

The silver question in the west is looming up and the people are aroused over the issue now forming in Illinois and other western states. The issue for 1896 will be free silver on one side and a single standard on the other. The democrats are divided and so are the republicans. From a southern and western standpoint, it looks like silver would win in the fight, but the President and many of the ablest democrats are opposed to free silver, except it is brought on by international agreement, and a vigorous fight will be made for and against free coinage. We think there is an extreme on the part of the silver advocates. While we believe in the coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio to make both metals equal in value, yet we do not see any advantage in coining the silver bullion now in the Treasury unless it could be floated out in the commercial world on a par with gold. Every ounce of bullion in the Treasury is represented by silver certificates the \$55,000,000 of seniorage, which is now being coined as fast as possible, and, as it is not represented by anything, it is proper that it should be coined. We are for both metals being coined at a proper ratio. This is the old democratic idea, and had it not been for the republican Congress of 1873, when silver was degraded, and ever since bought and sold as a commodity, we would not be in the condition that we are now, financially. Silver must be restored as a money metal on a par with gold, as it was prior to 1873. The great question is, can the United States have free and unlimited coinage alone without the other nations agreeing? Can silver be maintained on a parity with gold by our country alone? These are the great questions for our country to consider. If we get free coinage, and silver is repudiated by the commercial world we will be hurt financially.

The 'Progressive Farmer' in its last weeks issue brought us to taw, because we had rejected a religious controversy sent to the DEMOCRAT but had used nearly a column in publishing an obituary on a gander. To this charge we plead guilty. We had already published two installments pro and con on the Sabbath controversies, afterward every mail brought us more literature on the same question. We were satisfied about the Sabbath ourselves and judge that every body else is, on one side or the other. We do not think that a controversy on this subject can do much good. We are opposed to things of this kind. Let every body believe as they feel like it, on Biblical questions. We are willing for them to have their own opinion. But the gander obituary is what the Progressive Farmer seems to object to. We will kindly remind our esteemed friend that if the 'Progressive Farmer' would now and then use a little gander literature instead of the many State pieces from "Maj. Bilkins" which is published every week, many of its readers would feel relieved. How-

ever we appreciate the large weekly of Brother Ramsey and read it cheerfully but when we undertake "Bilkins" we soon feel tired, but every man to his own liken as the good man said when he kissed his cow. Give "Bilkins" and "Betsey" a rest and fill up with the gander obituary next week. Let us have a variety.

A Better Observance of the Lord's Day Needed.

The DEMOCRAT is right in not allowing religious or theological controversies to run through its columns. The trouble about such controversies is there is no stopping place, and they sometimes become bitter and personal. But in the few suggestions I wish to make in this communication, there will be nothing of a controversial nature. I think it is almost universally admitted by christians and nominal christians that a Sabbath or Lord's day is needed. It is needed both spiritually and physically. Man and beast need one day out of seven to rest. We need one day out of seven to worship and serve God, and to gain spiritual improvement. The Lord's day is much abused. It is not a day for visiting and pleasure seeking. It is not a day for talking over business matters and laying plans for the future. It is not a day for letter-writing and yet many people use the day for that purpose. It is not a day for driving, and yet many spend hours of the afternoon for that purpose. Some good people, who ought to lay a better example, load their wagons Saturday morning and start to market to get to arrive all day Sunday. Some use the day to collect accounts and settle debts, while others use the day to negotiate trades. Many boys use the day for congregating together to jump, wrestle, pitch quaits and run foot-races, and often get into trouble. The Lord's day ought to be used in reading the Bible, religious papers and good books. It is well and the weather is favorable, we ought to go to Sunday school and church. It is strangely unaccountable that so many people manifest such indifference toward the church and Sunday school. It speaks well for any community, if it can be truthfully said of the people, they are a Sabbath observing and church going people. We may visit the sick on the Lord's day, but it is wrong to do so, if we will not take time to visit them in the week. Many defer visiting the sick till Sunday, and then so many go that the patient is often made worse rather than better. Some sick people dread for Sunday to come. To ignore and violate the Lord's day with impunity will bring trouble sooner or later. There is much truth in the adage. "A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content." No wonder things often go wrong all week after a neglected and wasted Sabbath. It is intended to remain us of the rest that remains for the people of God. Let us make a wise and profitable use of the day, and we will be a wiser, better and happier people.

I. W. THOMAS. Hibriten, April 18, '95.

Hood's Pills are the best after dinner pills; assist digestion, cure headache.

A FALSEHOOD. Editor Democrat: A good friend of mine in Watauga writes me that I am charged with forging the Dist. line between Nos. 2 and 56, while I was secretary of the Board of Education. I denounce it as a falsehood. I think that line was made while Capt. Coffey, J. M. Brown and Thos. Bingham composed the Board, and I think it was an agreed line, and was satisfactory to all parties. I don't now remember that there was ever any trouble about it. I am sure no one ever complained to me about the line, and I know no one ever asked me to make any change in the line. Then why should I have forged it? If I forged the line, the Board of Education approved the forgery. At any and every meeting, the first thing done was to have the minutes of the preceding meetings read by the Secretary, to see if there were any mistakes in his record. If any, they were corrected, and the minute was approved, the chairman writing the word approved at the bottom and signing his name. I always read the minutes from the record book itself, and not from the rough minute of the preceding meeting. Then how could I have forged the line unless I had interlined the record book? I would be glad if some of my friends would examine the record and see if there is any interlining or tampering whatever with the record in connection with the line between Nos. 2 and 56. I may have made many mistakes while secretary of the Board of Education, but one thing I did not do, and that is, I did not forge any matter whatever, and the man who says I did, must surely have an ax to grind.

I thank my good friend for informing me of the effort to slander my character, which is better nowhere than in Watauga county. Good will to all men. I. W. THOMAS. Hibriten, April 16, '94.

Marvelous Results. From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at River Junction, she was brought down with pneumonia succeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last for hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at W. L. Bryan's.

Governor Turney, of Tenn., has won the fight and will be declared the lawful Governor by the Legislature. His majority will be about 2,000. We do not know whether the claims of Turney are right, we have some doubts, but who ever was lawfully elected ought to be seated.

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The Cuban rebellion is assuming large proportions. Spain is massing large forces of troops into Cuba. It is stated that the whole Island is uprising against the Spanish authorities and if the insurgents hold out until the United States Congress meets appeals will be made to the United States for recognition, which will very probably be done. If the United States recognize Cuba it will have the effect to end the war and secure the independence of Cuba. We hope this will be the result.

\$1000 Worth of Other Medicines Failed But Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Perfect Health.



Mr. Arthur McConnell, Pensacola, Florida. "One thousand dollars' worth of other medicines, prescriptions, etc., have failed to do for me what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done. My home is in Florida, but in 1884 I went to California and lived there four years. I was taken sick in 1886 and had medical assistance, but found no relief. The doctors said I had chronic bronchitis. I was in the Marine Hospital at San Francisco several months and at Rush Medical College, Chicago, 11 months, but still did not get better, so came back to Pensacola. My weight was then 125 pounds with a heavy overcoat on. My Friends Did Not Know Me. I was so thin and broken down. But the climate and being at home gave me a little courage and I began trying various medicines. In August, 1890, I was appointed to a position in the United States custom house. My friends urged my wife to have me try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I took it three times a day just to please her. But to my surprise I commenced to feel differently after a week on Hood's. I found I was hungry and that I could sleep better; that tired feeling also left me. So I continued taking Hood's Sarsaparilla; have used also bottles and four boxes of Hood's Pills, with the result that I am now in good health, weigh 162 pounds, have a good appetite, sleep well, and have not lost a day's work since I began to take this medicine. When everything else has failed, I found that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures." ARTHUR MCCONNELL, United States Cargo Office, Pensacola, Florida.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures. Hood's Pills act easily, yet promptly and efficiently, on the liver and bowels, etc.

LAND SALE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage executed to L. F. Ragan by A. H. Miller and wife, Sally, on March 29th 1892 for the sum of \$820.37 the same being due and no part having been paid, I will offer for sale at public auction at the court house door in Boone on the 29th day of April 1895 it being Monday of Court between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock of said day a half interest in 40 acres of land lying on Cove Creek adjoining the lands of J. R. Reece and others and one third interest in a grist mill located on said land also one half interest in a saw mill. For further particulars see Book "P" of deed page 409 etc., in the office of Register of Deeds for Watauga county where said mortgage is registered. Also a tract of land containing 100 acres more or less lying in the county of Watauga on the waters of Meat Camp creek adjoining the lands of John Wine barger and others the same having been mortgaged to L. F. Ragan by J. L. Moretz and wife, M. E. Moretz, March 29, 1892 with power of sale for the sum of \$820.37 the same being due and no part having been paid said land to be sold at the same time as the above named tract, for further particulars see Book "P" of deeds page 407 etc., in the office of Register of Deeds watauga county where said mortgage is registered. Terms made known on day of sale. Deeds in fee simple will be executed to purchasers W. C. Coffey receiver in case of powers Little & Co., and others against L. F. Ragan and others, March 28, '95.

Thanking my friends for past patronage, and hoping to merit it in the future, I am VERY RESPECTFULLY, J. B. (LARKE. Blowing Rock, April 10, '95.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. North Carolina, Watauga county, in the Superior. E. B. Miller vs. J. F. Steelman. The defendant in the above entitled action having been summoned to appear at Watauga Superior court and put in the sheriff's hands for service and he making his return as follows, viz: "Diligent search made J. F. Steelman not found in my county." Now, therefore, by virtue of an order for publication the defendant in above entitled action will take notice that he is to appear at Watauga Superior court the same being the 29th of April, '95 and answer complaint of plaintiff where said plaintiff claims of defendant the sum of \$180.00 with interest at balance of purchased money on a tract of land purchased of plaintiff and lying in Ashe county. Herein take notice and fail not. This March 21, '95. M. B. BLACKBURN, C. S. C.

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AWFUL HIGH ON A CREDIT. When you come to the "Rock" come and see me, and it may be to our mutual benefit. Thanking my friends for past patronage, and hoping to merit it in the future, I am VERY RESPECTFULLY, J. B. (LARKE. Blowing Rock, April 10, '95.