

MONEY.

The ratio 16 to 1 is evidence that an inequality exists between gold and silver. If the metals were coined on that basis, in order that there might be equal chances given them, the legal tender laws remaining in force, there should be 16 times as many gold dollars coined as silver dollars, that is for every 1,000,000 silver dollars there should be 16,000,000 gold dollars.

On that basis for the 600,000,000 silver dollars now in circulation in this country there should be sixteen times 600,000,000, that is to say 9,600,000,000 gold dollars. Take of 600,000,000 dollars for gold now in circulation, and we have 9,000,000,000 as the number of dollars gold is behind. The capacity of the mint being 60,000,000 dollar pieces a year, it follows that to coin 9,000,000,000 single dollars would require 150 years, which seems to be the period as demanded by the ratio 16 to 1, during which not a silver dollar should be coined, that is if the two metals are to have an equal chance in the basis named above.

Of course, it is not advocated that coinage shall take place on the above basis. Neither is it advocated, as some seem to think it should be, that the ratio 16 to 1 signifies that we should have sixteen dollars where we have one now. On that basis the 1,600,000,000 dollars now in circulation, would have to be raised to sixteen times that amount, that is, to enormous sum of 25,600,000,000 dollars, which would give us circulation of nearly four hundred dollars per capita, and take 480 years to coin it, deducting the 1,600,000,000 already in circulation. The trouble with the 16 to 1 standard seems to be the effort to enforce by law an equality where there is no natural equality. It is an attempt to make people desire two things equally for one of which they have a preference.

Now a country must have money and plenty of it, too, this all will admit, all will admit that the money should be good money, and that every dollar should have the same purchasing power as every other dollar. To attain this desired result there should not be too many standards by which to measure the dollars. If there be more than one standard and they vary in value, the value of the standards, what they may be at any future time, becoming changing elements in all time transactions. The uncertainty as to what would be the standard of measure, the matrix of a note would have the effect of making the rate of interest high enough to cover any possible loss from a change in the value of the standard, or the kind of money to be paid would be named in the note. This would cause the money rated by the highest standard to be withdrawn from circulation or if used as money, to be used in equivalent of the lower standard, and consequently a premium. Nobody would pay a hundred dollars with gold, if seventy-five dollars in gold would buy silver dollars equal to its value.

To avoid this, it seems that the world has decided that it would be best to make gold the standard and then coin all the gold and silver that the business of the country might need. Make gold an unlimited legal tender, and silver dollars a legal tender for whatever amount might seem best for the welfare of all interests. If silver is too heavy and less desirable as a money metal than gold, to attempt to force people to receive, carry and handle it to a burdensome extent, would be equivalent to using means to destroy its use as a money metal, the very thing that might not be desired.

By having the single gold standard, a stop would be put to the contention between the standards in the trading and commercial world. All time contracts would be made on a less doubtful basis. It would stop juggling with the standards, and thus remove disturbing forces which are a constant hindrance to promoting the business interests of the country.

In the matter of selecting the standard of nature which must from its value be watched at all times, the same principle as in the case of grain, fruit, stock and so forth should obtain. It is better to grade upward than downward. It is better to raise the standard than to lower it, if a change must be made. By adhering to this principle people become more thrifty, they respect the essential quality of the money as worth something. They are better off than if they were carried off to

MR. BURLEYSON THE FIRST

But to make the standard too high would not be well. That might do injury to certain classes. The general opinion of the most enlightened people of the world seem to have settled the matter at least for the present. Gold has been selected as the standard, and will remain the standard until the commercial world discovers a better. Its stability of value makes it fit for the standard.

If any part of the people really desire silver as the standard, the best way to proceed would seem to be, to get about persuading and not forcing the commercial world to take it. Persuasion is sometimes more effective than force.

A MEXICAN JOHNSTOWN.

Two Small Towns in the Salt to River Valley Nearly Washed Away.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 5.—A special to the Chronicle from Piedras Negras, Mexico, says that advances have reached there of the almost complete destruction of the towns of Rodriguez and Abator, situated south of there in the valley of the Salador river. Both places were wiped out of existence by a flood, which occurred in the San Blas mountains, back of the towns. The water rushed down in the valley, in a tremendous torrent sweeping everything before it. It covered the ground to a depth of six feet and the flood was from six to nine miles wide. The business houses and residences of the two towns were built of adobe, and they melted away before the torrent of water like so much sand. The town of Abator had a population of 1,500 people.

CHANGING A PRISONER.

Henry Hopkins, a young negro from South Carolina, was Thursday arrested at Harrisburg by Constable Ed. Harris for larceny. The officer was bringing his game to town to be delivered over to the Sheriff, but when within a few miles of his destination the thief broke away from the clutches of Mr. Harris and took to the bushes. Mr. Harris came on to the city and told his troubles to the sheriff, whereupon Sheriff Sims, Deputy Hill and Mr. Harris all three started out in search for the negro, but without avail. They were close on to him but he was clever in evading them, and is still at liberty.

SALISBURY'S CENSUS—WE ARE AHEAD.

Through the efforts of the Herald Salisbury's census has been taken. For the incorporate limits the census is 4,919 counting in the suburbs the number is swelled to 6,208. We just must have our census taken. Salisbury was larger in 1890, but we have reasons for believing that inside the corporate limits we have over 6,000, saying nothing of our suburbs. Salisbury has had a gratifying increase in 5 years.

AN ARMY BROKEN.

On Wednesday four young ladies, Miss Louisa Cook, of St. John's, and her guests, Misses Annie and Emma Hearne, of A. Bemarle, and Miss Grace Heilig, of Pleasant, spent several hours in the city. On their return to Miss Cook's home when near cold water creek, the horses became frightened and shied. The ladies were excited and in jumping from the conveyance one of the Misses Hearne fell and broke an arm.

MISS WHAREY MARRIED.

On Thursday at Mooresville Miss Nannie Wharey, daughter of Dr. Wharey formerly pastor of Rocky River Presbyterian church, and Prof. H. A. Gray, who taught at Rocky River one year, but now at Huntersville, were married. Mrs. P. B. Fetzer, of Concord, and Miss Fannie Stafford, of Harrisburg, attended.

TRAGEDY REHEARSED.

About the worst done up man we have seen on the streets in some time was Mr. H. E. Bates, an employee of the Cornelian cotton mills at Davidson College. On Thursday while working around the big basin in the slasher room, himself with Mr. Richard Stough, secretary of the company, and a Mr. Hunter, who attends to the slasher machines, were victims to a terrible scalding. The lid to the kettle flew off and the slasher threw boiling composition all about the room. Mr. Stough was seriously and probably fatally steamed, while the other two men escaped through a window without any great damage, other than their faces being scalded. Mr. Bates' face is not a pretty one to gaze upon in its present disfigured condition.

LOCALS

The iron railing for the veranda at the Morris house has arrived.

They had a regular gully washer in No. 5 Thursday evening.

The Arrington investigating committee have adjourned.

"Hull-gull" will be the game now, since chingapeas are ripe.

Mr. H. C. Albee has secured a position with Mr. D. P. Daywalt, a splendid merchant of Concord.—Lexington Dispatch.

Mr. Will Fisher had to kill a fine hog Thursday. The animal got its foot caught in a crack of the pen and in twisting, broke its leg.

The Durham Sun speaks of one well known in Concord: Rev. R. F. Bumpass, who has been here since Tuesday, left today for his home at Beaufort.

The death of Rev. Robt. A. Fulton, of the Jesuit Society, at the College of Santa Clara, Cal., yesterday morning is announced. He was born in Alexandria, Va., in 1826.

The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis and the Western & Atlantic roads have given notice of their intention to withdraw from the Southern Passenger Association within six months.

News reached the city Wednesday of the death of Dr. Robert S. Cochran, at Due West, S. C., which occurred Monday, September 2. He was a son of Mr. J. M. Cochran, of Rocky River, and has many relatives in this county.

At Sheepshead Bendish, the son of Bramble and Rosedale, and the five-fingered in the opening event, without the semblance of an effort, in 1:00 2-5, which is within a second of Corbett's famous record. He covered the half mile in 47.

Mr. Ramsey, whose mother died so suddenly in Fredell county and about whose death there was suspicion of foul play, tells a Stateville Landmark reporter that the matter will not be prosecuted further. The son-in-law offered to compromise on the will part.

The fact that Eccles & Bryan, of Charlotte, are to retire from the proprietorship of the Central Hotel, falls upon many people in a way similar to death. THE STANDARD has reasons for believing that they will live for a long time in the same ward, yet there and be where their many friends can easily see them.

The Gastonia Gazette in speaking of the selection of Mr. J. M. Parker of McAdenville as Superintendent of the new mill in Concord, says: "The Buffalo mill is to be congratulated on securing as good a mill man as Mr. Parker. He is the inventor of a new spinning frame that has elicited the admiration of many mill men."

Mr. M. L. Marsh, who has been in Baltimore for several years, is spending a few days here. He will open a drug store in Concord soon. He is a young man of sterling integrity and fine business capacity. He is a son of the late J. S. Marsh, of this county, and a brother of Mr. W. R. Marsh, of this place.—Monroe Enquirer.

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If you see it in THE STANDARD, it's so. No amount of inquiry will change the substance of it.

The court house site for Mecklenburg is yet as uncertain as the solution of the financial question.

Master Jay Sims is quite sick with fever. Mr. J. B. Caldwell is attending to the express business for him.

There would be more progress in settling things if a good rain would fall than by any other process we know of.

Mr. John Stirewalt, near the Rowan-Cabarrus line, died Tuesday from the effect of a stroke of paralysis six weeks ago.

North Carolina College and Mount Amena Seminary, at Mount Pleasant, opened prosperously on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. L. A. Bickle, after spending her summer vacation with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Means, has returned to her home in King's Mountain.

Not a person in the city is more generally misused than is Maury Richmond at Swink's store. He is quite sick at his home on North Main street.

G. E. Fincher, who has been in the Monroe jail for six months, charged with stealing \$4,000 from an aged man of Union county, was liberated Wednesday on \$500 bail.

Mr. J. D. Heath, who has been associated with Dry, Wadsworth & Co., of Albemarle, as cotton buyer, has gone to Charlotte, having accepted a position with Heath & Co., cotton buyers.

Mr. M. F. Nesbit, of Coddle Creek, and Mr. F. D. Miller, of Statesville, spent today (Thursday) in the city on business. Cabarrus lost a good citizen when Mr. Miller went to Statesville.

Sheriff John A. Sims showed us a specimen of rare wood brought with him from his recent trip to Texas. He has about a dozen pieces, and will have them trimmed and finished up for walking sticks.

Monroe correspondence: "Mr. M. L. Marsh, of this county, but recently of Baltimore, is here for a few days making preparations for opening up a drug store in Concord towards the last of the month."

On Wednesday at Norwood, Stanly county, Miss Frankie Lantz was married to a Mr. Ingram, of Rockingham, Richmond county. The marriage was a quiet one. The bride is a sister to our townsman, Mr. A. E. Lantz.

Mr. W. A. Smith went out to the Reed gold mine today (Thursday) where a 10-stamp mill is being placed. Work in that section in gold mining interests are daily increasing and the output is still very encouraging.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE NEGRO EXHIBIT.

A Bust of Charles Sumner By Edmonia Lewis, of Rome—Chief of the Various Departments for the State. The work of installing exhibits at the exposition is going forward rapidly. A contribution to the success of the negro exhibit, will be a bust of Charles Sumner—a fine piece of sculpture by Edmonia Lewis, of Rome, Italy. The sculptor is in Rome looking to other exhibits. Active preparations are being made by directors of the exposition, looking to the entertainment of the large number of colored people who will attend the exposition from every section of the country. Persons have been engaged to thoroughly canvass the city under the direction of the chief of the negro department and arrange systematic manner for the comfort of colored visitors. A colored hotel of 200 or more rooms, is a surety, located at a convenient spot near to the exposition grounds.

THE SILVER CALL.

Names Sept. 25th for the Meeting of the Friends of Silver of All Parties. Tonight the following was issued, signed by Ed Chambers Smith, N. B. Broughton, B. R. Lacy, S. A. Ashe, J. C. Scarborough, W. C. Stronach, B. C. Beckwith, C. H. Cooke and others: "Whereas, A great many prominent Democrats from different portions of North Carolina have signed and sent to us a recommendation for the holding of a State convention at some early date of all persons opposed to the single gold standard, now, therefore, in obedience to this request, we hereby invite all persons who believe that the unit of value which existed prior to 1873 should be promptly restored, and who believe in the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, irrespective of the policy or action of other nations, to meet in convention at Raleigh September 25th inst., for the purpose of consultation. This invitation is intended to embrace members of all political parties regardless of their convictions on other subjects."

What Women Can Do.

She can throw a ball with a curve that will defeat any catch in the country.

She can look like an angel under a shaded lamp and cheese cloth draperies.

She can endure more discomfort for a longer period than an able-bodied man, and remember it longer.

She will go into hysterics over a mouse and walk under the nose of a prancing team of horses without getting hurt.

She can tell to a just what is coming, and yet meet it with a baby stare of innocence that would do credit to a five-year-old.

She has been known to deliver a certain lecture that beat all the sermons in the world for teaching and long-suffering.

She can swathe her body in woolen and sealskins and have only a rim of cold jet on her head, and yet not believe she is taking cold in the bitterest weather.

She can accuse a man so confidently that he makes a clean breast of his shortcoming, supposing she knows what she is talking about, when she is only guessing.

She can be too smooth and sweet for anything if let alone with the woman she hates, while a man under the same circumstances would get himself arrested for assault and battery.

The colored Baptist are holding a revival at their church on old Mill street.

Friday afternoon master Alex Boyd killed twenty-three rats at Fetzer's drug store. He found them in a barrel.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of Forest Hill, died late Friday afternoon. Its remains were taken to China Grove for interment.

UNTOLD MISERY FROM RHEUMATISM

C. H. King, Water Valley, Miss., cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For five years, I suffered untold misery from muscular rheumatism. I tried every known remedy, consulted the best physicians, visited Hot Springs, Ark., three times, spending \$1000 there, besides doctors' bills; but could obtain only temporary relief. My flesh was wasted away so that I weighed only ninety-three pounds, my left arm and leg were drawn out of shape, the muscles

being twisted up in knots. I was unable to do any work, except with assistance, and could only hobble about by using a cane. I had no appetite, and was assured, by the doctors, that I could not live. The pains, at times, were so awful, that I could procure relief only by means of syderic injections of morphia. I had my limbs bandaged in clay, in sulphur, in poultices; but these gave only temporary relief. After trying everything, and suffering the most awful tortures, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, justly of two months, I was able to walk without a cane. In three months, my limbs began to strengthen, and in the course of a year, I was cured. My weight has increased to one hundred, and I am now able to do my full day's work as a railroad blacksmith."



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