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## The World's Gold Supply.

The most eminent living writers on the precious metals, Sness and Soetbeer, have recently published what the New York Telegram calls a very alarming statement. It is to the effect that the total amount of gold dug out of the earth annually suffices only to supply the present demand for that valuable substance for use in the arts. Not a bit of the new product of the mines is available for coinage. Trinket use and waste in manufacture exhaust the whole yield. If this is correct, then gold must vanish from circulation before long, because the output of the gold mines of the world is diminishing rather than increasing, and there are few fields left to explore. But Uncle Sam's metallurgists say that it is not so. The writers quoted fail to consider the fact that the gold employed in the arts is utilized over and over again. It goes through a sort of cycle. Articles of jewelry often disappear, but are seldom lost. When through accident they pass out of the possession of the well-to-do they go to the poor and sharp-eyed, who sell or pawn them. Some jewelry is lost by fire and some in the sea, and these losses are absolute and hopeless; but jewelry otherwise is certain, practically, all of it, to find its way, sooner or later, to the pawn-shops or into hands of dealers in old gold. Thus it is melted up eventually and reappears again in other shapes. This is what is termed the "invariable supply" of that metal.

There are a number of unavoidable causes of loss of gold. The first and most important of these is by abrasion. Jewelry loses much weight in that way, especially rings, which are usually eighteen karat, and are worn rapidly. Coins suffer much less but still considerably from wear. All gold leaf is a total loss to the gold stock of the world. Where used for decorative purposes it is never recovered. It is not employed for filling teeth nearly as much as formerly, "porous gold" being substituted. But, of course, the gold utilized for filling teeth is a total loss, and in the aggregate it is enormous in quantity. If it be supposed that the average dweller in cities of this country has 50 cents worth of gold in his or her mouth, which is placing the figure very low, it will be seen how great is the waste in this form. Each succeeding generation takes so many millions of dollars' worth of the metal from the world's stock in this way. Some gold is lost in remelting, though all possible means be taken to reduce it to the lowest possible figure. Not only are the floors swept and the dirt treated for the recovery of the yellow substance, but the wooden planks are burned eventually with the same object. Even the shoes of each man who works with the metal are subjected to the chemistry of fire, yielding a small "button" of the precious metal.—Denver Mining Record.

Senator Teller is not disappointed because the Berlin silver commission did not make any recommendations looking to the restoration of the white metal nor arrange for another international conference. "The commission was," says the Senator, "the outgrowth of the discontent among the agrarian classes and was appointed by the government in response to the strong pro-silver sentiment in the agricultural section of Germany. I have never understood that it was expected to do more than collect information in regard to the situation or if it was the original purpose that the commission should make a recommendation, I think that was abandoned some time since. The proceedings of the commission are public, I understand, and of course, will be of benefit to the silver cause to the extent that they educate the masses of the German people. I should have been gratified if the commission had led to an international meeting, but it was hardly to be hoped, in view of the declarations of the German representatives at the Brussels conference, that Germany would so soon reverse her position and enter into a conference of this question in which England did not participate. Outside of the educating effect of the publication of the proceedings, I don't think the work of the commission will have any effect, unless it be to increase the

conviction, which is already growing in this country, that the United States will have to take this question in hand and act independently of other nations."

The silver leaders in the house say that the adjournment of the Berlin conference without definite results is another evidence that the United States must execute her own financial policy without waiting for foreign nations. Some of the republican leaders of the house who have recently become identified with the restoration of silver ideas, regret that more was not accomplished at Berlin. Mr. Borrows takes this view of the failure and says that it shows that Germany is similarly situated to the United States in that she cannot act alone. This being recognized here and in Germany, Mr. Borrows says it hastens the time when silver-using nations will come together in concerted action. Mr. Bryan, Bland's chief lieutenant, says: "As long as we wait for Germany and England, nothing will be done toward restoring silver, but as soon as we recognize that the interests of our people are submitted to the wishes of foreign country and act ourselves, the sooner will silver be restored to its former place on an equality with gold, and the sooner will prosperity return to our industries."

Henry Spencer, a Colorado miner, is fitting out a small sloop launch for a novel prospecting tour. He intends to work the bottom of the Sacramento river above Redding, and he is confident that his venture will prove successful. The launch is 48 feet long and propelled with an eight horse power engine. In the bow of the boat he has placed a peculiar pump, which was constructed from his own design. The pump will be run by the engine, and it is calculated to suck up the mud from the bottom of the river and throw it on a sluice which runs the full length of the boat above the cabin and extends far enough over the stern to throw all the refuse back into the river. The pump is powerful enough to suck up a good many cubic yards a day, just how many the inventor could not say, but he expected that by running at full speed it should be somewhere near a thousand. If the new mining apparatus saved half the gold from half the amount of earth from the bed of the river near Redding, it should be a paying venture, say several miners who know the country, and they are watching Mr. Spencer's mining enterprise very closely.—S. F. Examiner.

Official red tape in Mexico is a trifle tedious, so some people in this city are finding out. They wish to make a transfer of property in Chihuahua, the grantor being a corporation in the United States. But see what an ordeal the grantor must go through with. He must first get a power of attorney from his company. This must in turn be endorsed by the probate judge of his county, then by the secretary of state for his state, next the Mexican minister; and after the document has passed through the hands of the Mexican secretary of the interior, the parties are in shape to do business.—Herald, El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Burns, who recently discovered in Peoples' Canyon what was supposed by many to be the Nigger Ben mine, says the Prescott Journal Miner, is giving his new bonanza a thorough prospecting, and is being rewarded handsomely for his good luck in the discovery of the property. The ledge prospects well for 30 feet across, being a deposit, while a one foot streak was run out a few days ago which goes so high that the owner is sacking the ore from it for shipment to Prescott as soon as means of transportation can be afforded. This property is highly spoken of by all who have visited it.

## Arizona Historical Society!

The material prepared for the above named society will be published for the four months beginning with the July, 1894 number, in the Overland Monthly, San Francisco, Cal., under the caption of "Building a State in Apache Land." Subscription price \$3 a year, in advance, or \$1 for the four numbers.

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## Tom Reed's Views on Silver.

The longest and largest straw indicative of the direction of the breeze of popular demand is the announcement of ex-Speaker Reed, leader of the republicans in the house, that the currency question and the tariff question must henceforth be wedded without benefit of divorce. The announcement comes in the way of an interview in the English Fortnightly Review, and in the process of transmission by wire the sentences appear to have lost somewhat of their intelligibility. The main point, however, is quite clear, that Mr. Reed in the house will warm up towards the sentiments of Mr. Lodge in the senate. The Lodge idea is that it is not good policy for this country to join heart and soul with foreign nations in commercial relations, wherein all the advantage is on the side of the foreigner, while that foreigner invariably edges away from us whenever policies are involved which look to our advantage. Mr. Lodge has gone so far as to concrete his ideas in a bill minimizing commercial relations with Great Britain, so long as that country clings to the gold standard and will have nothing to do with the traditional currency metal of this nation. Mr. Reed would extend this principle so as to make it cover the world. The nations which discredit silver should, according to the Lodge-Reed idea, be made to face American tariffs, which foreigners always despise.

How much "politics" there is in this and how much business orthodoxy is not so much to the point just now as the fact that the leaders of the republican party in both houses of congress have come to recognize the fact that the free coinage of silver is an issue that will not down; that the repeal of the Sherman act was by no means the final determination of that question, and that these leaders are beginning to shape the public sentiment of their party with reference to the future silver Armageddon. It is now safe to put down Tom Reed as a silver man. He himself has not said so, but this is the implication of what we know he has said. He has said that the fall of the tariff is the triumph of gold, and that the victory of the tariff is the triumph of silver. This means that Tom Reed is for silver as truly as the saying of an archbishop that the triumph of evolution is the triumph of christianity would mean that the archbishop is for evolution first, last and all the time.—Detroit Evening News.

## Pearl Fishing.

Senor Cornejo's company have the largest concession for pearl fishing given by the government. It reaches from the limits of Guatemala to the mouth of the Colorado river in the Gulf of California, with exception of the islands of Espiritu Santo, Cedros and San Jose. Senor Cornejo informs us that the annual take of pearls averages a hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the take of shells from four hundred to five hundred tons which are worth from one hundred and forty to one hundred and sixty dollars per ton. The apparatus used for pearl fishing is now of the latest improvement, and accidents are very rare. There is still a little diving done in the old way by the Indians, "buzos de cabeza," on their own account. Some of these men will go down in thirty and fifty feet of water, and remain under water close to three minutes.

The darker colored pearls are the most valuable. The black, green and blue of various shades are not found in other parts of the world.

The vessels and apparatus of the company are valued at \$150,000. There are 40 fishing boats of 8 tons burden, 7 vessels of from 25 to 100 tons. Every year some notable pearls are taken, and this year, between September '93 and May '94, \$80,000 worth of pearls were secured, among which were five or six splendid ones, two black and three blue, exceptionally beautiful, weighing six carats each and worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each.

The principal markets are London, Paris and Germany.—Lower Californian.

The Silver Belt seems to think that the scheme to irrigate Arizona lands from the waters of the Colorado river is not feasible. In this it is mistaken.

## That's the Way It Is, Sometimes.

In the history of prospects there is something peculiar. The first locators seldom, if ever, realize anything from the find, save hard knocks and privations. Lean streaks are encountered and the properties in many instances are abandoned, grass grows over the dumps, and the shafts or tunnels, as the case may be, come together. Years afterward other prospectors relocate the claim, go to work and find the mine just a few feet from where their predecessors left off working. Many an old weather-beaten prospector, who has toiled and borne the brunt of privation and at times of nearly starvation, has lived to realize that the claim he so patiently worked for months and perhaps years, and finally abandoned through discouragement and the pinching out of grub resources, is now panning out thousands upon thousands to the company to whom it was sold by the second locator. Philosophically, however, he chews the " cud" and keeps the heads of his drills well polished in quest of wealth in some other lead.—Silverton Gazette.

## Mining Property Sold.

The fifteen stamp mill at Picacho has been sold to Chicago capitalists. J. M. Mendevill and Col. D. K. Allen made the sale. The former is a well known gentleman in the agent for the owner of the mine, namely, Dewitt C. Janines, of Florida, N. Y., and the buyer, Mr. Snider of Chicago, was represented by Col. Allen.

Mr. Snider with a party consisting of four other gentlemen will arrive here the forepart of next week. It is said they will add fifteen more stamps to the mill and will commence at once, on their arrival, putting the mine in running order and expect to start the mill up in a few weeks. We are informed that the property sold for \$125,000.—Sentinel.

Word came down from Clifton Tuesday evening that the German Keppler had that morning at 6 o'clock shot and killed a negro gambler, who recently came there and had been running a monte game. The man killed was known as Jim. He had been up all night and had been drinking with another negro named Joe Lee. They became involved in a quarrel and Jim got out his revolver and chased Joe Lee through the old Barnum saloon into the back yard, firing two shots at him, both bullets entering the sleeping room of Ben Clark in the rear of the room. When Jim reached the back yard the shot was fired which killed him instantly. Whether Keppler was following Jim while he was running and shooting at the other negro or whether he was in the saloon or in the back yard the Bulletin could not learn, but he admits that he killed the negro, shooting him with a 45-70 Winchester.—Bulletin.

In 1873, ten bushels of wheat were worth in gold in the city of New York, \$13.30. Today, ten bushels of wheat are worth in the same markets, \$5.60. In 1873, 100 pounds of cotton were worth in the New York market, \$20 in gold. Today it is worth in the same market \$7.50. A base ball umpire could improve the financial condition of this country.—Durango Democrat.

John Burns, a butcher of commonwealth, Wis., met with a singular death a few days ago. He fell and grabbed a 250-pound meat cutter to save himself. His clutch set the wheels in motion, and the meat cutter chopped his head off as neatly as if it had been built for a guillotine.

## A Political Sermon.

Cleveland has furnished the text for many scriptural allusions during the past year, but the following from the Sedalia, Mo., News is one of the best we have seen:

And, seeing how the multitudes had voted for him, he cast aside his fishing pole and went up into the White House. And when he was set, and had tapped a fresh bottle of beer, he opened his mouth and taught his disciples, saying:

Blessed are the poor; for they shall be poorer.

Blessed are the rich; for they shall be made richer; and shall taste of the world.

Blessed are they who expect nothing for they shall not be disappointed.

Blessed is the campaign liar; for he is our main dependence.

Blessed are the weak; for they shall be kicked off the face of the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger; for they shall have plenty of company.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you for my sake; for you shall eat official pie at my hands.

Blessed is the man who shall bring me another bottle of beer; for this one is all gone.

Blessed is the man who contributes to the campaign fund; for he shall receive a hundred fold more than he gave.

Blessed are the politicians; for we are all in the same boat.

Blessed is the thief; for he shall have abundant opportunities to steal.

Blessed is the lobbyist; for he pays well and shall have the fat of the land.

Blessed are the bankers; for theirs is the kingdom of earth.

Ye are the salt of the earth, therefore salt down everything in sight.

Ye are the light of the world; for you carry torchlights in every campaign.

Let your torchlights so shine before men that they can see the rooster on your hat and glorify me, who art your political father.

Take heed that you provide soup houses for the poor, for a hungry man is liable to blow you up with dynamite.

After this manner you will pray: "Our political father who art in Washington, Cleveland be thy name. Thy congress comes, thy will be done in the regular sessions as in the extra ones. Give us this day our usual cussing. Forgive us our political sins, even as we forgive the republicans who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation of riches, but deliver us into poverty, for thine is the pie, the officers and the power to vote, forever. Amen."

San Diego Union: Jerry Toles, who has just returned from Escondido, says there is almost as much excitement over the gold mines in that locality as over the prospects for an early completion of the irrigation system. The Escondido mining company, working the old Mexican mines, has established a permanent plant and is daily grinding away on ore of good average quality, and the new mill put up by John D. Hoff is also kept busy on ore from the Roberts mine. Prospecting is very lively through all that section, and the mineral belt is found to be more extensive than commonly supposed. Some little placering is done, but the quartz mining is far more important.

The secretary of the London Stock Exchange says that the total amount of foreign bonds held in Great Britain is \$3,820,000,000. The interest on the American portion of this enormous holding is payable in gold, forming a factor in the present eastward drain of the yellow metal.



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