

THE PROPS KNOCKED OUT.

The present agitation for the free and unlimited coinage of silver began at the time when the business depression resulting from the Sherman silver purchase act was at its worst.

The free and unlimited coinage of silver was proclaimed as the remedy for the ills we then endured, and we were told that times would never get better until that policy was adopted.

An inquiry made by Bradstreet's shows that since April 1 the wages of 178,000 employes in seventy-five cities have been substantially increased, the additions ranging from 10 to 20 per cent.

Since the first of April work has been resumed on 227 industrial plants, giving work to 53,400 persons who had been idle.

The price of cotton has advanced 33.3 per cent. Wheat has risen from 50 cents to 83 cents. The price of corn and other staple agricultural products has increased substantially.

With this great and steadily increasing improvement upon us, we are urged to make a revolution in our policy, to quit the company of every progressive nation on the globe and adopt a monetary system which is to be found only in those nations where the condition of the people is worst, wages lowest and government most insecure.

We have seen men go into conventions in apparent good faith. We have seen them get the man they wanted and the measures they wanted—they were pleased.

We have on the other hand, seen men go into conventions, fail to get the man or the measures they wanted—they came out with anger in their boots.

We have seen all this in Cabarrus county. We have had boomers hit us, hit us hard. We have taken up these kicking steers afterwards and lionized them and made bits of them and you have seen them befall their positions, their political honor and become stanches in the nostrils of decent politicians.

They cornered Congressman Bryan in a Mississippi on the 13th. He spoke and spoke—he thought he had the crowds with him, and he did so long as he was right. The pinch came—he had an answer to give—he evaded it—he pinned him down. Then he said, "I was wrong, etc., etc., but will never vote against my principles."

We have known them all our lives and why call them such ugly names because they differ with us. There may be some men among us who understand it—we doubt it seriously; there may be some who know a little about it; but that 99 out of a hundred, who talk learnedly and positively about the great problem before us, know absolutely nothing about it, we honestly believe. Then why say "crank" and "slylock," etc.?

THE STANDARD has said all along, it knows nothing positively about it; but we do know that silver monometalism will be just as bad as gold monometalism; and this is just what many people are howling for.

The man that has advocated everything from subtreasury to government ownership of railroads, sticking to one thing only 12 months, hasn't sense and stability enough to settle the money problem for us. We want a teacher that is not the child of circumstances, but the student of affairs—the successful man.

The injunction granted by Judge Goff in the South Carolina registration matter, has been set aside by a high court. This is right. We are glad of it.

That the majority of the Democrats of Cabarrus county are now inclined to a belief in the Free Coinage of silver, there seems no doubt. That they believe in the pancea, is by no means the case.

There is to be a hanging in Salisbury on July 25th. It will be a duel—two are to be rushed off "to glory." The law ordered this and it is right. But this performance is to be public, by order of the County Commissioners. Such hangings are demoralizing and no good results from publicity. They are usually frolics and should the stars of the occasion preach a sermon or indulge in sober advice it falls on deaf, mocking ears.

They say all clouds have a silver lining. The clouds that move quick, fast and angrily over the political sky these days are regular silver mice within themselves.

The commencement season is about over. Davidson and Wake Forest are winding up—then all will be over. North Carolina has her quota of schools and that all are looking up and pushing forward, is good.

The delegation to the Memphis convention—"honest money"—is headed by Marion Butler. The delegation from this State is composed of Democrats, Populists and Republicans, none of whom could run a saw mill successfully, to say nothing of the United States government.

Kleptomaniacs is the polite term for common stealing when the thief has money or social position, remarks the San Francisco Chronicle. The latest instance of this vice of the period comes from Paris, where a rich old collector of curios looted the Louvre and stole many valuable art relics. If these kleptomaniacs were treated like ordinary thieves we should hear of them less frequently. Because a man has no incentive to theft except cupidity is sufficient reason why he should be more severely punished than one who steals from necessity.

Traces His Death to Football. Harrisburg, Pa., June 11.—S Harry Kishpaugh, son of C M Kishpaugh, of the International Affairs Department, died here yesterday under distressing circumstances. Up to last fall he was a student at the Davis Military School, in Winston, N. C. In the fall of 1893 while captaining the football team he was thrown heavily and injured in the abdomen. An abscess formed and he submitted to an operation, but he gradually failed and died from the injury.

A PERPLEXING QUESTION.

The Government Contemplates Sending a War Vessel to Florida to Guard Against Filibustering.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Officials of the State and Navy Departments are considering the advisability of sending a war ship to guard the Florida coast to prevent the filibustering expeditions from leaving the United States for Cuba but an embarrassing question has arisen to prevent immediate action.

As the matter stands the officials of the State and Navy Departments think it best to go slowly, trusting in the meantime to increase vigilance on the present revenue cutter service of the Treasury Department.

THE RALEIGH GO. Late this afternoon Secretary Herbert settled all doubt as to the course to be taken by this government by issuing orders to the Raleigh to proceed at once to Key West, Fla. She will be retained there to watch for filibusters and see that no more expeditions leave this country for Cuba with contraband or men for the insurgents.

MR. BRYAN CORNERED. He Will Not Vote the Democratic Ticket if the National Platform Declares for Gold.

JACKSON, Miss., June 11.—Congressman Bryan, of Nebraska, addressed a large and enthusiastic audience here tonight on the financial question. His speech was the strongest ever heard in this city, the people were captivated by the power of his logic and oratory, but at the close a bombshell was thrown in the camp. One of the audience asked: "Will you support the Democratic ticket in case a gold standard platform is adopted at the next national convention?"

Quiet fell on the great throng, Mr. Bryan paused a moment and quoted what Mr. Whitney had said about the party going to pieces in case a silver platform was adopted. He was pressed to answer the question by every administrator man in the house, and then declared: "I was born and raised a Democrat; I was nursed at a Democratic mother's breast and taught Democracy by a Democratic father, but will never vote against my principles."

He was reminded that he had not answered the question. Five hundred men were on their feet yelling at once. The crowd had been largely with Mr. Bryan all along but was not prepared to endorse his answer. He said: "I am as certain the Democratic convention will adopt a double standard platform as I am that I am standing here, but if it does not, if the single gold standard is adopted, I would die in my tracks before I would vote the ticket."

A TRUE BILL. Holland Indicted for Embezzlement Two Counts in One Bill.

Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock the grand jury returned a true bill against J R Holland for embezzlement. He is indicted for embezzlement in two counts, both in the same bill, charging the amount at \$50,000 in each count. In other words there is but one bill of indictment—which is for embezzlement. This bill contains two counts, each count being simply for embezzlement in the sum of \$50,000—one in general terms; and the other specifying the kinds of money embezzled. One simply charging it to have been gold, silver, and paper money.—Charlotte Observer.

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SECRETARY HOKE SMITH.

He Believes the Silver Sentiment is on the Wane in Georgia.

Washington, June 10.—Secretary Hoke Smith, who returned upon the death of Secretary Gresham from a trip to Georgia, feels much encouraged by the evidence he discovered in that State of the gradual subsidence of the silver craze. Mr. Smith said to a representative of the Sun today: "There are men in Georgia now defending the policy of sound money who were talking silver sixty days ago. I find men who are working for salaries are beginning to wonder how the free coinage of silver could benefit them, and are discovering that to reduce the purchasing power of the dollar would be like reducing their salaries. Riding one day in the smoking car of one of the local accommodation trains into Atlanta, I found a party of railroad men discussing the question, and each of them had concluded that free silver would be a disadvantage."

"This is but an indication of the change that is taking place in the sentiment of the Southern people. My personal observation has been limited to Georgia, but from the reports received from other sections of the country I judge that the same thing is occurring elsewhere. I do not mean to say that there is not a strong silver sentiment in Georgia, but I do not think any one will deny that the cause of sound money has made great gains during the last two months."

Mr. Smith was asked whether the Memphis convention had produced any effect in the South. He replied: "Its effect has been good, undoubtedly, but many of the Southern people would have been better pleased if the convention had declared in favor of the repeal of the 10 per cent tax upon the State banks. The South wants more money for local use and believes it can best be secured through the State banks. I believe that the repeal of this tax would eliminate the silver question from politics in Southern States."

Died From Excitement. One night last week Cary Adams, of Mt. Airy, was on his way to jail with Long Johnson, who had been sent up from a United States Commissioner's Court. When near Dobson they got out of the buggy for some purpose, and as they were getting back in, Adams on one side and Johnson on the other, the latter suddenly remarked: "Well, Mr. Adams, I must leave you," and made a break for the woods. Adams, leaving the horse and buggy, followed, and they had a race through the woods. They had run a hundred yards, when Johnson struck a tree with such force as to be completely knocked down, and Mr. Adams ran over him. Adams collared him and led him back to the road, where it was found the horse had run away with the buggy, and with his hand in Johnson's collar Adams landed him safe to jail. The horse had succeeded in freeing himself from the buggy and had stopped at the stable. A negro man named Burrell Grogan, aged 70 years, heard the horse pass his house and came out and followed it for some distance. Returning home he was taken sick and died next morning at 6 o'clock of heart failure, probably a result of the excitement of the night before, says the Mt. Airy News.

Mr. Blackwelder Home. Mr. James Blackwelder, son of Mr. A J Blackwelder, of this city, who several months ago accompanied Mr. Charles Blume to Greene county, Indiana, for the purpose of settling down and farming, is home again. His reason for returning to the old North State is that that part of the country did not please him. He states that the streams are all drying up, the crops burning up, that times are hard, money close and the water from wells very scarce, and what is to be had is very offensive to smell and taste. The pure, crystal waters of North Carolina and the bountiful crops of Cabarrus will fetch 'em every time, and we are glad to have Mr. Blackwelder back, a more content if not a wiser man.

No Worse Than Bloomers. A certain girl recently sent her photograph to her best fellow and wrapped it in a newspaper on which was printed the advertisement of a stove firm. A portion of the print adhered to the photograph, and the young man was very much surprised to see staring him in the face, in bold pica type, the following words: "See the name on the leg."

No Room for Them. The extras appointed by the Legislature, to become members of the State Board of Agriculture were notified by their Attorney Spier Whittaker that they had no office. Two of them turned up in Raleigh, but they did not bob up in the meeting.

An Hungarian penman, residing at Vienna, exhibits a grain of wheat, on which he has plainly written 308 words, all properly punctuated.

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WASHINGTON, June 11.—The result of the special investigation made by the department of agriculture in 720 cotton growing counties shows that in 88 there will be little or no change in acreage as compared with last year; five report increase of 10 per cent and less; two an increase of from 11 to 20 per cent; four an increase of from 21 to 30 per cent and less; 250 a decrease of from 11 to 20 per cent; 158 a decrease of from 21 to 30 per cent; 44 a decrease of from 31 to 40 per cent; 7 a decrease of from 41 to 50 per cent, and 5 a decrease of over 50 per cent.

The consolidated returns of reports to the statistical division for the month of June shows the State percentages of acreage as compared with last year's as follows: North Carolina, 81; South Carolina, 84; Georgia, 85; Florida, 95; Alabama, 89; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 87; Texas, 85; Arkansas, 80; Tennessee, 81; Missouri, 76; Indian Territory, 91; Oklahoma, 90; Virginia, 73.

The average for the United States is 85.2, a reduction of 14.8 per cent upon the revised acreage given out in May for 1894.

The average condition of the crop for June 1st is as follows: North Carolina, 61; South Carolina, 72; Georgia, 82; Florida, 92; Alabama, 85; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 85; Texas, 79; Arkansas, 89; Tennessee, 87; Missouri, 89; Indian Territory and Oklahoma, 70; Virginia, 61.

The general average for the country is 81 against 88.3 last year and 86.6 in 1893.

We are dry and need rain. Some few light showers but not enough to keep vegetation in good growing condition. We have cool snaps, and two men told us they seen frost one morning last week down on the creek.

Elder T W Brown is off on his work. The M E church district school building is up, weatherboarded and covered. A large crowd in the village Sunday. The M E church had Children's Day, conducted by Rev. W M Daniel.

Wheat harvest is at just hand. It looks well, hope it will be in abundance.

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