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#### THE MONEY CORNER.

No goldite, or banker, or monopolist, scarcity of money, and the "endless chain" that so repeatedly has depleted the gold reserve of the Treasury, are both due directly to the demonstization of silver. Even now when money in every form is so scarce that in New and other money-centres callmoney has gone up to 9 per cent. and higher on good commercial paper, and it is confessed that most of the country outside of the cities is suffering from a currency famine, entailing incalculable losses and deprivations on labor and production, the anti-silver contractionists will not see what is the matter though it is as plain to everybody who

What remedy is proposed by the Re-Nothing-but an enlarged issue tors and others on Interest-bearing U. NOTHING AT ALL FOR THE them. Mr. Dawes, Comptroller of the rrency, in a current article in the Forum on "The Present Outlook for Currency Reform," says that all that is to be expected from the next session of this Republican Congress is a temporary recognition of gold as the stand ard of value and a temporary refusal to re-issue greenbacks, once paid into the Treasury, except for gold.

nave any practical effect, will be in the line of further contraction of the currency,-a policy that positively tends to pauperize the masses of the people, to make the middle-classes mere clerks, agents and servants of the mono-metallist monopolists who are taking every mean advantage of the money-famine that prevails. Gold and bank-notes, with all still outstanding standard silver dollars and greenbacks, are demonstrated and confessed to be inadequate for city needs, not to speak of the wants of the whole country and people outside of the cities, who are practically moneyless and have been for many years, except during the war with Spain, drought in Europe and South America, and plague and famine in India, when some growers of corn and wheat, who had not sold to speculators, realized good prices in spite of silver demonetization, on the calamities of other nations.

Are we as a people to offer up thanksgiving for our reef-wrecking, and to put up prayers for more wrecks? If not, what are we to expect from a sys-tem of continual contraction of money and currency, in face of a continual expansion of population, transactions and all the needs and demands for an adequate medium of exchange and circu-The silver demonetization act passed February 12, 1873,-over 26 years ago,-and ever since our money and currency have been unnaturally and continuously contracted by the less of one of the greatest natural sources of constitutional metallic money. We are deprived of that supply, and nothing is

provided to replace it.

The government by the act of 1873 is of the money-power and banks. It would not be so bad, if it could, to contract the wheat supply and so run up the price for the forestallers like Lieter in '98, and Armour this year.

The Boer War lingers so that it has become a bore.

WHY PERJURY FOR GOLD?

Senator Aldrich says he will introduc into the U. S. Senate, on its first day a bill to establish the single gold standard. Some persons have been declaring that that standard was established by the act of 1873, and is still the standard; but, if the act of 1873 established it, it was repealed by the act of 1878. The Richmond Times, however, declares that the single gold standard was fixed by the act of Congress of 1834 and is still the standard; but if that be true, why the act of 1873, or why another act to make gold the standard?

But, as we have said, if the gold dollar was made the single standard in 1873, the so-called double-standard, of both the gold and silver standard dolboth the gold and silver standard of the Transvaal. The German and of value, however, is not necessarily restricted to one material or metal; and the experience of the world for centuries shows that not only is this true as to free and unlimited gold and silver substantially, but that a standard represented by the two metals must be more steadfast and less variable than if represented only by one; for by the constant, mutual operation of both, each checks and supports the other in n state of equilibrium, which cannot to any appreciable extent; while the single metal, or value, is sure to vary with every increase or decrease of demand, quantity and other causes.

But where is the warrant for a sin-gle gold standard? How did Congress become invested with the power to destroy money, or one of its immemorial and natural sources? The Federal constitution forbids the States to coin and issue money, and bestows the sole, exclusive power on Congress to do so, as

"The Congress shall have power to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin."

And, in that form, the power became grent and important duty, limited only by the needs and demands of the State and people, and restricted to neither silver, nor gold-coin consisting that date of gold and silver, and chiefly used by all the people as silver. In the following section, the constitution declares that "No State shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." It may phyment of debts, as all the States any officer, or institution, or person, ir anywise prevent, or obstruct, any citior silver, it must be a gross and high violation of the fundamental law of the mon right and privilege.

If the constitutional provisions as to coining and coin are not valid, sa-cred and inviolable, what are so? Mr. Aldrich and all the Federal Senators and Representatives in Congress, sol-emnly swear to "preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States." What part of the sacred instrument is excepted from that oath? There may be nothing in the world against the single gold standard, except that single constitution, and the single oath to preserve and defend it. But why shall anyone perjure himself for gold? Why shall he violate the constitution for gold?

### LET US HAVE HIGHER MANHOOD.

In some late wrecks on the ocean, where formerly the heroism of man was wont to display itself to the everlasting honor of human nature, there have been exhibitions of cowardly, base and selfish meanness that were probably unknown in the annals of all time, until the human brutes had been taught in the life-schools of this inventive, money-making and recreant Pari passu, as the world century. grows rich, men become beasts; not sideration, as in the fire at a Paris charity some years ago, the so-called better classes showed themselves the worst; but the love of money is the stimulant of selfishness and tends to suppress every generous and manly sentiment; and what is money and its power without life to exert and enjoy it?

We are too material and practical and every succeeding generation will become more sordid and degenerate unless, in spite of modern positive philosophy, we set up schools where the sentimental, poetic, chivalric, heroic impulsive, generous and self-denvine virtues, feelings, emotions and noblest verities are boldly inculcated as the noblest manhood and the wisest practice. We can hardly be angels, or gods; but is it necessary that we should be deliberately hogs, with devils inbred?

### ANOTHER AFRICAN REPUBLIC IN DANGER.

A Berlin journal says that Liberia acting in collusion with the cornerers of is, that Liberia is becoming of value money to contract money and currency so as to put the people at the mercy powers and England. France and Ger-

which Henry Clay was President, in 1816. It has a coast of 500 miles in length and 50 miles in breadth. It has a Republican form of government, consisting at first of the emancipated slaves of the Southern States of America, which have since been largely increased by native Africans. Not only has the population of Liberia grown sheer misrepresentation of European powers and intruders that describe it a fadlure, because they desire to take it from the negroes.

At first, whites were excluded; but these have crept in until now they monopolize the chief business of the Republic, at the expense of the colored people, and it is these "outlanders" who are pronouncing the doom of Li-English settlers are impatient of negro rule, and the colored Liberians are likely to be soon exterminated, or expelled, if the United States do speedily interfere to save the Black Re-

Will America-nay, will a Republican administration and Presidentabandon this first American colony to a greedy set of interlopers, who should be excluded from the African Republic, and which cannot remain free with such invaders?

The story that Editor McLean, of Ohio, if elected Democratic Governor of that State, will at once take the field as the competitor of Mr. Bryan for the Democratic Presidential nominee. has no probability at all in it. If Mr. McLean succeeds as Governor of Ohio, that will be glory enough for him for one day; and he is not likely to take theodium and risks of combating Bryan as an introduction to a contest with McKiniey and Hanna, backed by the National Office and Money-trust, even if he were sure of crowding Bryan out

Besides, as far as known, the rela-tions between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Mc-Lean are frank and friendly, and Mr. Bryan is to speak in Ohio in behalf of McLean on the 17th, 18th and 19th, at points to be designated by the latte The Democrats of 1896 broke the yoke of political bossism, and they are not likely so soon to fall under another bondage hardly better than that of gold and Cleveland.

### FREE SPEECH

We beg to differ in opinion with those who think Mr. Thomas S. Martin a fit man for U. S. Senator from Virginia. or Attorney, and an expert Lobbyist; but he is no Senator, judged by our records. He is no speaker, nor writer, nor actor; he has originated, championed, defended nothing in Congress; "he is not in any sense the free choice of the people or the legislature of this State, nor a representative of her.

Mr. Martin represents modern poliin its worst ways, means and methods, and he has taught us the sad lesson in Virginia that Addicks is attempting in Delaware, and that has been illustrated in other States by Quays, Hannas, Platts, and such men, who debauch and demoralize the highest service by the lowest tricks and practices. Alas, for Virginia!

he and his cabinet "swung around the circle," President McKinley said:

These great assemblages of the pec-"These great assemblages of the people teach patriotism, and patriotism is the mighty power that sustains the Government in peace and unites us all in war. The patriot loves his home, his family, his profession, his farm, his books; but he has a great love which includes all these—he loves his country. (Great applause). No more splendid exhibition of patriotism was ever shown than was shown a few days ago in the distant Philippines." (Applause). plause).

Yes: the patriot loves HIS country! But what is that which inspires him to leave his country, and wrest another country from its people? Is it patriot-ism? No, fellow-Americans! It may predatory and incursive spirit of Goths, Huns and Vandals, or the proselyting mania of the Turks, or the greedy ambition of Napoleon, or the English; but it is not patriotism, but its negation.

And Mr. McKinley can praise American patriotism on a raid abroad, what has he to say of the patriotism of the Filipinos? Are they dead to the sentiment? No! as they have already proved by dying for their islands with persistent, if not heroic, and cheerful alacrity. Great heaven! are we to be praised for our patriotism in the Philinplines, and Filipinos to be treated as rebels and traitors? God save the

### OPINIONS OF THE PRESS THE SENATORIAL RACE.

DISSATISFACTION.

A Berlin journal says that Liberia, the black Republic of Africa, is doomed, and will soon cease to exist, as England and France are both scheming to gobble it up, while Germany has interests there that she will not readily surrender to any other nation. The truth is, that Liberia is becoming of value and importance in Africa to the great powers, and England, France and Germany are seeking pretexts to seize it, each for itself, or for partition.

But the United States should have something to say as to the fate of Liberia. It was originally founded as an American colony on the grain-coast of Upper Gumea, under the auspices of the American Colonial Society, of (Farmer and Fisherman.)

how we expect him to stand by his follow representatives who will go from this Shore? Who favors the mass meeting? Let us hear from the people. It has been suggested that our people instruct Mr. Donahoe at the polls in the general election. Whatever is done can only get its start in this instance through a mass meeting, and if the people have been repressed or through over-confidence have been imposed upon, they should rise in their might and undo the trickery worked upon them. Elizabeth City cannot elect a Democratic representative. We come to her rescue and assist her in obtaining one and always, through courtesy concade to her the right to name the candidate, and in view of these concessions we think it no more than justice and a due return of courtesy to consult us as to our sentiments upon questions in which we are interested, and unless some regard is paid to our wishes in this matter we cannot predict a walk-over for Mr. Donahoe, should an independent candidate come out and promise to support Tyler.

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Why such indifference? The fact is

Why such indifference? The fact is Why such indifference? The fact is, the people have become thoroughly disgusted with machine methods; and well they may, when it is possible for such an insignificant minority as that which espoused the cause of Thomas S. Martin to dominate the county constantiant of the county county county constantiant of the county S. Martin to dominate the county convention—as was recently done—and thus foist upon the people candidates instructed to vote for a man for United States Senator positively against the will of perhaps two-thirds of the Democratic voters of the county. That state of affairs can't last. The great mass of Democratic voters will not tolerate such outrageous methods as have recently been enacted in the name of the Democratic party of the county—a travesty against the true principles of Democracy.

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