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## SILVER CURRENCY.

It is a well known fact that there exists in this country — largely in the East, a strong opposition to silver currency, and every now and then a great cry is made on the part of those who believe gold the sole standard of value and the only metallic medium of exchange, against the vast accumulation of silver in the United States treasury. It will be seen by the last treasury statement, as in preceding ones, there is no foundation for this claim on the part of the single standard advocates. If the opponents of double standard ever expect to abolish the silver dollar from our currency they will have to come forward with stronger evidence of its worthlessness as a circulating medium than the treasury statement produces. In this connection we quote at length from the last number of the Mining Review, a journal that is ever ready and able to defend the silver interests:

"The treasury statement, made September 15th, shows that there was on that day in the United States treasury \$234,521,334 in gold coin and bullion, and \$116,227,387 in silver dollars and bullion. Deducting the outstanding certificates the treasury statement shows, not in actual circulation, gold coin and bullion \$149,433,404, and in silver dollars and bullion \$42,358,476. The excess of gold coin and bullion over silver dollars and bullion is \$107,074,958.

This showing, in view of the fact that every effort has been made by the strongest forces that could be brought to bear to destroy the currency value of silver and retard its circulation, and every advantage has been given to make gold the circulating medium, is certainly a satisfactory one, and proves the utter failure of the attempt to ruin the silver currency of the country. It might be well to question the appropriateness of applying the term "superfluous" to the silver dollar in view of the present statements of the treasury department. The fact begins to appear that it might better be applied to the gold coinage.

It is very evident that the accumulation of silver in the treasury until its amount might be used as an argument against coinage, was one of the plans of the argentophobes, and to this plan the government officials unjustly lent their assistance. The Eastern press started the cry of bursting treasury vaults, tons of idle silver dollars in the treasury, the superfluous silver dollar, etc., which was re-echoed by foolish and unthinking followers in the West, some even in the mining camps. But the treasury statement, although carefully arranged, by the logic of its figures, wrought more injury to the cause than many columns of misrepresentation could repair.

The statements of the treasury department have been the best arguments to prove the falsity of the charges that have been made to injure the value of silver of a circulating medium.

The shameful discrimination of the Government in regard to its own coinage, to the injury of the people who are entitled to justice, marks an epoch of disgraceful prostitution which will not be forgotten when silver, overcoming all obstacles, will again become what it has been in the financial history of the past, and practically is to-day, the standard of the world's measure of value."

**MINING DIVIDENDS.**

The Am's Consolidated Mining Company will pay a dividend of 5 cents a share Oct. 2d, aggregating \$25,000.

The Little Chief Mining Company has declared a dividend, payable Oct. 2d, of 10 cents a share, aggregating \$20,000.

The Homestake Mining Company has declared their regular monthly dividend, No. 61, of 40 cents per share, aggregating \$50,000, payable Sept. 25 inst.

The Mount Diablo Mining Company, of the Northern Belle District, pay their second monthly dividend of 25 cents a share Sept. 25th, aggregating \$12,500. Total dividend, \$25,000.

Rufus Hatch wants to buy Cuba and all the Yellowstone country. How would it do to lump the earth and sell it to him as a job lot?—Bozeman Chronicle. Hadn't we better reserve a portion of the Bad Lands, for a stopping place until we can find some suitable planet to emigrate to?—Dillon Tribune.

No, the bad lands won't do, for with Gov. Brooks at the head, Montanians would soon make them blossom like the rose, and then Uncle Rufus couldn't sleep until he had a quit-claim deed, and we were rustling for grub in Alaska.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Sid., those cigars are fine. Accept our thanks.

The "boys in blue" were paid off last Saturday, and are smilingly happy.

C. Boissonneault, is excavating for a warehouse in the rear of his lot.

William Berkins has purchased an eclipse wind mill for pumping purposes on his ranch.

Lord Jameson, of Belfast, Ireland, is again on his favorite hunting ground, in the Snowies, near Ubet.

Dr. Rawn, has just received a large invoice of Drugs from the Eastern markets.

Vincent Gies' lunch counter, in connection with the City Bakery, is proving a necessary and profitable enterprise.

Mrs. Dr. Rawn wishes to correct the statement made in our last week's issue in reference to her starting a fancy bazaar. She has no such intention.

A miner's camp is being constructed of logs, for winter quarters, by the owners of the Kentucky Favorite.

Pott & Hayden are now working on their placer claims, in Maiden gulch. It is paying big.

C. C. Snow started for Benton, last week, but after getting some 70 miles from town, turned tail and flew back to his hearts desire—Maiden.

Mr. E. P. Chandler of the firm of Chandler & Chamberlain, sheep raisers, made us a call Monday. They have a herd of 3500 sheep twelve miles from Ft. Maginnis.

County Commissioner, William Berkins, was Maiden's guest last Friday. He reports the county affairs, as reviewed by the commissioners, in the best condition.

A movement is on foot to organize a division of the G. A. R. in Maiden. The formation of such a society is very desirable and we trust it will meet with the hearty approval of all our citizens.

The new store and hotel on Cottonwood, seven miles west of Reedsfort, being erected by Mr. DeWitt, are nearly finished, and the store is being stocked with a large line of general merchandise.

Mr. Jeff Howell, assessor for Meagher county, arrived in town Sunday night, on official business. He left Monday morning for Wolf Creek. Jeff reports the county settling up rapidly in all sections.

Mr. F. C. Dwinelle expects to spend the winter in the States, and is gathering some choice specimens of ore to take back with him. He will return early in the Spring.

Mr. H. S. Thurber, of Helena, interested with F. C. Dwinelle, in mining property, arrived here last week to remain about a month. Mr. Thurber is a practical printer, and we hope he will strike it rich and remain with us permanently.

Percy Phillips, who has just returned from Benton, informs us that at nearly every ranch they struck there were complaints of horses being stolen. At Arrow Creek ranch one horse was taken from the stable, and LaMott's ranch and vicinity suffers the loss of two or three. Several parties en route for Benton were obliged to sleep in the stable in order to protect their horses from thieves. Horse stealing is becoming too frequent altogether of late, and strong measures should be inaugurated to suppress the nefarious business at once.

Major Blaine, U. S. government paymaster, of the Dakota department of the army, met with an accident on Saturday last, while crossing the divide on gold hill. His ambulance reached the crest of the hill, the Junction City stage close behind desiring to pass, the driver pulled the team to the left of the road, and by some means one line dropped from his hands, and in pulling up on the other compelled the leaders to turn up the hill, thereby causing the wagon to overturn, throwing the driver twenty feet and dumping the load of grain and soldiers promiscuously over the range. No one was hurt and after righting things the caravan moved on rejoicing.

## Saturday's Meeting.

The citizens and miners meeting called for Saturday evening last met and the business satisfactorily disposed of. The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. Dunton. Mr. Gardner stated what had been accomplished by the committee selected to interview the President and military officials in behalf of the citizens and miners, and that the Secretary of War as well as General Sheridan and the President, had promised to do all in their power to assist us in securing the desired reduction of the reservation; that they would sign our petition if drawn up in the proper shape and presented through our territorial delegate to Congress; and that, in their opinion, a petition presented to congress through Maj. Maginnis, was the right and only course to adopt. Gov. Crosby has also pledged himself to do his utmost in this matter.

Mr. Gardner reported \$491.50 raised to defray expenses of committee appointed to interview the president, of which \$365.55 expended, leaving a balance still in his hands of \$125.95.

On motion a vote of thanks was here extended to Messrs. Gardner and Esler for the work they had performed.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to complete the work at hand, consisting of C. C. Snow, C. W. Gardner and A. M. Esler.

On motion, the money in the hands of the old committee was placed at the disposal of the new.

The Committee was empowered to call a public meeting at any and all times that they deemed necessary, through the columns of the MINERAL ARGUS.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

## Accident at the Collar Mine.

James Mitchell, a miner working on the night shift in the Collar mine, was severely, though not dangerously injured Saturday night, by a slide in the face of the level in which he was working. He was on his knees at the time and the slide came upon his knees and thighs, bending him backward and nearly covering him up. He was extricated by his partner and with the help of the other men, who were soon apprised of the accident, was hoisted out of the shaft and taken to the boarding house, and a doctor called. The cords and muscles of his legs are badly strained and bruised but no bones broken.

This is the second accident that has happened to Mr. Mitchell in the territory. He fell 58 feet down the shaft of the Keating mine, in Jefferson county, in '72, and two blasts exploded about the time he struck the bottom, but except being badly bruised, received no injuries to speak of. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery from the recent accident that befell him. He is highly spoken of by his employers, as an A 1 miner and faithful worker, and that is the kind that is wanted in a mine.

## Local Mining Items.

There are rumors of still richer finds in the Montana on Gold Hill.

Dunton Bros. are the fortunate locators and owners of some fine leads in Cone Butte District, and have some samples of ore that show free gold and silver.

The Kentucky Favorite is now 25 ft. in the main drift and are now working on another drift at a right angle from main, in search of wall. Ore is very rich and plentiful.

Parties in this locality wishing a good mining journal, should subscribe at once for the Mining Review, published in Chicago. It is edited with ability, and is a staunch friend of the silver mining interests.

The Dunton Bros. have our thanks for some fine specimens of free-milling silver-ore from the Salvator and Baron leads, Cone Butte District. The ore from the former assays from \$125 to \$275 per ton, and the latter at \$820. They have a shaft sunk 20 feet on the Baron at present and will probably go down 75 feet this fall. The Aline is another of their valuable leads and assays from \$110 to \$1350 to the ton. They have a 100 foot tunnel on this property.