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# THE WEEKLY STAR.

This is why we have insisted that the true policy of Southern and Western members of Congress was to move promptly, when Congress meets, for the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State banks and make it a condition to the consideration of the repeal of the Sherman act. When that is done, as far as the interests of their respective constituencies goes, with the exception, perhaps, of the silver States, the Southern and Western representatives need not care what becomes of the Sherman act. We are viewing this question from the standpoint of interest—business—and that is the only standpoint from which it is or should be viewed. There is neither patriotism nor sentiment in it.

### THE WAY OUT.

We have believed, and the more we reflect upon it the stronger our belief becomes, that the solution of the financial problem which has been a vexing one for years will be found in the establishment of State banks, and going back as nearly as we can to the financial system which prevailed prior to 1860, for it was shortly after that that the new departure was taken by the printing of greenbacks and the establishment of the national bank system. To build the national banks up the State banks were destroyed, unconstitutionally and arbitrarily destroyed.

While the Congress of the United States assumes the right to exercise absolute control over the money issue of the country and to say what shall or shall not be money, who may deal in it and who may not, how much shall be put into circulation, to declare that printed paper shall be money, and that coined metal shall not be, in short, to exercise absolute control of the currency question, there always will be trouble in a great country like ours, geographically divided into sections, each having interests of its own, which sometimes conflict with the interests of one or more of the others. The money question never will be at rest as long as it is in the power of any set of men, in any one section, to control the volume of the currency, or to say what that volume shall be composed of, what they will recognize as money or not recognize, or how much interest the man who has to borrow money shall pay for the use of it, and in what kind of money it shall be paid.

This is practically what is done now, and has been done for years, and this is the reason of the agitation of the money question today; thirty years after the abolition of the State banks, and the reason why the Congress of the United States is divided into factions over it, each with its following among the people.

There are three schools, if we may so term them, of disputants. First, those who practically assert that gold only should be recognized as a genuine money metal. They do not admit this but logically this is what their contention means.

Second, those who assert that gold and silver should both be used as money and no distinction be made between them. If compelled to make a distinction between the two they would probably decide in favor of silver.

Third, those who believe in the abolition of all banks and contend that the Government should issue the money in volume enough to meet all demands of the people, and distribute it among the people directly through sub-treasuries established for that purpose. They don't care what the money is made out of so there be plenty of it, and would as soon have printed paper as stamped metal.

The first of these contentions hold that there is money enough in the country and for that reason no more should be coined, which neither of the others admit. So the contention goes and so it will go on if the money question is to be controlled by Congress alone, for Congress will never get it into a shape to satisfy the several parties with their conflicting demands.

This question must be taken out of Congress, at least as far as the volume of currency goes, and let it exercise its jurisdiction over the coinage of metallic money, as it did up to 1860. Then if there were dispute over the coinage question it would be confined to comparatively few people and would not materially affect the business or industries of the country.

If the people of the respective States have the power to regulate the volume of currency as they may deem necessary to meet the demands of business, with a money in which they have confidence, which is simply secured and which they freely use, the coinage question will lose its importance and will cease to interest them, at least those of them who are not interested in mines of coinage metals or in metallic production.

### A SWEDISH NATURALIST

A Swedish naturalist has gone prying around in Florida and discovered more kinds of mice. He is wasting his labors. There isn't a woman in this country who will not say that there are too many mice now.

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### PRESIDENT DAVIS' REMAINS.

The remains of President Jefferson Davis were returned to the State of Mississippi yesterday.

### THE WOMEN OF THE STATE

A meeting of the women of the State was held in Raleigh yesterday.

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