

the congressional action on the silver question as can be suggested, except that the latter is much more disastrous and far-reaching in its consequences, because it has enhanced the value, not of a simple commodity like wheat, but of gold standard money, which is the legal measure of value of everything else.

"Gold and silver have been the two money metals from the beginning of civilization. Now, suppose a certain syndicate, having in various ways obtained control of most of the gold in the world, should be able to influence congress to demonetize silver. The result is obvious. Gold, the only money metal left, increases in value as the burden of the pecuniary business of the world, previously divided, falls upon it alone, and silver—its great use destroyed—rapidly falls.

"Then, when the owners of silver ask that the legislation which caused this condition shall be repealed and the natural use of silver restored, so that it may recover its proper value, they are met with the cry that this is a monstrous and unjust proposition, because everyone can see that silver is worth only 60 cents an ounce, as it is actually selling for that in the market.

"And when the great body of the people who are compelled to pay double value for money, because it is now confined to gold, arise and demand that their ancient right to coin and use silver be restored, they are told that gold is the only honest money, and that no one wants silver or 'cheap money' except selfish silver miners.

"What does free coinage mean? It means the system which was established at the foundation of our government, which provided that everyone having gold or silver could take it to the mint and have it melted and stamped as coin. If there were limitations as to the amount or place of origin, there would constantly be contentions, and we should have two classes of silver, entirely different in value, coined and uncoined.

"The whole principle underlying the stable and unvarying value of the precious metals as measures of commercial exchange, requires an absolutely free and unlimited coinage at a fixed ratio.

WHAT WE NEED.

"The need of the hour is such an awakening of interest in this question in the east as will cause inquiry and investigation and independence of thought. We are one nation, our interests are identical; that which affects one section affects all; and in this matter the conditions are practically the same, east and west, north and south. The ideas studiously inculcated in the east that this is a western matter and one in which the silver producing states are principally interested, is utterly deceptive, as I have endeavored to show. The farmer of New York or Ohio is interested precisely as is his brother in Iowa or Kansas. The man who owes a mortgage in Massachusetts feels the increasing pressure of the obligation as strongly as his fellow debtor of Missouri or Dakota. The increasing number of foreclosures, the lengthened list of sales for unpaid taxes, the armies of the underpaid and unemployed, tell the same story everywhere.

"On theory it was easy to say what the results of demonetization must be; actual experience is showing what they are. A steady decrease in all property values and a steady increase in the burden of all fixed charges, can bring but one result. The cry of the suffering goes up to heaven. The most despairing and the most touching of their prayers are never heard on earth, for they come from those who suffer in silence. The aggregate of human misery caused by this grinding of the upper and the nether millstones is a thing to make angels weep. We live in the most favored of all lands. God has given us a goodly

heritage. The natural resources of our country should make it one of universal prosperity and happiness. There is no reason for suffering and want. Its causes are purely artificial. By the selfishness of man the good gifts of Providence turn to ashes in our hands. The food is taken from the mouths of the weak and the defenseless.

"No judgment from on high has been visited upon this people; neither war, nor famine, nor pestilence has been suffered to afflict us. Yet in the midst of physical health the nation is sick. In the midst of wealth there is poverty, and in a land of plenty there is suffering and starvation. God grant us all the will and the wisdom to seek the causes of these things, and having found them to apply the remedy."

The Ivanhoe Smelter.

The grading is now being done for the new smelter to be put up at Ivanhoe. It is expected that the plant will be ready for operation by the first of March next. The lumber and machinery have been ordered and construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible. When completed the smelter will have a daily capacity of 75 tons of ore. It is believed that the mines in the vicinity of the smelter will be able to keep it in ore which will pay well to smelt.

The work is being done under the direction of S. G. Bretherton who is thoroughly acquainted with the mineral resources of the country in the vicinity of Ivanhoe. After the completion of the smelter there will be a large number of men employed at the smelter and in the mines getting out ore. Ivanhoe bids fair to be a very busy camp next spring.

There is some talk of starting up the smelter at the Flagler works below town. Parties are now figuring on the proposition and appear to be confident that the smelter will be in operation soon. It is proposed to get ore from Lone mountain, Bald mountain and Pinos Altos.

The territorial legislature will convene on the last day of this month at Santa Fe.

A New Car Coupler.

Lon Munson has just sent off the papers to secure a patent on an automatic car coupler. He has been at work on the invention for more than a year and believes that he has the best automatic car coupler yet devised.

His coupler possesses an advantage over other devices for the automatic coupling of cars in that it works as well on a curve as on straight track. It is strong and comparatively simple, though other couplers have been patented which are considerably simpler than the one which Mr. Munson has invented.

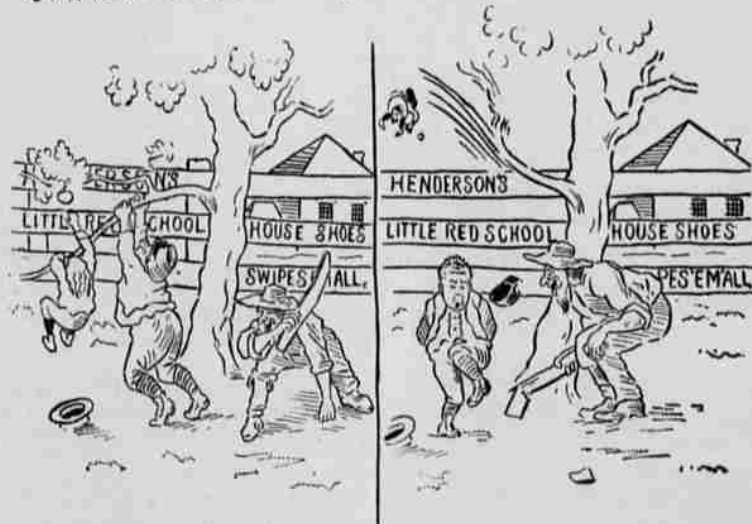
It seems remarkable that, although railroad men have been looking for a strong, serviceable and simple automatic car coupler for years, among the thousands of couplers patented there is not one which combines all the points desired by the master car builders of the country. A princely fortune awaits the man who shall solve the problem and Mr. Munson is confident that he has invented the coupler which will meet all the requirements. As soon as letters patent shall have been granted, he will endeavor to get his invention before the railroad men of the country.

Mogollon is to have a bakery. Up to this time the residents of that camp have done their baking in stoves and ranges, but now there is a baker's oven in process of construction and the new bakery will soon be in full blast. Charles Brakebill is the proprietor.

James Corbin is making some improvements on his place between Main and Bullard streets. He has just completed a modest little dwelling and is getting his garden in shape for next summer's watermelon crop.

The vote of the territory at the last election will be canvassed by the secretary of the territory tomorrow.

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