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HARVEY, BRYAN AND INDIA WHEAT.

ALBEDO, Ill., May 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you be good enough to explain more fully concerning the point raised by Harvey as to the disadvantage of American farmers in competition with the farmers of India who sell their wheat for silver...

THE assertion of "Coin" Harvey that you can buy two bushels of wheat in India for an ounce of silver worth 65 cents and undersell the American farmer in the English market was promptly and effectively contradicted by The Bee the day after he had made it in his Omaha free silver lecture...

But Apostle Harvey and his disciple, Bryan, are never staggered by facts that absolutely contradict their delusive theories. Mr. Bryan repeated the Harvey fake about the Indian farmer in the debate with the editor of The Bee, but the latter did not think it worth while to waste time to reiterate what had been previously published in reply to Harvey.

There may, however, be some farmers and producers who take stock in the India fiction. For their information and benefit we will now make it so clear that no political fakir will ever be able to bamboozle an intelligent audience with the India wheat argument.

In the first place, it is stupid to assume that the merchants of Bombay and Calcutta don't know that silver has shrunk from \$1.20 to 65 cents an ounce in London within the past twenty years. These merchants keep themselves informed every hour of the day as to the London market for silver as well as grain, cotton or any other commodity.

And here is precisely where the wheat raiser of India, who is willing to work for 10 cents a day, still fails to compete to any extent with the American farmer. The freight rates on the railroads of India on wheat range from 2 cents to 6 1/2 cents per ton per mile, while the rates between Chicago and New York are one-third of 1 cent per ton per mile.

In every corner grocery the silver question is discussed at one time or another. So far as republicans in Nebraska are concerned they have not until recently made much effort to combat the arguments which Mr. Bryan and his populists friends have used. The debate, however, will give republicans all over the state material with which to meet and refute the specious arguments of free silver cranks.

tents and purposes the same thing as the Burlington Railroad company. This relief department, chameleon-like, changes its colors whenever occasion demands. As a buffer between the railroad and damage suits from its employees the Relief department is a shining success.

NO MISTAKE AT ST. LOUIS. Ex-Senator Warner Miller of New York has had an extended political experience and is a close observer of current political events and their trend. Having been mentioned as a possible candidate for the vice presidential nomination at St. Louis, Mr. Miller a few days ago made public a statement that he is not a candidate and would not be under any possible conditions that might arise and he took occasion to express his opinion regarding the currency declaration that will be made by the national republican convention.

According to the most trustworthy estimates there will be between 600 and 700 members of the convention in favor of an explicit and unequivocal declaration for the gold standard and against the free and unlimited coinage of silver by this country at the ratio of 16 to 1. The free silver advocates will probably not be able to muster more than 100 votes and possibly a few more than that number will be willing to accept some sort of a compromise currency plank. With fully two-thirds of the convention, however, in favor of honest money, there is not the slightest ground for any apprehension regarding the character of the currency declaration. Equally certain is it that the nominee of the convention will be in full sympathy and accord with the platform.

THE GERMAN SUGAR BOUNTY. The recent action of the German Reichstag, in increasing the export bounty on sugar, was of course intended to stimulate exports from that country, but whether it will have any important effect upon the trade with the United States seems to be uncertain. It will operate to offset, in the interest of the German sugar producers, the differential duty imposed by this country on sugar imported from countries paying an export bounty and it would appear must operate to increase the amount of German sugar coming into our market. Under different conditions from those prevailing, this might be to the disadvantage of domestic sugar producers, but in view of the fact that the Cuban supply will be greatly reduced no injury will be done to the American sugar interest by an enlarged export from Germany to the United States.

The managers of a state military drill in Savannah have awarded the Galveston cup to the Morton cadets. This cup was won at the national drill at Memphis by the Thurston Rifles. The Omaha company was not challenged to compete at Savannah, and, of course, will not surrender the trophy. Cutting comment on the subject down to the core, it is plain that the Galveston cup was never intended to be presented to a northern cadet company, nor do its donors care to have the Thurston go south to compete again for the championship.

A Wonderful Combination. The queerest Ohio idea yet is that of Mr. Brewster, who proposes to run Mr. Cleveland for a third term on a free silver, free Cuba platform.

MAY AGAIN APPEAL TO CONGRESS. In view of the probability that the treasury gold reserve will be reduced below the \$100,000,000 point before the close of the fiscal year, June 30, it is said that the president contemplates again advising congress of the necessity of legislation to protect the reserve. It is stated that there is much uncertainty at the Treasury department as to how long the present drain of gold will continue. It may be arrested before it reaches the redemption fund, but there appears to be good reason to apprehend that it will continue and that the fund will be considerably depleted before the expiration of the fiscal year. How far the president would permit depletion to go before making another issue of bonds is of course wholly problematical. At one time he allowed the reserve to fall as low as \$43,000,000 and he might do so again, though it is hardly probable.

After the State Offices. Dubois (rep. Ark.) The press generally insist that Charles Cady is the coming man for state treasurer. Pawnee county will endorse his candidacy to the extent of more than a full party vote.

Holdings (rep. Ill.) The fact that there is no question, as far as we can learn, to the nomination of J. A. Piper as secretary of state, is a high compliment to that gentleman and shows that he has performed the arduous duties of that office in a highly satisfactory manner.

Stromberg News (rep.) Hon. J. A. Piper, the present secretary of state, has made a career for himself in public office. When nominated he was comparatively unknown in state politics, but favorably regarded in the section of the state from which he came. The fact that he has the opposition for re-nomination leads the inquirer to inquire the cause of his popularity with the masses. It is simply this: He regards a public office as a public trust and administers the duties of his office from an strictly business standpoint, rather than for political and personal advantage. Public officers of this character are scarce and they are to be commended, but really name their own "calling and election sure."

Verk Times (rep.) Scandal mongers, who delight in injuring the reputation of any man, have been indulged in by some of the democrats in their efforts to injure Prof. Corbett, but they had so little to work upon, and have so overworked the little they were given, that they have made their own selves ridiculous, and their glib work will recede upon themselves. Everyone admits that Mr. Corbett has made an excellent superintendent. He is an intelligent worker, posted on all school work, and is honest and faithful in the discharge of his duties. He does not claim to be a politician, but if he were of a politician he might be less of an educator. So far his enemies have not been able to find anyone to run against him, and they will not be able to start out an opposing candidate for the nomination.

THE ROOT OF THE "CRIME." Overproduction of Silver Undermines Its Value. Chicago Tribune. These who "denounce" the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, or 60 cents to the 100-cent dollar, assert that the fall in the commercial value of silver was due to the crime of the gold standard, which forbids the coinage of silver dollars when none was being coined, nor had for many years. They have nothing to say about the action taken by Germany prior to 1871, when that country coined silver coinage and adopted the gold standard. And they never mention the fact of France and the Latin Union following Germany's example in 1873.

The chief cause of the immense cheapening of silver since 1875 is not legislation, but the fact of Europe's America, or both taken together, producing more silver than is overproduction of silver in proportion to the demand for it. The mines have turned out more of the metal than the world needed, or was able to use for coinage and other purposes, and as an inevitable consequence the price went down.

The Oregon's Performance. Philadelphia Press. The Oregon by her trial trip has reflected the utmost credit on her builders. Fifteen years ago no one believed that war ships could be built on the Pacific coast. The Oregon shows that the best work of the world can be equaled and outdone there. The mere speed of the Oregon has been surpassed by English battleships, but her trials were not conducted in the surf of a high sea in the open ocean. For the Oregon to have achieved all that she did under these conditions will attract the attention of the world.

Spain on the Verge of War for a Day. Inside History of a Stormy Interview Between Consul General Williams at Havana and General Weyler. NEW YORK, May 18.—A special to the Herald from Havana says: The action of Consul General Williams in protesting against the methods of the trial of the prisoners of the schooner Compadre adopted by the Spanish authorities is worth more than a passing mention.

Within four hours after the court-martial closed its session, at a special meeting in the afternoon, its members sent to Admiral Navarro a sealed verdict which was immediately approved by the naval chief. The sentences of all five prisoners to death in accordance with the verdict were signed at once, and preparations were made to have the men shot.

When Mr. Williams bowed himself out from the captain general's presence he drew back to his office. The excitement which followed at the palace was indescribable. The judges of the civil tribunal and the chief of the leading conservative parties and the managing director of the Spanish bank were called and a consultation began. The majority of these persons advised the authorities to suspend the execution pending higher instruction from Madrid.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. It may be a word and a blow with your Uncle Samuel, but when the word comes first, the blow is seldom necessary. Speaker Reed is said to be a fluent French scholar, and his library contains a large percentage of French books. He is an omnivorous reader.

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Philadelphia Record: "Yes," said the milkman, "I have experienced a great many ailments, but I have never had the cholera." "Not so many as the handle of your pump," retorted a customer. Roxbury Gazette: "Baldupe—I was amused today by the way the monkey caught fire while he was trying to light a cigar." "Baldupe—Damage it much?" "Baldupe—Yes, it was burnt down."

Chicago Times-Herald: "Exhaust the lovely wiles of the woman, our country's best; obedient to the season's whim, appears her summer cousin." Detroit Free Press: "Great luck that find of Sheriff!" "Washington Star: "I haven't heard." "Found a twenty dollar bill in his last summer's coat." "Good heavens! I didn't know he was a widower!" "Puck: Why do you think women are frivolous?" "Because when a girl makes an enemy of a man for life she always tells him that they can still be friends."

INDIAN. Cleveland Plain Dealer. What matters neither deaf or creed? Heedle his graver? With ready hand to those in need He freely gave. And so above this noble deed I may feel sure The dove will one to him who fed God's helpless poor!

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE