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THE SILVER QUESTION

COMMENTING on the old stock argument that if the United States adopted the free coinage of silver this country would become the dump of the world for the white metal, the Lake City (Colo.) Times says:

"This idea was born in the ignorance and nurtured in the prejudice that has been assiduously cultivated in the east to further the ulterior designs of the great money trust that has its being and lair in Wall street, New York. A little reasoning will show how fallacious is the contention: Unless owners of silver plate and wares are willing to sacrifice it for one-half its manufactured value, just to gratify an insane desire to swamp America with silver, there isn't the slightest danger that the stuff will be subjected to the expense of being refined in the melting pot. And of course owners of foreign silver coins that are worth a dollar to them could send them to America to be coined into seventy-five cents worth of American money, with the costs of recoinage to be paid additionally, but do you really think it is very probable that they would do so? And is it reasonable to suppose that non-silver producing countries would join with silver producing America, Canada, Mexico, and the South American states to deprive the first of a profitable revenue by speculating in silver? These are financial fallacies that are only serious because the American people accepted them for a time as substantial arguments.

PRESIDENT WILSON DEVELOPS WEAKNESS

PRESIDENT WILSON evidences a growing purpose to exercise all the rights given him under the constitution and more than are permitted by ancient usage. He had congress with him at the beginning of his term and harmony prevailed under the great dome at Washington. Recently, however, he has begun evidencing a lust for greater power and at the same time has found his support in both senate and house slipping away, although both bodies are of his own political faith. His retention of Secretary Bryan, against the wishes of the people, is not strengthening the chief executive. The narrow margin by which his veto of the immigration bill was sustained should have shown Mr. Wilson that he is not a representative of the will of his constituents. Nor did the administration tariff bill and the war tax measure that was enacted to bolster it up prove popular. Lastly, Mr. Wilson has almost definitely announced that if he cannot cram his ship bill down the throat of congress before adjournment, he will call an extra session. The president is not making the brilliant success of his administration which was promised when he took his seat.

THERE IS GOOD IN ALL MEN

OF all the races of the world the one which the American people hold in least esteem is the Japanese. The relationship existing between the two countries is one of diplomatic courtesy impinged upon animosity that at times almost approaches an open rupture. The traits of the Japanese are not those of the Caucasian and there can be no assimilability or intermarriage. Yet an incident occurred the other day in Utah which demonstrates that the little brown man may develop a self-sacrificing heroism that entitles him to the highest praise. The instance at point is that of Kihara, a Nipponese section man who was attacked by other workmen and left to die alone, after sustaining mortal wounds. Kihara's hand-car was on the track, in the path of an approaching train laden with human lives. He struggled in vain to take it from the rails and then with his rapidly ebbing strength he crawled down the track, affixed a torpedo which saved the train and died before he could be taken to the nearest hospital. No matter what we may think of his race, we must honor and extol the memory of Kihara.

OUR SHABBY LEGATIONS

IT is not creditable to the United States that its ambassadors are shabbily housed in foreign capitals except when they happen to be men of great wealth who can afford to pay more than their official for rent alone. Only those who have seen the contrast between our foreign embassies and ministries and those of other great powers in the same cities can appreciate the need for keeping up appearances in this respect. This is an old story, but it will acquire added interest and importance when peace is restored in Europe, because the United States then will be or should be the leader of the civilized world. Such a position should be evidenced by outward and visible signs in every national capital which will be lacking as long as we underpay our diplomatic representatives and force them to live in mean lodgings unless they are able and willing to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining establishments in keeping with the dignity of their office.

A VERY COMMENDABLE RESOLUTION

THE Bonanza is pleased to note that its recent suggestion that the time for doing annual work on unpatented mining claims should terminate on June 30 instead of December 31 of each year, because of climatic and financial reasons, has come to the attention of the Nevada legislature. Mr. Young has introduced assembly joint and concurrent resolution No. 4, which covers this matter. The resolution petitions congress to amend the act of January 22, 1880, to cover this point. There could be no possible objection to the modification of the statute as suggested, while there are many points in its favor. It is to be hoped that this resolution will receive the unanimous support of both houses and be favorably considered by congress.

The arrest of Ector, I. W. W., on a charge of treason seems to be a move in the right direction. It would be well to let such fellows know that there is such a crime as treason. Heretofore they have habitually committed it without rebuke.—Gazette.

Of all the warring nations, Russia is least perplexed over the possibility of a food shortage. That is probably due to the number of blind pigs that have developed there since prohibition was ordered.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Sheridan's ride today would be on a motorcycle.—Rockford Republic.

And that reminds us—hasn't the Delaware peach crop been declared a failure yet?—Rochester Democrat.

The world is a ball of yarn, from which humanity is knitting socks for soldiers.—Baltimore American.

This much for the pessimist—he never tries to stick his head through a solid concrete wall.—Toledo Blade.

We may be a fourth-class naval power, but we have none of our strength in Davy Jones' locker.—Chicago Post.

The Juarez bookmakers should drop horse racing and gamble on Mexican presidents for a while.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

At this time of the year clothing and "gents' furnishings" are reduced. But so are many "gents."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

If Villa really has \$15,000,000 it would seem that he would buy a few suits of clothes, or, at least, a new hat.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Senator Borah, it is said, voted for Bryan in 1896. But he has worn gravel in his shoes ever since. Some men suffer in silence.—Toledo Blade.

Henry Ford says he can take every convict from Sing Sing and make a man out of him. They would be called Fords?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Human ingenuity becomes exhausted in the course of time, even in the matter of the manufacturer of startling automobile horns.—Rochester Democrat.

"Dr. Wiley says a man is a fool to take one drink before he is forty." Usually men who drink before they are 40 don't, doctor.—Richmond News-Leader.

NEW ELECTION LAW ENACTED IN CHINA

PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC NEED NOT BE OF CHINESE BIRTH

(By Associated Press.) PEKING, Feb. 10.—A ten-year term of office for the president of China, with eligibility to further terms, is the principal feature of the new election law passed by the provisional constitution conference. In a covering note published with the law the conference declares that China cannot be subjected to the dangers and alarms of frequent presidential elections. Other features of the law are:

That the president shall be a male citizen of the republic (therefore not necessarily a Chinese) at least forty years of age; and that he shall have resided in China for a period of twenty years. That at the time of the presidential election the president shall carefully and reverently nominate three persons from whom his successor must be chosen. That the electoral college shall be composed of fifty members of each house, the Li Fa Yuan and the Tsan Cheng Yuan, the members being elected by ballot amongst themselves. That the election shall take place in Peking. That the electoral college may vote for the re-election of the president as well as for the candidates he nominates. That there shall be an attendance of three-fourths of the membership and a vote of two-thirds of those present in order to elect. That "when the year of election ar-

rives, should the members of the Tsan Cheng Yuan (the senate) consider it a political necessity the then president may be re-elected for another term by a two-thirds majority of the Tsan Cheng Yuan without a formal election."

The Peking Daily News says: "Frankly, the law is not republican, as the term is understood abroad, but it is Chinese. And the Chinese who legislate for China may be trusted to know what is best for the country during its transition stage. Whatever may be its (the law's) defect it has to be conceded that it has been designed to meet the peculiar needs of China."

CHINESE GOVERNMENT PAYS AN OLD CLAIM

(By Associated Press.) PEKING, Feb. 10.—The Chinese government has granted the sum of \$50,000 to the heirs of Bert R. Hicks of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to Albert N. Sheldon and Philip Hofman. These Americans were teachers in the Chinese college at Chentu in the interior province of Szechwan, and while on a journey down the Yangtze Kiang were attacked by river pirates. Hicks was killed, Sheldon permanently, and Hofman slightly injured. Twenty-five thousand dollars goes to the heirs of Hicks, \$20,000 to Sheldon, and \$5,000 to Hofman, who is now back again teaching in Chentu. The Chinese government has paid this compensation in order to demonstrate its intention to protect foreigners who accept positions under it and come to China.

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