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FREE SILVER AND THE FARMERS.

The advocate of the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at 16 to 1 may be classified into three groups:

1. Those who honestly believe that free coinage of silver would be a benefit to the people;

2. The silver miners and those interested in the production of silver as a commodity;

3. Politicians who recognize in their localities a free silver sentiment and seek to secure and hold office by catering to it.

It is not our purpose here to refer to but one class, the first, or rather one element of that class, the farmers.

There is no doubt that the great majority of the advocates of free silver are among the farmers. Without their support the movement for free silver would be too insignificant to make itself felt.

It is not worth while now to inquire into the cause of the hold which this fallacy, like so many others, has among the agriculturists. We merely wish to insist that the cause of unearned money would fall upon the farmer with as heavy a blight as upon any other class. He is just as much interested in having the best currency as the banker, the merchant, the manufacturer and the daily wage-worker.

Some of the delusions which have found lodgment with the farmers are that free coinage of silver would increase the amount of money in the country, which it would make so plentiful that everybody could get it in abundance; that it would especially benefit the farmers at the expense of the banks and the capitalists; that it would double the prices of everything the farmer has to sell.

These are all grievous errors. Free coinage of silver, in addition to plunging the country into panic and disaster from which farmers and all classes would suffer as they never have suffered in this country, would drive out of circulation one-third of our money and put the remainder upon a fluctuating basis from which no man to-day would know what to expect to-morrow. Moreover, the farmer would be a particularly helpless victim of such a system, for he would sell most of his products at prices fixed in gold-standard countries, while he would buy his supplies at prices under the silver standard which would prevail in this country. This would mean not only that he would have to sell more cheaply than he could buy, but that he would afford the foreign purchaser of his products a margin for a handsome profit at his expense by payment in silver.

It is not true that the bankers and the business men are any more interested in a sound money currency than the farmers, or that free coinage could benefit the men of the country at the expense of the men of the cities. But even if this were true, the farmers could not expect to prosper by ruining the great commercial and industrial classes, for all classes are dependent upon each other, and the farming class could not strike itself a severer blow than to strike the commercial classes such a blow as the silver farmers say they could strike through free coinage.—Conrier-Journal.

MONEY SAVED.—The prompt payment of the policy held by Knight of the Maccabees W. Lewis Withers should be an incentive to many who carry no insurance to join the Order. This is the second policy promptly paid by the K. O. T. M. since the first lodge was organized in the county three years ago, or \$4,000 in all, and less than \$100 would cover total amount paid out on both. In Stanford lodge alone insurance is carried to the amount of about \$75,000, and as it costs about one-third less than old line companies, which do not conduct business for health alone, it will be readily seen that the amount saved by Stanford has been about \$3,150. Desirous to say or do something for the good of the Order and fellowmen, I ask a thoughtful consideration of the grand Order of the Knights of the Maccabees, and our members here should with renewed vigor push a good thing along.

JOE F. WATERS.

We commend the wisdom of Governor Bradley in the selection of Col. W. P. Walton, editor of the Stanford Interior Journal, to be one of the six commissioners for the two schools of reform for boys and girls, soon to be created in this State. Fearless, frank and fair-minded, Col. Walton has battled faithfully, heroically and continually for the suppression of crime and the maintenance of law and order, and no man has done more for the morals of his section than he has. The honor is a fitting reward for his noble efforts in behalf of the amelioration of society, and if the board will but listen to his practical suggestions, Kentucky will have cause also to be proud of his appointment.—Richmond Register.

—The Millersburg local option election contest has been decided in favor of the saloon men. It was dismissed on the grounds that the papers of contest did not have the required number of signers at the time of trial. We understand that the local optionists will take an appeal to a higher court.

LANCASTER, GARRARD COUNTY.

—Salutations to the new member of the I. J. staff.

—The Garrard county court has contracted with the Champion Iron Company, of Cleveland, O., for new jail cells, to cost \$2,127.72.

—There will be mass democratic meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock May 30th, to select delegates to the State and district convention, which meets in Lexington on June 3rd.

—William Walker entertained the members of the junior social club on Friday evening at his inviting country home a few miles of Lancaster.

—Miss Francis Collier was at home yesterday (Monday) evening in honor of her attractive visitor, Miss Mamie Lewis, of Louisville. The hours were from 8 to 12.

—Rev. T. J. Crawford, of Paint Lick, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. P. Nelson on Sunday morning and preached at the Presbyterian church on "Infant Baptism."

—Miss Sallie Anderson's school, taught at old Franklin Institute, will close Friday week with appropriate exercises, to which patrons and the public generally are cordially invited.

—Miss Helen Thurmond, who has taught a very successful school at Rice Academy, gave a picnic last week to her pupils. The merry party went to Chestnut's Ford and enjoyed the day's sport.

—Died at her home in Jessamine last week, Mrs. Elizabeth Mays, the aged mother of Dr. N. Mays, of Paint Lick. The funeral occurred on Tuesday and Dr. Mays and family were in attendance.

—The new books arrived last week from Knoxville for Lancaster's circulating library. The books are all standard works, such as the writings of Dickens, Reade, Caine, Corelli, Barwer, Scott and others.

—Since Lancaster sent over quite a delegation to your town Saturday to witness the drill of the Central University cadets in uniform, we think you people might be so social and return the favor on Decoration Day.

—Miss Amanda Anderson will close her school at Mason's school house, May 22d. The more advanced pupils have been preparing for a Demorest contest. Suitable judges will be selected to make a decision for the silver medal.

—There will also be a game of base ball between the Nicholasville and Lancaster teams on Decoration Day, besides the other numerous attractions. The Lancaster band, which now compares so favorably with professional ones, will furnish the music for that day.

—A commodious dwelling is being erected by the Ward Bros. upon the site opposite Dr. B. F. Walter's residence. Should the new street be opened from Richmond street to the Buckeye pike, many lots will be purchased of Dr. Herring and houses erected thereon.

—Mr. Ed Price sold a cow and calf to Mr. Curtis Barnum, of Richmond, for \$35; J. C. Napier sold a car load of hogs to J. G. Galloway at 2¢; L. M. Cratchfield sold nine shoats to Sam Murphy for \$13; Ayers Leavell shipped a car load of fine, well-fattened hogs to the city from Point Leavell. They brought 3¢.

—It was with regret the news was learned here of the recent death of John Gould at his home in Indiana. Young Mr. Gould was here last summer on a visit to his cousins, Messrs. Raymond and Joe Hadden. The young man, together with his parents, was a resident of Lancaster for a number of years and was regarded as a bright, promising boy.

—A telegram was received here several days since bearing the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Wm. F. Kruger in Ohio. Mr. Kruger was married four years ago to Miss Sarah Cronly Hopper, a handsome woman and a daughter of Mrs. Anne B. Hopper, of this place. Mr. Kruger and wife had been traveling for several months, thinking a continual change of climate might benefit the health of the former, but the change availed nothing, for death ever in the footsteps of young and old alike, soon claimed him for another victim.

—Miss Mamie Lewis, of Louisville, is the guest of Miss Fannie Collier. Miss Pearl Ashley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Parrott, of Lexington. Miss Janie Shumate, one of the assistant teachers in the Lancaster graded school, left for her home in Daville on Friday. Rev. F. M. Hill and wife are guests of Mrs. Hill's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Grinstead, of Perryville. Prof. L. V. Dodge, of Berea, was the guest the first of the week of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Patterson. Messrs. Jean, Mack and J. M. Boner, of Boyle, were visitors in our city Sunday.

—W. T. Warne, of Easton, Pa., has been in our midst on business for several days past. C. D. Portwood, of Lawrenceburg, visited Lancaster friends on Sunday. Miss Theodora Leavell, of Richmond, visited her cousin, Mrs. Kachel Hempbill, this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kinnaird were guests of Dr. and Mrs. William Barnside, of Barbourville. Dr. T. J. Acton and wife, of Eubanks, visited Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Gastineau last week.

—Thomas Grover, of Columbus, Ga., whipped his wife because she kicked in her sleep and her father in law shot him to death.

HUSTONVILLE.

—The Christian church roof has been newly painted by H. R. Camnitz.

—The funeral of Dudley Peyton, of Moreland, took place at our cemetery Friday afternoon. The day before while out practicing with a revolver, in company with Chris Wrenn and perhaps others, he was shot in the eye, the wound causing his death shortly afterward. It was supposed to have been an accident.

—Last week while John A. Frye was unloading some lumber at Moreland, his team of mules started to run away. He grasped the bridle, but was thrown under the wagon, the wheels passing over his body and breaking the thigh bone in the upper half. This is a serious and painful accident and Mr. Frye has the sympathy of all his friends.

—Friday night last Madame Cecilia Eppinghausen Bailey sang according to announcement at the Christian church. She completely captured the hearts of the audience by the rendition of her first number and very graciously responded to numerous encores. She was assisted by Misses Dolly Brown Williams and Mary Holmes Lusk. Miss Williams is thought as much of at home as a musician as abroad, which is saying a good deal as she has established an enviable reputation as a pianiste wherever she has accompanied Mme. Bailey. This appearance of Miss Lusk was in the nature of a debut since she has just returned from Chicago, where she had taken a special course in education. She was received with great enthusiasm and was recalled every time she made her appearance. On the whole the entertainment was delightful and inspiring.

—Col. Josh Swope is back from his winter wanderings and again his bright smile beams upon his friends. Neither the hard times nor the drought has converted him from his free silver heresy.

—Miss Kate Jones has returned from a two weeks' visit to Mrs. Goffinger, of Herdshurg. Mrs. Isaac Steele and Mrs. Collins have returned from a visit to Williamsburg. When Mr. Fiddler married Miss Lou Drye he took away one of our nicest and most popular girls and if she gets all the happiness her friends wish for she will find life very pleasant.

—John Coffey, of Columbia, was in our town last week. Miss Sallie Cook, of Stanford, has been visiting Miss Lou Bocker. G. M. Givens made a flying trip to Perryville last week. J. B. Cook of Lawrenceburg, was here to take in the Mme. Bailey concert. Hon. George E. Stone, of Liberty, was here Friday. Miss Julia Stegg, of Liberty, was in town Friday.

SOMEWHAT LOCAL.

—The Watts Iron Furnace at Middleboro is making 100 tons of pig a day. Middleboro will issue \$15,000 of bonds for the erection of a new school building.

—The bank of Perryville with a capital \$15,000 is a certainty. J. A. Carpenter, formerly of Stanford, is one of the stockholders.

—The Corbin Enterprise says that 311 engines were handled in the L. & N. yards there during the past month and that 418 cars were repaired in the shops.

—The Middleboro Herald publishes a notice of commissioner's sale of the property of the Southern Land Improvement Co., which occupies 19 columns. There may be no money in it for the creditors, but the printer will reap a rich harvest.

—The jury in the case of Lee Boyle at Lebanon, failed to agree. A motion for bail was granted, and the prisoner gave bond in the sum of \$1,000. He is charged with being a member of the mob that murdered Devers and Mrs. West. Boyle is from Garrard.

—William J. Owsley, who has been under treatment at Oswego, N. Y., for several months has been brought to Lexington and placed in High Oaks Private Sanitarium. There has been little improvement in his mental condition, though his friends are still hopeful of his recovery.

—Leading Swiss citizens of Bernstadt, Laurel county, took Edward Smallwood, Mary Lovins and Tobe Lovins from a house of ill-fame, kept by the two last named, tied and unmercifully whipped them, after which fire was set to the house. Smallwood is said to be in a dangerous condition. The matter will be investigated by the grand jury next week.

RAINING IN KANSAS.—Writing from Hiawatha, May 14, Dr. L. R. Yates says: This section has had 30 hours almost continuous rain in the past two days, and at this hour, 2 p. m., the clouds are still heavy, with prospects of more rain. Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska have enjoyed good rains during the present week. All crops look very promising. That is a good story of Dr. Peyton; he ought to buy that mule. I hope Kentucky has had good rains before this time.

—The large Markham House at Atlanta, Ga., was destroyed by fire Sunday. At midnight other buildings were burning, and the loss will probably reach \$300,000.

CRAB ORCHARD.

—Spring chickens are beginning to come in and we are happy even if the butcher shop don't run.

—The Rev. J. T. French, of Ashland, is to be tried in the police court on the charge of using abusive language on the streets.

—The basket dinner at Mt. Olivet church Saturday was largely attended by the citizens of Crab Orchard, services being held by Rev. J. G. Livingston.

—After serving the Presbyterian congregation at Springfield for 35 years, the Rev. Miles Saunders has resigned because his flock are in arrears for salary for several years back.

—Miss Linda Tucker and Miss Woods are guests of Miss Eva Steger. Miss Paulina Hays, who spent the winter with her son in Van Alstyne, Texas, has arrived in Crab Orchard and will live with her daughter, Mrs. Joe McClure, through the summer.

—Rev. H. N. Faulconer, of Danville, who has been holding a protracted meeting here for the past two weeks, with the assistance of Dr. McDonald, organized a Presbyterian church here Sunday, with about 35 members to begin on. It is almost an assured fact now that this denomination, who are active workers always, will build a church here soon.

—Mrs. Hannah Jones, who has long been a sufferer from cancer, died at 9 o'clock Saturday night and was buried Sunday. In her case death came as a sweet relief; she had expressed herself as ready and willing to go so often and had made every preparation, even to having her burial robe prepared. Mrs. Jones, who was known to many as Miss Hannah Sweet, for a number of years kept the toll-gate both on the Stanford and Lancaster pikes and was a favorite with the entire community, who were ready to administer to her at all times until death came to her.

—Mrs. Pollock, of Maywood, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Pleasants. Miss Ada Herrin is up from the Glades on a visit to her father, Mr. Isaac Herrin. The many friends of Mrs. Eliza Carson will be glad to hear that she is able to go visiting and is much improved in health.

—Miss Lilla Phillips, of Stanford, is the guest of Mrs. R. G. Collier. Mr. J. H. Stephens, of Lexington, spent a few days with friends here the past week. Mr. W. R. Dillon, of Livingston, was among friends in our town Saturday. Mr. Geo. Harris went to Louisville Sunday to take a position with the Price & Lucas Cider and Vinegar Co. Mr. Scott Anderson has gone to Louisville to visit his brother, Rev. John Anderson.

CHURCH CHIMES.

—Rev. W. W. Bruce was appointed by the late Presbytery at Somerset to represent it at the General Assembly, South, at its meeting in Memphis the latter part of this month. He will go.—Hustonsville cor. Danville Advocate.

—The Turnersville church is agitating the advisability of uniting with the Christian church of Stanford and McCormacks and getting a big tent for a mammoth meeting to be conducted by one of the biggest guns.

—"Fifty years a Methodist and steadfast in the faith" is the compliment one of our exchanges pays one of his brethren. And it is a compliment. It means a great deal for a man to be fixed firmly in his religious views, even if they are wrong in some respects. The unstable man is the uncertain quantity in religion.—Baptist Recorder.

—Judge Vincent Boring, of London, is a delegate to the General Conference of the Northern Methodist Church at Cleveland and has been placed on several important committees. He has introduced resolutions to change the quarterly meeting to semi-annual conferences, to change the Discipline which speaks of the "Holy Catholic" to the "Universal Church" and to shorten the term of probation from six to three months.

—The Southern Baptist convention at Chattanooga adopted this red hot prohibition resolution, after considerable debate and objection because it was of a political nature: We reassert our truceless and uncompromising hostility to the manufacture, sale, and importation of alcoholic beverages in any and all their forms. We regard the policy of issuing government licenses for the purpose of carrying on the liquor traffic as a sin against God and a dishonor to our people. We furthermore announce it as our conviction that we should by all legitimate means oppose the liquor in municipality, State and nation. Furthermore we announce it as the sense of this body that no person should be retained in the fellowship of a Baptist church who engages in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, either at wholesale or retail, who invests his money in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors or members who drink liquors as beverage or visit saloons or drinking places for the purpose of said indulgence.

—All of the quintuplets born to Mrs. Oscar Lyons, of Mayfield, have died. The bodies have all been embalmed and will be kept on exhibition.

—Hannin's Nightingale dropped dead on the course at Louisville.

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