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The worst living enemy of the democratic party is the man who invented the splitting device known as the silver issue.

Secretary Carlisle is a succes as a talker in favor of sound money, but the trouble is he doesn't know how to get enough of it into the treasury.

An inquiry was recently sent to a metropolitan daily from the rural districts asking for the name of the vice president of the United States. It is becoming harder every day now to recollect who is the vice president.

It is said that Cleveland will recommend a stamp tax on bank checks and other commercial paper. A republican congress will not adopt such a method of raising money, because, like the income tax, it is odious.

Some foreign Catholics in a Connecticut town petitioned Mgr. Satolli, the papal representative in this country, for a priest who could speak their language, and he replied that if they wished to be American citizens they must learn and use the language of the country. It would be well for the courts to adopt this rule as to applicants for naturalization.

Ingersoll has for some time been "preaching" that suicide in many instances is perfectly justifiable, and the only way out of trouble for those who resort to it. Now that a perfect epidemic of suicide is sweeping over the country Ingersoll indignantly denies that his "articles" and "sermons" on this theme are in any wise responsible for the increase in the number of suicides. "Bob" is about right, too, for it isn't at all probable that any more people have been influenced by his theory on this subject than have been shaken in their faith by his attacks on the Bible, and his assertion that Moses' life was one big chapter of blunders.

To Make Voting Compulsory.

No one will dispute that it is incumbent upon every citizen to discharge his civic duties in the matter of voting, nor is it denied that it is especially the duty of the good citizen to remember his obligation to the community at the ballot box; but it is a disheartening fact, patent to all interested in reform work, that no small per cent. of the better class do not vote, hence the repeated victories of the purchasable element.

Various plans to check this tendency to neglect on the part of the best citizens have been suggested, such as statutes making voting compulsory, and the like, but the latest and apparently most practical idea comes from Missouri. The board of aldermen of Kansas City has passed a law, the main provision of which reads:

Every male citizen over the age of 21 years who shall be a resident of Kansas City shall be assessed.....a poll tax of $2.50, which shall be collected and paid in the same manner as any other personal tax: Provided, however, that if the person so assessed shall vote..... ....and receive a certificate from the recorder of votes that he has voted, or shall otherwise establish that he has so voted, such certificate or proof shall operate to extinguish such tax ..... All money collected under this section shall be used for sanitary purposes

The constitutionality of the measure is soon to be passed upon by the supreme court of Missouri. Should it be upheld by that tribunal it is very likely to meet with favor in Michigan and other states.

BIMETALLISTS WON.

The Chicago Record's test vote on the silver question was closed on last Monday evening. Only resident voters of Chicago were allowed to participate and 12,936 of them voted. The proposition was, "Shall silver be coined by the United States at the present ratio of 16 to 1 without international agreement." Of all who voted 8,028 had their votes recorded "yes" and 4,908 voted "no." Thus by a clear majority of 3,120 the bimetallists won. That there is a significance attached to the vote all must admit. It was a test vote made in a large city, far away from silver mines and miners; there was a total absence of the "hayseed" element there, a total absence of any undue influence, it was neither less, nor more than an honest expression of opinion. Judged from that vote there are in the United States two bimetallists to one monometallist. And when it comes to a final test it will be found that throughout the United States that will be about the proportion in which the votes will be cast. The people are not ready to believe silver is not a money metal, they are not ready to believe there is gold enough in the world for the basic money of all the nations, especially now that there is scarcely an ounce of gold in circulation. The vote is a victory for common sense, it is a victory for "honest money" as distinguished from the monometallist's sound money. The Record's test vote was the straw which showed which way the wind blew. It was quite as accurate as a more elaborate weathervane might have done.—Grand Rapids Herald.

WRESTLING IN JAPAN.

How the Almost Naked Athletes Conduct Themselves In the Arena.

According to an article in Current Literature, the contests take place in a huge amphitheater, much like a large circus, sheltered by a bamboo framework covered with matting to keep out the people who do not pay to go in. The top is unroofed. Tiers of boxes of a primitive description line the sides, being reached by ladders from the front. A ring of rice bags incloses the sanded arena, some dozen feet in diameter, in which the combatants meet. The center is occupied by the umpire, a person of much distinction, dressed in an old brocade costume, picturesque enough to Europeans and reminiscent of feudal times. Four judges are also in attendance in case the umpire's decision should be disputed.

The umpire stretches out his fan and shouts something in a strident voice. At this behest the first couple of combatants appear. The dress is scarcely conventional according to occidental ideas. Indeed there is practically no dress at all. Beyond a strip round the loins absolutely nothing is worn. They stride into the ring amid the plaudits of thousands, take a draft of water from a bucket in the corner, sprinkle themselves with the fluid and are ready for the encounter.

Two mighty men are they, with limbs and trunks that would not disgrace Samson. Mountains of muscle some, others mountains of fat. Good humor gleams in their faces. They slap their thighs and stamp their legs like restive horses and then crouch ready for the spring like beasts of prey. The umpire gives the signal to commence, and they bound into each other's embrace. Perhaps the first is parried, so that we have it all over again.

It is a Homeric moment as the champions struggle and sway this way and that until with a final effort one is thrown to the ground. In one instance a heavy man was hurled right over the rice bags by a wiry opponent and would have had a nasty fall off the stage but for the intervention of an attendant placed ready to prevent accidents.

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The C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. lines will sell as usual, for Fourth of July, tickets between all stations on their lines at the rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on July 3rd and 4th, with return limit July 5th.

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FOR FRUGIVOROUS FOOD.

Dr. Felix Oswald's Interesting Contribution to the Literature of Food.

Dr. Felix Oswald contributes to Health Culture an article in which he asserts that what are called "canine teeth" are not canine in any sense or significance. They correspond, he says, to the eye teeth in man—instead of the eye teeth in man corresponding to them, it will be noted—and are enormously developed in several species of baboons that would unhesitatingly prefer a bunch of wild grapes to a porter-house steak. Dr. Oswald does not believe that man is a carnivorous animal, and he terms the idea that man cannot live on a strict vegetable diet "the meat delusion." He notes again that normal children have an aversion to flesh food in its undisguised state, and ridicules the notion that meat promotes muscle and conduces to longevity.

The conclusion is drawn from Dr. Oswald's investigations "that a total abstinence from flesh food would promote the cause of moral as well as physical health," and would contribute no little to advance "the blessings of international peace," and if it would certainly do either there would be sufficient warrant for organizing a society or something to popularize the cause he advocates and persuade people to carry his ideas into general effect. The world will probably go very slow, of course, in giving up its savory "steaks," "cuts," and such things for an exclusive diet of barley bread and dried figs, even with ghee and beans thrown in for the sake of luxury, but the good doctor's essay will not be without its use nevertheless. If our farmers in South Carolina will not raise sheep and cattle in order to supply themselves and us with the beef and mutton products which our souls, so to speak, so persistently crave, there is considerable comfort to be derived from the assurance of so high medical authority that we are all the better and brawnier without them.

FAILURE OF INDIAN MISSIONS.

A Native East Indian Declares Christian Missions a Sheer Waste of Money.

Punishotam Rao Telang declares in an article in the Forum that it is a sheer waste of money to spend it on the missionaries. It does not help the people of India. On the contrary, it only strengthens their own religious faith and creates international prejudice. The people bitterly complain against them for their interference, not only in religion, but in politics, too. What benefit is it to India or America if a few pariahs are Christianized at an enormous cost? I again affirm that it is a waste of money. Send your missionaries to those who have no religion—for instance, to the interior of Africa and the South Sea islands and to the cities of the United States. Let the aim of the missionary be to civilize and educate the savages and barbarians. To India send machinery instead of missionaries. Millions of people are kept back for want of education owing to intense poverty. Send good schoolmasters, mechanics and scientists, and teach your practical arts to our people. This will cost you less than the missionaries.

But let us be friends, and, as children of one God, forget all differences of opinion. You have your religion and you think it the best. If it is the best, keep it yourselves. Christianity is best suited to the western nations. As a religion we do not show disrespect to it, because every religion tends toward the same end, namely, salvation. Christ taught beautiful things, and if all His teachings were strictly followed, the whole world would be a paradise.

IS A SPANKING GOOD JOKE.

How a State Senator's Blunder Filled a Sleeping-Car with Screams.

A prominent state senator lately gave a dinner at the state capital to several of his colleagues on the condition that they would not make public his name in connection with a little affair that recently occurred on the Albany midnight train, says the New York Herald.

The senator is of a lively disposition and somewhat inclined to practical joking. He and an assemblyman occupied a section jointly. The senator went into the smoking-room about nine o'clock. The assemblyman, who had the lower berth, said that he would retire for a short nap.

The senator about half an hour afterward walked down the aisle of the car and stopped opposite his section. The curtains were tightly drawn. By way of a "good joke" on his colleague the senator carefully lifted aside the curtain, administered a rousing slap on the form in the lower berth and hastily retreated to the smoking-room.

A succession of piercing female yells followed. "Great Scott!" ejaculated the senator, attracted by the screams. "Wh—what does this mean?"

"What's the matter?" inquired the assemblyman, peering out of an adjoining upper berth.

"What are you doing in that berth?" asked the senator.

"Why, there was a lady who had this berth and, as she did not like an upper one I exchanged with her. I forgot to tell you about it."

Republic or Monarchy.

In 1871, before the French national assembly had decided whether the new constitution was to be monarchial or republican, the count of Paris visited the palace at Versailles. As he entered the salon Jules Simon met him and bowing said: "If we are in a republic, you are in my house and I shall be delighted to do the honors. If we are in a monarchy, I am in yours." The count laughed and said: "Let us go in together."

Queer Damage Suit.

A man returning recently to a provincial town from Paris, with a portmanteau containing an urn in which had been placed the ashes of a leading citizen of the town, left the cremated remains in charge, temporarily, of the baggage master at a railroad station. By a mistake the portmanteau was handed to another, and the family of the dead man have instituted a suit for damages against the company.

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Boston, Mass., Christian Endeavor Society. Sell July 5 to 8. Return limit July 22. Limit will be extended to July 31 under certain conditions.

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