better state of things appear.

The proposed loan from the county commissioners is not to be made as of, the restraining ordinance being held to stand in the way. It looks as though the charitably disposed who have something to give will have to do what they can.

CHAIRMAN WILSON comes to the front again to explain his tariff scheme. Those who like the scheme will like the explanation. The fact remains that goods brought from abroad will not be made in this country, and the labor of the United States will lose by the change.

The Louisville lottery scheme having been closed tight, it is expected that Secretary Carlisle, attorney for the company, will advise that the case be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

The President speaks of "my plan" in the Hawaiian affair. Congress was in session when he sent Mr. Blount as "paramount commissioner" — why didn't he take Congress into his scheme and see if it would not relieve him of the heavy responsibility? He has had to do that at last.

The city council at Mankato, Kansas, declares to be a nuisance with a fine of fifty cents for each offense, to whistle "After the Ball" between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. Is there no appreciation of art in the wild and woolly west?

A YEAR ago able-bodied men were not falling over each other in Pittsburgh for a chance to work out of doors in winter weather for ten cents an hour. Something has happened to change the times, and men change with the times.

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STATE BANK CIRCULATION.

The Virginia Scheme Explained and Criticized—A "Deadly Effect" to be Expected.

Some of the southern states, in anticipation of the possible unconditional repeal of the 10 per cent state bank circulation tax, are preparing to embrace the opportunity for issuing state bank circulation under state authority.

Several states have already passed banking laws, and now a bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature providing for state bank issue against the deposit of Virginia bonds. If evidence were needed of the deadly effect of the unconditional repeal of the state bank circulation, it is furnished in the bill offered in the Virginia legislature.

Under the provisions of this proposed law, any five persons can start a bank of not less than \$10,000 capital in villages and \$50,000 in cities. Every association so formed is required to deposit with the state, Virginia bonds to the amount of the capital stock of such association.

Provision is made for the increase or reduction of capital stock by the deposit or withdrawal of the bonds. The association complying with the provisions of the law and depositing bonds "shall be entitled to receive from the treasurer of Virginia circulating notes of different denominations, in blank, registered and countersigned, as hereinafter provided, equal in amount to 75 per cent of the par value of the Virginia bonds so transferred and delivered."

The bill further provides that banks shall redeem their issue on presentation in lawful money of the United States, and shall maintain a reserve fund to protect its circulation, at least 25 per cent of said circulation, in gold, silver, United States money or national bank notes, etc.

To any one familiar with the depreciated credit of Virginia during the past twenty years, the default on its obligations during this period, the arbitrary and enforced compromise with her creditors, and especially the present and past market value of the only Virginia bonds available to secure circulation—Kiddieberger 2s and Century 2-3s must realize that a bank note circulation based upon such securities as 75 per cent of their par value would not be acceptable, certainly not outside of the state.

A bank for instance which deposited \$100,000 Virginia Century 2 1/2 per cent bonds, could take out \$75,000 circulation, but the market value of the bonds might be much less. At present Virginia Centuries are selling at about 57, having advanced quite recently from the neighborhood of fifty.

The national banks have ineffectually endeavored to obtain permission to issue circulation at par on United States 4 per cent bonds, which bonds have sold as high as 130, and are now about 114, but the state of Virginia proposes to permit state banks to issue notes against state bonds at considerably above their market value.

As we before remarked this disposition to inaugurate a very uncertain and unstable bank circulation, should convince Congress of the unwisdom of an unconditional repeal of the state bank tax. Fortunately, there is, in our opinion, not the slightest chance of a repeal of the tax unless all future circulation shall be as good as the present National bank note issue.

The Best Holiday Books. No library is complete without files of the bound volumes of the Century Magazine and St. Nicholas. Bound copies of Volume XLVI of the former and of Volume XX, parts I and II, of the latter have been received by the INTELLIGENCER.

Each is a magnificent holiday book in itself. Both are standards in the field of magazine literature and are mines of literary wealth, worth a hundred times their price.

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A good way to inaugurate the new visitor and firmly establish it in the hearts of the young folks, as well as in your own good graces, would be to purchase the latest bound volume of 960 pages. It costs \$4.

The volume of the Century on our table includes the monthly numbers from May to October, 1893, and the price is \$3. It would require columns to enumerate the good things it contains. The new volume began with the November number, and will, judging from the promises held out, be even better than any preceding, if that is possible.

The Century needs no extended words of praise. It is known wherever the English language is read. The Century Company, publishers, 33 East Seventeenth street, New York.

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PERSONAL POINTS.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife are passionately fond of dogs, and when they travel they always take several canine pets with them.

Thomas Chandler, a farmer of Lyons, N. Y., is the father of two sons—the oldest sixty years, and the youngest only eight. The eldest, in turn, has a son forty years old, who is a bank director at Vineland, N. J.

Frederick Ruckert, the famous German painter of animals, committed suicide by drowning himself in the river Spree, near Berlin, a few days ago. He had expended a large fortune in helping to educate poor artists.

M. and Mme. Napoleon Ney, the descendants of the "brave of the brave," are famed in Paris for their dinners and their musical evenings. The hostess sings delightfully.

John Hamilton Brown, who invented the wonderful new wire segmental gun, is a native of Maine, where he was born in 1837.

The Rothschilds have made their annual contribution of 100,000 francs to assist poor tenants of Paris.

HALL'S Hair Renewer cures dandruff and scalp affections; also all cases of baldness where the glands which feed the roots of the hair are not closed up.

Slaughter sale of our entire stock of fine goods at H. E. HILLMAN & CO.'S. A splendid assortment of Teachers' and Students' Bibles from \$2.50 to \$12 at Stanton's Old City Book Store.

GOLD Filled Ladies' Watch with Elgin Movement \$12.00 at WHEAT & HANCHER'S. One thousand boxes of our most excellent Candies and Chocolates packed and ready for shipment or delivery.

See our prices before buying any Cut Glass. L. G. DILLON & CO. If you need a tonic drink Smith Brewing Co.'s ale and porter. Oxyg Clocks for \$10.00 at L. G. DILLON & CO.'S.

EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOKS and Hymnals, new edition, at Stanton's Old City Book Store. H. E. Hillman & Co. have marked their entire stock at 30 per cent less than regular prices.

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P. S.—This is the lucky month of the year. I can bring you more good luck now in seven days than in any other seven weeks. I can restore lost love, bring back the wanderer, cause happy marriages more speedily now than at any other time.

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Royal Baking Powder. Absolutely Pure. A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.

WISER AND OTHERWISE. Mamma—Tommy, what are you going to buy mamma for a Christmas gift? Tommy—Why, mommy, dear, I've thought and thought about that, and I decided that the best thing I could get for you would be a pair of new garters for your little boy.

Tom—Do you know what I am going to give you for Christmas this year? Kitty (enthusiastically)—No; only I'm sure it will be something new and stylish and elegant and awfully expensive! You dear, reckless boy, you! (And Tom wishes he hadn't said anything.)—Pack.

"A good many new business houses are going up on Broadway," remarked a stranger to a New Yorker while they were riding on the Broadway cable cars. "Yes," replied the other, with a sigh; "ours went up the other day."—Texas Siftings.

Aunt Maria—And how were the ladies dressed, Carrie? Carrie—Why, aunt, I'm astonished! Ladies are gowned, not dressed. The word "dressed" is only used in good society in reference to food.—Boston Transcript.

Dyspepsia Specialist (irritably)—But, madam, you must chew your food. What were your teeth given you for? Female Patient (calmly)—They weren't given to me; I bought 'em.—Trib-Ita.

Temperance Orator—How strange that a man will put an enemy into his stomach to steal away his brains? Voice in Audience—Great Scott! Is that where you carry your brains?—Harlem Life.

He—This is a bird's-eye view of my home; it—She—Yes, I notice it has a kind of jay appearance.—Chicago Tribune. Jazson says you can't blame a theatrical company for being spiritless when the ghost won't walk.—Elmira Gazette.

Brain workers keep their heads clear and bowels open. Take Simmons' Liver Regulator. Our prices are the lowest. L. G. DILLON & CO. It is Easily Understood that a dealer buying Pianos and Organs in large quantities for four stores (as does C. A. House) can buy and sell very much cheaper than for one.

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Bargains in Watches at H. E. HILLMAN & CO.'S. SPECIAL SALE of Banquet Lamps with handsome silk shades at \$7.75, \$8.50, \$8, \$10 and \$12, for this week only. They are reduced from \$10, \$12 and \$16 at Sheff Bros., 1110 Main street.

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Don't Pay Money for Water! A solid Extract of Beef is more Economical than a liquid, for the reason that it is concentrated, and housekeepers will find it much cheaper to BUY Liebig COMPANY'S Extract of Beef.

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THE NEW FIRE PATROL. Night Prices—10c, 25c, 50c and 90c. Matinee Prices—Reserved seats, 25c; gallery, 10c. Reserved seats on sale at Grand box office. GRAND OPERA HOUSE, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY and SATURDAY MATINEE, December 21, 22 and 23.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. F. W. BAUMER & CO.'S MUSICALS. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend our OPENING SALE and see an enormous stock of musical instruments.

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FOR RENT. The Store Room. NO. 1233 MAIN STREET, formerly occupied by S. H. Gilin & Co. Possession given November 1. Inquire of K. HOGE, 1113 Market St.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE of the valuable real estate of the late Isaac Fress, deceased, situated in Centre Wheeling and South Wheeling, and heretofore advertised, will be in pursuance of adjournment, take place at the north front door of the Court House on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m.

SOME USEFUL Christmas Presents For Housekeepers. Parlor Fenders, Parlor Coal Vases, Parlor Fire Set, Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers, Table Cutlery and Carvers, Christy Bread Knives, Pocket Knives, Nickel Tea Kettles, Marion Harland Coffee Pots, And a Thousand Other Things.

Nesbitt & Bro., 1312 MARKET STREET. COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE. John Clay vs. Teckla Werwecker, et al. In Chancery.

NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS. To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate of any party interested in the estate of Teckla Werwecker.

CHRISTMAS AND COMMON SENSE. ALLOW US TO SUGGEST SOMETHING TO YOU. Handkerchiefs to your heart's content. Your choice of 25, 30 and 35c ones 17c.

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