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We believe silver will have her day again, and that soon.

The people should have unlimited sway in framing a constitution for their State.

The chances for the location of a large cotton mill in Shreveport seem to be brightening.

Let us try free coinage for awhile any way. Certainly our condition cannot be much worse.

We scarcely believe that the people will endorse the constitutional bill to be submitted this week.

The voice of the people is even more powerful than our Supreme Court, and the Knights of Pythias will be made to know it

"The people are sovereign" is a bitterly disappointing hallucination, as applied to Louisiana. The politicians are sovereign in our State.

The silver advocates want silver as primary money; itself redemption money on a parity with gold in the ratio of 16 1, to wherever redemption is necessary.

On account of the meeting of the National Educational Association, at Buffalo, N. Y., the Cotton Belt Route will sell round trip tickets July 4 and 5, from Shreveport, at $35.10.

Men insure for the benefit of their wives and children; and few will, we opine, trust their affairs with the Knights of Pythias after their refusal to pay the Daughtry claim.

The person who expects anything in the nature of a reform to emanate from the present Legislature, certainly understands little of the dominant spirit in the political affairs of our State.

We will venture that while the Knights of Pythias Endowment Rank has successfully refused to pay the Daughtry claim, the $3,000 saved thereby will be a bagatelle to what it will lose by the operation.

Cotton Belt Route will tickets June 26, 27, 28 and 29, from Shreveport to Richmond, Va., account Confederate Veterans Reunion at rate of $24.75 for round trip. Final limit for return twenty days from date of sale.

Reports from the corn crop are very discouraging. News comes of the sad havoc played by the drought, and in some localities in Texas farmers have abandoned all hope of raising corn, and have been cutting the stalks for fodder.

The nomination of Hon. R. P. Bland for President by the Democrats, would be a well-earned compliment to a man who has been faithful to duty under the most trying circumstances; even in opposition to the dictatorial threats of Grover Cleveland.

Sixteen to one does not mean, as some seem to think, that the government must coin sixteen silver dollars for everyone of gold, but it means that one ounce, pound or whatever denomination of weight you may select, of gold shall be worth sixteen of silver. That is the present ratio.

The editor of THE PROGRESS has evidently opened a bicycle shop. Judg—from the utterances of his pipe organ he has a Meteor or Andrae Wheel in his head.—Sunday Judge.

Yes, and when we attach to it the crank and gas engine who does writing for you, we can easily keep up the supply of damphools who seek employment from you, in that capacity.

Hon. C. J. Boatner defeated Mr. Benoit for Congress from the Fifth District. THE PROGRESS has heard of no grave charges of fraud, nor whether Mr. Benoit will again protest. It likewise deplores that a Democrat of Mr. Boatner's ability was forced to rely on the negro vote for his election, while the white suffrages went in a majority to Mr. Benoit. Is the Democratic party any longer the party of the white people in Louisiana?

"DEW TELL NEOW."

It is strange that Mr. Cal D. Hicks, editor of THE PROGRESS, can't write something that people can understand, or in other words, have manhood enough to come out plainly and call the parties' names that he is trying to make an attack upon. The contents of his paper consists almost entirely of inuendos, and what we look upon as the smallest thing that a man can deal in is inuendos. The following paragraph is taken from his paper of yesterday:

"Some people seem ever ready to denounce Mr. Will Hamilton. THE PROGRESS wishes only half the monied men of Shreveport were like him."

We hardly think that the people who it seems to Mr. Hicks, are "ever ready to denounce Mr. Will Hamilton," would object to Mr. Hicks calling their names, and no doubt Mr. Hamilton would like to know who the parties are. He certainly can't mean any of the newspapers published in Shreveport, for we are sure their editors have only the highest esteem personally for Mr. Hamilton, and we have read them pretty close and we cannot recall an instance where any of them have in the least "denounced" him. Have the manhood, Cal, to come out and say what and who you mean. People won't pay any more attention to it than they would if you kept it a secret.—Sunday Judge.

"Neow dew tell." You'd be a great big man if you could, with your make-up, wouldn't you?

Now let's see just how great you really are.

1. It would seem that you should first show manhood before you accuse me of its lack; and if you had it you would have signed your name to the article in Judge, as you have designated me personally, instead of THE PROGRESS, the paper I edit. True the editor is responsible for the utterances of his paper, but all big, brave editors sign their names when they attack another editor by name, as you have done.

2 You admit that the squib quoted from THE POGRESS made no reference to Judge, as you say. "He certainly can't mean any of the newspapers published in Shreveport, for we are sure their editors have only the highest esteem personally for Mr. Hamilton, and we have read them pretty close and we cannot recall an instance where any of them have in the least denounced him," this therefore from your own pen brands you as an officious intermeddling, bully seeking notoriety by an act unseemly and extraordinary, hoping to excite comment, such as comes to all such characters.

3. I am impressed that the public will decide that by your own words you have shown that the matter was no concern of yours, and had you not believed I lacked manhood, you would never have written the article appearing in Sunday's Judge.

4. Personally I have had nothing to say on the subject at all, and whatever expression was made was the voice of THE PROGRESS. This made no reference to Judge and it sounds decidedly queer that you should have squealed so loud. You perhaps know that Sam Jones says that if you throw a stone among a pack of dogs, the one which howls is the one which has been struck. Does this apply to you?

5. My composition, diction and English all may be faulty; perhaps my educational advantages have not been equal to yours; perhaps my natural intelligence is inferior. But while this may be true, I scarcely think any good enlightened friend would advise me to seek instruction under you.

6. If I have wasted more space on you than your merit deserves, charge it to that same lack of manhood which prevented my treating you with that silent contempt that such officious brazenness deserves; as I would rather do this than have your fierce disapproval go further than the sharp reprimand that appeared Sunday.

7. At the risk of incurring your further terrible disapproval, I shall wait for Mr. Hamilton to call on me personally for the names of "some people who seem ever ready to denounce" or until he publicly or to me personally declares Judge his general champion.

8. While I remain in abject fear and trembling at my own temerity in even saying this much, still I will yet render you a service in concluding with—whenever you feel impelled to teach the public I do not possess even physical manhood, and make up your mind to squelsh me completely, just bear in mind that my office is only a few doors below yours.

C. D. HICKS,
Editor The Progress.

Captain T. P. Leathers, of New Orleans, one of the most successful and best posted Mississippi river steamboat men in the Nation, died Saturday last. His death was caused by being knocked down by a heartless bicyclist who never stopped to ascertain how fared the venerable gentleman—80 years old, whom he had ruthlessly run down. The wanton creature has not yet been located, but the authorities of the Crescent City owe it to themselves to spare no pains to apprehend him and try him for murder.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

It is expected that a constitutional bill will be presented to the Democratic caucus this week, and with few, if any, changes the Legislature is expected to pass and the Governor sign it,

It is so framed that the people will have little say in the matter, except to accept or defeat the measure when presented for their suffrages. It is really no constitutional bill at all, for this is generally understood to mean that the people have a right to pull down, dissect, make over or make new entirely the constitution of the bailiwick they are legislating upon. As a rule, this bill enables them to do nothing, the restrictions taking the matter out of their hands and putting it into those of the Legislature.

We are in a sad plight in Louisiana, truly. If ever a State was ridden, down-trodden, debilitated, warped, weakened, hampered by her politicians, it is ours. These are gourmandisers with appetites as insatiable as the vampire. Nothing in a public way is permitted, if they can control it, that does not redound to their interest and extend their power. However, under the circumstances, considerable patriotism was shown in framing that bill. It has been a seven days' wonder, and will no doubt continue longer that it did not provide that no election should be held in 1896, but that Peter Trezevant should be the Governor for the succeeding eight years; A. M. Hewitt, Lieutenant Governor; Tom Barret, Supreme Judge; John Pugh, Attorney General; Edgar Sutherlin, Representative to Congress from the entire State, alternating occasionally—as he saw fit—with John Ryan; while a real fat place—such an one as would be suited for the modern Pericles—be specially established for John Fitzpatrick.

A PUZZLER TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

John Bly, a resident of Pennsylvania, who died a few days ago, was found at the time of his death to be altogether without brains. There is no parallel to this remarkable case on record, and the physicians of Pennsylvania are completely puzzled by this strange discovery. Bly suffered for a long time with a tumor which grew into the base of his brain and eventually caused his death. The growth had a visible effect upon the man's brain. It was so located as to demoralize the nerves of the sight center, and, as a consequence, young Bly was blind for three years.

It was developed at the autopsy that the entire brain had been hollowed out by the action of the tumor. The cavity was at least five inches in length and was filled with pus. All that was left of the brain was a thin shell, composed of the tougher tissues, which were less susceptible to the process of decay. When an incision was made in the shell the whole mass collapsed.

The circumstances which made the case almost unprecedented in the annals of medical science was the manner in which the patient retained his rationality and facalties under the circumstances. He had the sense of touch, taste, hearing and smell; had very tolerable control of his locomotor muscles, could talk, and, in fact, was comparatively discommoded in no other way than by the loss of vision. His retention of memory was remarkable. He was able to memorize poems up to within two weeks of his death.—Atlanta Constitution.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Two men have by their own conduct destroyed their almost certain occupancy of the White House as President. The first is Hon. John G. Carlisle whose cuckoo subserviency to Cleveland has forever ruined his chances. But for this he would have received the nomination by acclamation. The other is our Vice-President, Honorable Adlai Stevenson, whose moral cowardice in keeping silent when the great battle of 1893 was on and subsebuently, has prevented the party from now turning to him and calling on him to accept the nomination—and a nomination on a silver plank means an election.

HARVEY AT THE CHAUTAUQUA.

Hon. Wm. H. Harvey, author of Coin's Financial School and other works on silver, will deliver two lectures on silver at Chautauqua next month, and everyone interested in the financial subject should hear him. He is one of the ablest exponents, if not indeed the chief of the free coinage doctrine, we have, no one having been able to answer his works or match him in debate. It will be remembered that he and Prof. Horr, of Chicago, engaged in a debate on this subject; and the Professor is said to have been selected for the purpose of disarming this silver knight, and cost the gold-bugs a big sum to induce him to enter the lists. But all fair-minded men agree that he went down before Harvey as did Gil Bas before the Black Knight of oid.

In the course of his lecture we hope some of our sound money men of Shreveport will expose his ignorance and destroy his fallacious theory by asking him some profound questions on the subject, which we are sure he will be unable to answer.

WHAT A GOLD DOLLAR IS WORTH

There are a large number of intelligent, honest people who would be considerably mortified should our government so legislate with silver as to make 50 cents of such metal worth a dollar, by the governments fiat they say. But these same persons have never, to our knowledge, raised one word of protest against doing the same with gold by that same objectionable legislation. The very moment that silver was demonetized and a single gold standard established, then gold began to increase in in value until to-day the gold dollar is worth 200 cents in labor, agricultural products, mining, land or anything created upon or growing out of those which constitute the only stable basis of all wealth.

WHAT TRUE BIMETALLISM MEANS.

What the true bimetallist contends for is this; that there shall be free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver in the United States, of as much of either metal as may be presented at the Treasury Department, or perhaps any mint in our Nation. That for every 371 1-4 grains of pure silver or 25.84 grains of pure gold presented at these places authorized by Congress, a dollar in silver or gold as the case may be, will be given the one making the deposit, with perhaps a little change for the alloy that each dollar contains when it is issued. They likewise claim that there shall be no discrimination whatever made against either metal or dollar, but both shall be placed on the same basis, performing the same functions. And history has fully demonstrated that when this state or conditions exists, he knows nothing about the matter who will call the silver dollar a fifty-cent dollar.

To the contrary it was the white metal that commanded the premium, if any, not the yellow gentleman.

Holiness Preaching.

The Rev. H. G. Scudday, who was expected to arrive Monday night and take charge of the meeting which had already been started at the Second Methodist church, did not arrive until last night, having been detained one day longer than expected at Arcadia. There was a good congregation present to hear him, and, after several sweet songs by the choir, he read as his text the 33d, 41st and 47th verses of the Acts of the Apostles, and then preached a very interesting sermon on revivals, and explained how a revival could be had.

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No town is too hard, he said, in which to have a successful revival if God's people would only comply with the conditions. He then proceeded to lay down these conditions, and it is to be hoped that all who were present, and who listened so attentively, will do as the evangelist requested, for it was the way, and the only way, in which great results can be expected.

Mr. Scudday announced that he would preach upon "Justification," "Sanctification" and "Glorification," and invited all to come and listen at the word of God on these doctrines

At the conclusion of the sermon he sang a solo, "I'll be What He Wants Me to be." The evangelist seems to be a very able man; his sermon earnest and full of love. He asks the prayers of all Christians. Services daily at 9:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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Celluloid collars, all styles	7c	Spirit levels from	25c
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Ladies' summer vests from	5 to 25c	1 seven-inch cross cut file	
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Shoes—Ladies' Oxford ties, kid	$1.35	1 vegetable grater	
Ladies' dongola button shoes	1.00	1 set bread knives	
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1 patent stereoscope	40c	Ladies' tan Shoes, Oxford ties	
1 stereoscope	25c	Misses' tan shoes, Oxford ties	
Stereoscopic views	2c	Gents' nice kid shoes	
1 plain swinging lamp	$2.00	Gents' gray suits	
1 large fancy lamp	1.00	Gents' black wool suits	
Gents' straw hats	18 to 45c	Lace curtains, 3½ feet, per pair	
1 pair side-combs, 3 3-4 inches	5c	Lace curtains, 3 feet, per pair	
7-inch scissors	5 to 25c	Window shades, with dado	
7-inch rubber combs	5c	Window shades, fringed	45c
Hair curlers, any size	5c	Gents' nice fur hats	
1 large bowl and pitcher, plain	20c	Needles, per paper	
1 large bowl and pitcher, fancy	$1.25	Pins, per paper	1c
1 tea pot	20c	1 pair 50-pound spring balances	
1 two-quart ice milk dripper	35c	1 jute rug, 36x70 inches	
1 set tumblers	18c	1 solid steel hatchet	
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