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GRALE CARSTENSEN, Administratric.

Scaled Proposals Invited.

Scaled bids will be received at the office of Drack & Kirns, architects, Odd Fellow building Rock Island, Ill., for the construction of the head office building for the Modern Woodmen of America, until Monday, Nov. 15, 1897, not later than 12 o'clock m. Also separate bids or proposals will be received for furalshing the heating and ventilation apparatus, for elevators, for illumbing, for mantels and fire grates, for goad dectric whiting and for paint decorations, antil Jan. 1), 1898, at 13 o'clock noon.

Plans may be seen at the office of the architects on and after Oct. 18, 1897.

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PROPOSALS MADE TO THE BRITISH

But Which Pailed to Secure John Bull' -France Ready to Go the Other Commercial Nation Would; but She Makes a Demand or England That Is Promptly Rejected-Situation Not Hopeful for "Dad's Dollar -India's Objection to a Change.

London, Oct. 23.-The correspondence n regard to the bimetallic proposals of the United States monetary commission was issued by the British foreign offic last evening. The following account of the negotiations is taken from the official publication. At the conference held at the foreign office on July 12 the Marquis of Salisbury, the secretary of state for India (Lord George Hamilton), the chancellor of the exchequer (Sin Michael Hicks-Beach), the first lord of the treasury (A. J. Balfour), the United States ambassador (Colonel John Hay and the United States monetary commissioners (Senator Edward O. Wolcott ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson and General Charles Jackson Paine) were present. On the invitation of the British premier Senator Wolcott ex-plained that the object of the mission was to ascertain in advance of an international conference the views of the overnments, and the envoys had determined to ascertain the views of the French, British and German governments on the question of reaching a international bimetallic agreement.

France Was Ready to Co-operate. They had been to France, where they understanding with the French gov ernment, and the envoys would have the co-operation in this matter of the French ambassador in London. The enator then explained that the succes of the mission depended upon the attitude Great Britain would take, and he requested Great Britain to agree to open the English mints, as its contribu-tion to the attempt to restore international bimetallism, with France and the United States co-operating together in an attempt to that end.

The Maguia of Salisbury asked if France was ready to open her mints to free coinage, and Senator Wolcott re-plied, "Yes." The premier thereuper The premier thereupon inquired at what ratio France would open her mints. Wolcott said at 1514 adding that the American envoys had accepted this ratio.

Suggestions for England's Assistance. The senator then presented the following list of contributions which, among others, he suggested that Great Britain might make:

First, the opening of the India mints and the repeal of the order making the sovereign legal tender in India. Second, placing one-fifth of the bullion In the Issue department of the Bank of

England in silver. Third, raising the legal tender limit of lver to, say, £10, and issuing 20-shilling notes based on silver which shall be legal tender, and the retirement, in graduation or otherwise, of the 10-shilling gold pieces and the substitution of paper based on silver.

Fourth, an agreement to coin annualy so much silver, the amount to be left

Fifth, the opening of the English mints to the coinage of rupees and the coinage of British dollars which shall full legal tender in the Straits Set. tlements and other sliver standard col onles, and tender in the United Kingdom to the limit of silver legal tender Sirth, colonial action and the coinage of silver in Egypt.
Seventh, something having the gen

eral scope of the Huskisson plan.

Adjourned to Meet Later. The meeting then closed, and it was understood by the parties that the ab-sence of the French ambassador, Baron de Courcel, from the proceedings should be regarded as informal and a secon conference was held on the 15th at which in addition to those already men-tioned, the French ambassador and M. Geoffrey, the councillor of the French mbassy, were present.

WHAT PRANCE WAS WILLING TO DO

Would Open Her Mints to Silver if the Other Commercial Nations Would. The French ambassador was invited to declare the position of the French covernment, and he said France was ready to open her mints to the coinage of silver if the commercial nations adopted the same course, and he advo cated at great length the ratio of 1516. But, he explained, France would not consider the reopening of the mints of India alone as being sufficient guarantee to permit the French government to reopen the French mints to free coinage of silver. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach then announced definitely that Great Britair would not agree to open the English mints to the unlimited coinage of silver and that whatever views he and his colleagues might separately hold regarding simetallism he could say that they were united on this point.

Baron de Courcel said, as a personal suggestion, that among other contribu-tions he thought Great Britain should open the Indian mints and also agree to purchase annually £10,000,000 sterling of silver for a series of years. Senator Welcott accepted the proposal that the British government should make this purchase with proper safeguards and provisions as to the place and manner

of its use. Since this conference the British gov

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ernment has been considering the pro-posals and finally made the reply handed the United States ambassador Wednes-

The reply of the government of India upon which Lord Saliabury based his decision is a long document, giving an emphatic negative to the proposal to reopen the India mints. It says: "The first result of the suggested measures, if they were to recognition to the suggested measures, if they were to succeed even temporarily in their object, would be an intense disturbance of India trade and industry. There would be a sudden rise in exchange which, if the ratio of 15% to 1 were adopted, would be about 3 pence the rupee. such a raise would be enough to kill our export trade for a time, at least, unless the public were convinced that the arrangement would be permanent and have the effect intended.

"The paralysis of trade and industry would be prolonged and would be ac-companied by acute individual suffering. None of the advantages expected would be attained, and the country would pass through a critical period which would retard its progress for years. The posi-tion would be disastrous alike to the state, to individuals and to trade generally. The exchange value of the repec. having risen suddenly, would fall equal-ly suddenly to a point far lower than the present level, probably 9 pence, and even lower. Such a fall, apart from other us results, would necessitate additional taxation to the amount of many crores." [A "crore" is 10,000,000 units.]

BURDEN WOULD REST ON INDIA.

ation That Uncle Sam and Jo Crapaud Have "Pot Up a Job." The reply points out that the pro posed agreement would be a much more serious question for India than for the United States and France, as the whole risk of disaster from failure would fall upon India. "The effect of the adoption of the scheme would probably be an increase in prices in France and the United States, but a decrease in India," a change which France and the United States "would contemplate with equanimity, but which would be

Then follows the opinion that India to on the point of securing a stable exchange of 16 pence per rupee, and it would be exceedingly foolish to throw away the position already attained by an acceptance of proposals which, if they failed of their intended object, would place India permanently under the silver silver standard with all its admitted disadvantagea. "Nothing but assured success could justify India in joining in the experiment; and our belief is that the proposals will fall to secure a permanent ratio of 15% to 1. We doubt whether any two or three nations in the world, unless one of them were Great Britain, could establish the required stability. It is certain that France, the United States and India could not."

The India government proceeds: "We do not hesitate to recommend that your lordship refuse to give the undertaking desired. • • • We believe that our best policy is to link ourselves to Great Britain. The ratio of 15% to 1 is too high. Differing so widely from the existing ratio, it would immensely increase the difficulty. Indeed, if it could secured and maintained successfulwe should object to the ratio in the interests of India, and recommend your lordship on behalf of India to decline to participate in or to do anything to en-courage the formation of a union based thereon. • • We presume that a union based upon a ratio low enough to suit our interests would not be ac-ceptable to France and the United States."

Elva, Ills., Oct. 23.-Yesterday morning's Spring Valley passenger had a carload of negroes comprising eighteen fam-illes, bound for Frazer, Ia., to work for the Boone County Mining and Railroad company for 65 cents a ton, for mining pure coal and blackjack, 35 cents a ton for loading, and laborers at \$1.50 to \$2.25 a day. The coal company advances their passage money and freight. A car-load of Spring Valley negroes went to Le-high, Ia., last week. All the negroes will leave Spring Valley.

### THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce

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Chicago, Oct. 22.

Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—October, opened and closed nominal; December, opened 91%c, closed 92%c. Corn—October, opened 25%c, closed 92%c. Corn—October, opened and closed nominal; December, opened 25%c, closed 26%c; May, opened 29%c, closed 30%c. Outs—October, opened and closed nominal; December, opened 18%c, closed 18%c; May, opened 20%c, closed 18%c; May, opened 20%c, closed 18%c; May, opened 20%c, closed 18%c; January, opened 28.82%, closed 18.97%. Lard—October, opened and closed nominal; December, opened 38.97%, closed 38.97%. Lard—October, opened and closed nominal; December, opened 34.42%c, closed 44.65.

Turkeys, 8%c per B; chickens (hens), 6%c; apring chickens, 7c; ducks, 7%%c
Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 22c per B; extra dairy, 19c; fresh packing stock, 11c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 14%c per dosen. Live Poultry—Turkeys, 7%16c per B; chickens (hens), 7c; spring chickens, 7%c; ducks, 7%%c. Potatoes—Northwestern, 32%42c per bu. Sweet Potatoes—Jersey, \$3.00%3.25 per bbl.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Oct. 22.

Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 28,000; sales ranged at \$2,60@3.95 for piga, \$3,80@4.05 for light, \$3,25@3.45 for rough packing, \$3,60@4.00 for mixed, and \$3,50 @4.00 for heavy packing and shipping lota Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 3,000; quotations ranged at \$5,100 for choice to extra shipping steers, \$4,70@5.10 good to choice do., \$4,40@4.80 fair to good, \$3,80@4.25 outchers steers, \$2,90 @3.90 stockers, \$3,70@4.50 feeders, \$2,90 @4.20 cows, \$2,60@4.60 heifers, \$2,25@4.25 bulls, oxen and stags, \$2,90@3.90 Texas steeers, \$3,30@4.50 western rangers, and \$3,50@7.00 weals calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 10,000; quotations ranged at \$2,50@4.20 westerns, \$2,40@4.40 natives, and \$3,75@6.00 lambs.

Milwankee Grain.

Milwaukee Grain. Wheat—Higher; No. 1 northern, 91@ 22c; No. 2 spring, 884c; December, nominal. Corn—Firmer; No. 3, 25c. Oats—Higher; No. 2 white, 211/2622c. Rye—Higher; No. 1, 474c.

TRADE MOVEMENT IS IRREGULAR.

of Business Is Still Large. New York, Oct. 23.—Bradstreet's says While the general trade movement is somewhat irregular, and there are further evidences of falling off in der the volume of business continuer of large proportions. Speculation in wool has ceased and demand for the staple is less than for weeks past. Cotton goods are dull, and jobbers report dry goods slower than a week ago. Interion mer-chants in the central west have not distributed fall stocks as promptly as ex-pected, and many jobbers at western centers find that they over-estimated the consumptive demand when secur-ing fall goods. Unseasonably warm weather has interfered with the movement of heavy goods at the west, but rains in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska have improved the agricultural

The industrial situation continues to furnish employment to as many persons as at any preceding period this year, and at higher wages. Production of iron, steel, machinery, stoves, structural work, glass and woolen goods con-tinues heavy. Steel mills have orders to carry them into 1898, and decline contracts for next year's delivery. This explains the advance in the price of Bessemer pig iron, while the foundry grades remain unchanged. The extraordinarily heavy and stendily increasing production of iron is starting up furances long out of blast.

There are 205 business fallures reported throughout the United States his week, against 196 last week 292 in the week a year ago, 259 two years ago, 221 in the like week of 1894 and 229 in the third week of October, 1893.

JOINT SERVICE OF CHRISTIANS.

Disciples and Quakers Hold a Meeting Indianapolis, Oct. 23 .- A joint service of Disciples and Friends was eagerly entered into by both denominations yester-

day. The Friends spoke and prayed as the spirit moved them. At times there were as many as half a dozen persons on their feet at the same time, awaiting recognition from the chair. The Disciples were equally as anxious to say a word of greeting and Christian unity. The service was fervent and for thirty minutes the two conventions sat togeth-er, and then parted, the Disciples to ador, and then parted, the Disciples to adjourn their meeting sine die.

The important question which has been subject of debate in the Society of Friends of Ameroa for many years—the

question of conferring legislative authority on the conference—has been prac-tically settled in favor of the innovation The plan adopted is the one submitted by the special committee, the only material change being that each yearly neeting is to have two delegates instead of one. The plan now only needs the approval of the yearly meetings to be-come a law of the church. Opposed to Hanging and Fermented Wine

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Capital punishment and the use of fermented wine at communion was denounced at the Univer-salist general convention yesterday Though there was no dissenting voice when reservence was made to an official ondemnation of the use of wine at comnunion, it was decided that such important step could not be taken without careful consideration, and the resolution proposed was laid on the table for action at the convention of 1899.

Democratic Editors of Illi Chicago, Oct. 23.—It was Bryan for president, Mayor Harrison for governor and free silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 as a war cry in 1900 with the Demo-cratic editors of Illinois who began their second annual meeting at the Trem House yesterday. Mayor Harrison, in his address of welcome, championed the 16-to-1 platform. The meeting was well attended from all parts of the state.

Mrs. Hoxsle Held in \$1,000. Creston, Ia., Oct. 23.-Mrs. Hoxsie, wife of Editor Hoxsie, of the Corning Gazette, who is accused of the murder of her daughter's illegitimate child, has bound over to the grand jury. The

bond is placed at \$1,000 etsion on Grain Spec Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 23.-The supreme court in the case of Counselman & Co. va Manuel Reinhart, brought up from Cass district court, declares that contracts for grain where the intention is merely speculation on the chances of rise or fall of the market, and no delivand void. It is not enough to render tends it as a gambling contract, unless the seller participates in that intention.

Gotham Continues to Whoop Her Up. New York, Oct. 23.—A great number of political mass meetings were held throughout the metropolitan district last night, and the champions for the

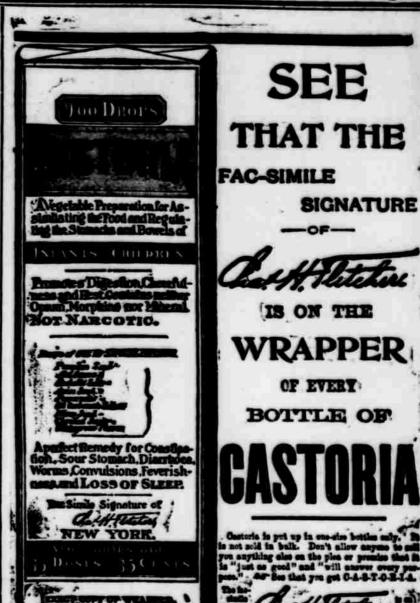


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