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THE FINANCIAL QUESTION SOLVED.

Col. Harry Skinner Has Discovered Some Thing New.

In speaking of Col. Harry Skinner's bill the Washington Post says: "This bill provides for the issuance of bimetallic certificates of various denominations, which shall have a positive value of one hundred cents on the dollar. These certificates are to be issued to any person who may deposit eleven and six-tenths grains of gold and one hundred and eighty-five and six-tenths grains of silver (at a ratio of 16 to 1) These certificates are to be their face value, are made receivable for public and private debts, and when received for public taxes shall be rejected, and on its face guarantee that the bearer shall, within twelve months, at any United States depository receive fifty cents worth of gold and fifty cents worth of silver, according to the market value of the bullion as declared by the secretary of the treasury."

"The bill further provides that the secretary of the treasury may issue said certificates in the same proportion against any gold or silver in the treasury, and when so issued shall redeem in equal proportions the present outstanding gold and silver certificates. It is also provided that seigniorage shall be covered into the treasury to be converted into a sinking fund for redemption purposes. In case of a depreciation in the price of silver the secretary of the treasury is authorized to purchase silver in open market to meet the deficiency.

"Mr. Skinner says he has submitted his bill to many of the leading republican and democratic metallists in both houses of Congress, and they admit that it is one of the simplest and at the same time most ideal propositions that have been made in connection with the money question. It carries out the very spirit of the republican platform in regard to bimetalism, for it provides for a 100-cent dollar—one-half gold and the other half silver. If the silver depreciates the gold will surely appreciate, and thus the combined value of the two metals equalizes the face value of the bimetallic certificate and keeps its face value at 100 cents. Under any circumstances the holders of the certificates can demand of the government 50 cents in gold and 50 cents in silver."

"When the question comes up for consideration Mr. Skinner says it will be difficult for the single gold standard men to successfully oppose it. Senator Chandler and other republicans who are interested in carrying out the republican promises in behalf of bimetalism have examined the bill and declare that it will challenge the thoughtful consideration of every one who honestly believes in a bimetallic currency system."

General Lee's Nobility of Character.

In the concluding paper of the series which Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly has been publishing on Gen. Robert E. Lee Mr. Edmund Jennings Lee speaks of the general's remarkable influence over his men, as illustrated by Stonewall Jackson's remark: "Lee is the only man whom I would follow blindfold," and narrates the following anecdote to show the regard felt for him not by his own men alone, but by his opponents as well:

"One night, it is said, some of his soldiers were discussing Darwinism around their camp-fires. One of their number suddenly interrupted the discussion by saying: 'Well, boys, the rest of us may be descended from monkeys, but I tell you none less than a God could have

made such a man as Uncle Robert.' After one of his battles the general had a young soldier whose arm had been badly shattered by a bullet. 'I grieve for you, my poor boy,' said the tender-hearted chief, 'but I do anything for you?' 'Yes, sir,' replied the boy; 'you can shake hands with me, General, if you will consent to take my left hand.'

"Some years ago this story went the rounds of the papers, said to have been told by the actor in the scene. It is here repeated from memory. After the battle of Gettysburg General Lee and staff were firing across a portion of that field on which some wounded still lay. A Northern soldier, badly wounded, lay near their route, and, seeing the Southern General, he raised himself on one elbow, lifted his cap and cried: 'Three cheers for President Lincoln! General Lee on hearing the cry immediately wheeled his horse, rode up to the soldier and dismounted. The soldier thought the General was offended and had come to punish him for his bravado. But instead he raised his head and tried to arrange him so as to make his position more comfortable, saying at the same time: 'My poor fellow, I hope you will soon be better.' The soldier acknowledges that he wept tears of shame after the General had gone on to think that he had tried to wound the feelings of so noble an enemy."

"It is a public fact that soldiers are usually extremely jealous of their reputations, and military annals are filled with their reprimands and bickerings. Their eagerness to claim success is only equalled by their promptness in explaining failures. Contrary to such practice, General Lee throughout the war invariably gave the credit for his successes to others—to some officer or to his men; but always took upon himself the blame for any failure. At Chancellorsville Col. Charles Marshall, a member of his staff, tells us that a note was brought from General Jackson congratulating General Lee on his victory. 'I still never forget,' says Colonel Marshall, 'the look of pain and anguish that passed over his face as he listened. With a voice broken with emotion he bade me say to General Jackson that the victory was his, and the congratulations were due him. I do not know but others may regard this incident, but for myself, as I gave expression to the thoughts of his exalted mind, I forgot the genius that won the day in my reverence for the generosity that refused its glory.'

"So, too, at Gettysburg he took all the blame upon himself, saying: 'Never mind, General! all this has been my fault. It is I who have lost this fight.' Of the same battle he wrote later to a lady friend: 'The army did all it could. I fear I required of it impossibilities. But it responded nobly and cheerfully, and, though it did not win a victory, it conquered a success.' Again, at Appomattox, when one of his staff exclaimed, Oh, General, what will history say of the surrender of this army in the field? he replied, 'Yes, I know they will say hard things of us; they will not understand how we were overwhelmed by numbers. But that is not the question, Colonel. The question is: Is it right to surrender this army? If it is right, then I will take all the responsibility.' So he was ever ready to take all the responsibility, provided the action was in the line of duty."

Frank Hoskins, a young white man about 20 years of age, was killed at High Point Saturday night a week by a freight train. He was on the track asleep or unconscious.

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ANOTHER TERRIBLE BLUNDER.

The Revenue Act Is "No Good," Raleigh News and Observer.

A fatal defect has been discovered in the revenue act. The constitutional question between property and poll taxes is not observed. The Constitution of North Carolina, Article V, Section 1, provides that "the General Assembly shall levy a capitation tax on every male inhabitant of the State over twenty-one and under fifty years of age, which shall be equal on each to the tax on property valued at \$300 in cash. * * * And the State and county capitation tax combined shall never exceed two dollars on the head."

Now the finance committee observed this proportion, and the bill so passed the House, but when it went to the Senate that body tampered with it, and the act now, as enrolled, names 40 cents as the tax on property and only \$1.20 on the poll. The poll should be \$1.38. The Supreme Court will be called upon to pass upon the matter. If the new act is unconstitutional the act of two years ago may be effective. It will, however, be wholly inadequate for meeting the general running expenses of the government and paying the increased appropriations made by the Legislature.

Judge Robinson's Effrayed Rebuke to the Bar.

"Gentlemen," said Judge Robinson to the lawyers, "I am not responsible for this loss of time." But the lawyers heeded not. Time killing seemed a favorite amusement. Mr. Burdette was ceasing to be a virtue. A railroad case was being tried. The evidence was closed. Judge Robinson told the lawyers to go ahead with their argument. They seemed slow. He waited. Again he told them to go ahead. The lawyers to open began to move around slowly. The judge waited. Giving ample time, he (the judge) turned to the jury and began reading the evidence. Consternation was plainly depicted on the countenance of the lawyers. The judge read on. Another attorney loaded with a big speech on the case came in. He was dumb-founded but said not a word. The judge read on, charged the jury and gave them the case. The lawyers were leant on. For the first time in our knowledge, a judge had sat down effectively on killing time by the bar. His example is worthy of all commendation and repetition.

The Income Tax in the Supreme Court.

New York World. The traditional and patriotic respect which the American people entertain for the Supreme court will not be strengthened by the refusal of Justice Shiras to meet the charge publicly made in Congress that he had defeated the income tax law by changing his vote after having affirmed its constitutionality. The charge has every presumption in its favor short of positive proof. On the final decision the law was sustained by Justices Brown, White, Jackson and Harlan. It was defeated by the votes of Justices Fuller, Field, Gray, Brewer, and Shiras.

But previous to this re-hearing, and with Justice Jackson absent, the court had stood four to four on the constitutionality of the law. Who was the fourth Justice who sided with Brown, White and Harlan in affirming its constitutionality?

When it is publicly charged in open session by two reputable members of Congress, not only that it was Justice Shiras, but that previous to his change of opinion he had pleaded with a wavering fellow Justice to uphold the income tax law, it is no answer to say, as Mr. Justice Shiras does: "The only thing I can do is to hold my peace."

There is no reason why any Justice of the Supreme Court should refuse to affix his name openly to any opinion of his which has become thereby a law of the land.

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A Striking Lesson in North Carolina.

Wilmington Messenger.

Are times hard? Is it a tale? Is there an abundance of money anywhere outside of banks and rich men's lockers?—Is there business stagnation really, or is it now nothing of great activity, prosperity and rush? Let every man who may read this answer for himself. We ask the questions above because of a letter read to us within twenty-four hours. It is written in one of the very best counties in intelligence, property and good homes in the state. That letter said—"It is painful to go down town, everything looks very stagnant and dull—so much unlike it used to be. You cannot collect money. If you take the property of men in debt you cannot dispose of it, and it brings you nothing. The merchants are forced to take products from the farmers in exchange for goods, such is the great scarcity of currency. We give from memory, but have stated in our words, as we recall the statement of the letter. If you know that county, what it has been, you would marvel at the report, and better understand its import. It is a county once so prosperous that the farmers really did not know what to do with their surplus money. They had all the land they needed, there were no manufactories but tobacco; and that was overdone, and there were no investments at hand. At the time, within fifteen years, there were \$80,000 deposited by the farmers in one of the banks for safe keeping only. A man any morning who wanted to raise \$10,000 could have taken a horse and buggy and by a little trip in the country of a few miles could have got the amount, of course, with proper security, or otherwise, if the man's business reputation was good.

Now it is so dull, the farmers are so embarrassed, money is so scarce, that you cannot collect interest on lent money, and merchants are compelled to barter goods for farm products to carry on their business. All this, too, in a 'land of Goshen' in the past—a land of happy homes, excellent home buildings, of churches and schools, and hospitality. What has done it? Trusts, and striking down one-half of the people's money, and increasing the value of gold, and congesting money in the great centers while creating a money famine in the south and west.

Mr. Dodge, of New York city, is doubtless exactly truthful in his account of what he saw and learned in the west, and the commercial traveler reported in the Richmond Dispatch what he said. We are prepared to believe all he said, knowing that is the condition of a North Carolina county that twenty years ago was the equal of any county in all southland in general prosperity.

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Two hundred and ninety-three Pops have succeeded each other, and only eleven of them, including the present Pope, have reigned more than seventeen years. Leo XIII has reigned nineteen years. Pius IX reigned thirty-two years, thereby nullifying the popular superstition that no Pope would reign more than twenty-five. Leo owes his fine health and astonishing powers of work, firstly, to his frugal upbringing in the Italian hills, and in the next place to his regularity of life-long abstinence. He lives on less than 5 francs a day.

The secret of a speedy cure in sickness lies in selecting the proper remedy and this is difficult to do unless one is sure what the ailment is. But one thing is sure, had the liver been actively at work sickness could not have come. It is the always safe to take Simmons Liver Regulator which keeps the liver well regulated and all poison expelled from the system.

The Tariff Thinkers.

After clothing goes up to twenty-five per cent the wage-earner may reflect that the new tariff bill is not all wool.—Pawtucket Post.

The republican leaders are going to drive the tariff cart right over all opposition if they bust a trace doing it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Chairman Dingley is not a vindictive man. He has shown his magnanimity toward the democrats by putting Balm of Gilead on the free list.—Chicago Times-Herald.

According to the new tariff bill, "spunk" is on the free list. That's all right, though. The imported article cannot compare with the home-grown, American variety.—Cincinnati Tribune.

The county shares the curiosity of Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri. What the deuce is the House going to do after the 31st instant, when it has sent the tariff bill to the Senate?—Boston Herald.

Be it remembered that all of the democratic members of the ways and means committee, except one, have voted to put a duty on cotton which, on the basis of last year's importations, would produce an income of \$1,500,000 a year.—Cleveland Leader.

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The government of Sweden has notified the Canadian government that Mr. Andree will start from Stockholm about the end of June for Spitzbergen, to attempt his balloon voyage to the north pole, and requests that instructions be given to Canadian officials at different points in the northwest territories and Hudson Bay region to report the balloon if it is sighted.

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Zola, busy as he is supposed to be, works only three hours a day, and the first hour hardly counts. It is usually between 10 and 1 o'clock in the day that he writes. At home in the evening he ordinarily wears a snuff-colored sack suit. He is growing stout, he looks tired, and his voice is weak and pitched high.

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R. L. Pritchford, a merchant of Oxford, assigned, Assets \$2,500; liabilities about the same.

It is quite broadly hinted that Charlotte is to have a colored postmaster.

Over 30,000 copies of J. M. Barrie's "Margaret Ogilvy" have been sold in England.

The general impression appears to be that a very large cotton crop will be planted in the State this season.

King & Greenwood, merchants of Elkin, failed Wednesday. Liabilities \$4,000; assets \$5,000 to \$7,000.

In May there will be an unusually large number of local option elections in this State, nearly all in towns.

Work is ordered to be begun at once on the Baptist State Female University at Redfish not to be again stopped until completed.

The Newbern Journal says that some magistrates who were indicted for not making their reports were found guilty and made to pay costs.

A good many burglaries have taken place at Kittrell recently. Tuesday night of last week the store of J. M. Woodley & Co. was almost gutted by robbers.

At Dudley, Wayne county, Saturday night a week, Frank Baker, a turbulent colored politician, was shot and killed by some unknown assassin.

Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire, refuses to go into any money-making schemes. "What I am trying to do," says he to promoters, "is to keep my income down within the limits of decency."

A Paris boulevardier, who died lately in a malhouse at the age of forty years, had the distinction of having launched on Paris society Milcs, Liane de Poizy and Emilienne d'Alencen. His nickname was Vido Bouteille (the Bottle Emptier).

Drink Water Plentifully. The general tendency of people is not to drink water enough. Pure water itself never can be unwholesome, unless it is taken at too low a temperature when food is eaten. The reason for this is that digestion stops until the cold water in the system is brought up to the proper temperature. In the Chautauquan the following advice is given:

We have proof that an insufficient quantity of drinking water is a frequent source of disease. George Henry Fox, M. D., professor of diseases of the skin in the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, says in a recent article on this subject: "It is quite certain that few people drink too much water, and I feel sure that many unpleasant feelings and symptoms of actual disease would quickly disappear if the sufferers only appreciated the value of this best and cheapest of all remedies, pure water." Dr. Charles L. Dana, professor of nervous diseases in the New York Post Graduate Medical School, in an article on diet in nervous diseases, says: "Water should be drunk between meals or before meals and a moderate amount at meals. At least three pints, or about six tumblersful, should be taken daily. American neurotics do not drink water enough. They have half-dissipated nerves, and desiccation increases nervous irritability."

Regarded. "You are asking for alms, are you?" asked a benevolent individual of a crippled beggar. "No, sir," replied the unfortunate man. "I have my arms all right, but if you could get me a good cork leg I'd be forever in debt to you, sir."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

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