

...does. Once history we had the ratio of 15 to 1 but there was more than 15 times as much silver on the market as there was of gold. It was natural that people would sell their silver for gold. Gold became a thing to hoard or speculate upon and we had silver as our money. Later (in 1834) the ratio was changed to 16 to 1. There was not 16 times as much silver to be had as of gold. Then silver became the more precious and became a thing to hoard or speculate upon and we had gold chiefly as money. Later the output of silver became so great that there is about 30 to 32 pounds of silver to one pound of gold. Now what is to be done about it? To call in all the silver and re-coin it making the silver dollar 80 to 85 times as heavy as a gold dollar (we are leaving out the consideration of alloys) would be one way (entirely too expensive) to call in all the gold and re-coin it making the dollar of 1.30 to 1.35 of the weight of a silver dollar would be another expensive way that would only serve the purpose till the relative supply of gold and silver bullion would change. Then it would be necessary to call in and re-coin again.

To make the gold and silver dollar equal in intrinsic or market value would be to change the ratio as the supply and demand would fluctuate. Now the best way out of the difficulty is, we think, to leave the silver and the gold dollars of their present weight but let the gold which is the more desirable metal from its preciousness be the unit of value. It is easier to measure values by one standard than by two.

Now you may buy a gold dollar with a silver dollar and a silver dollar with a gold dollar and you can buy a greenback dollar with either or sell a greenback dollar for either and each is legal tender.

We have about \$620,000,000 in gold and by holding ourselves ready to pay in whatever money is wanted we are able to float about \$419,000,000 full legal tender silver dollars besides over \$78,000,000 in halves, quarters and dimes, etc. (legal tender to the amount of \$10) and \$389,000,000 of greenback and some treasury notes legal tender. Thus by limiting the coinage of silver and the printing of greenbacks we are able to float a volume of silver and greenbacks greater than the amount of gold but only because it is known that one day, at any time, he had for the other. But suppose we open our mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, all the world would bring in its silver and have us coin it and stamp it for our gold and be off home with it. Soon our gold would be bought up and taken away and we would have only a silver or greenback dollar for each gold dollar that we once had. When it would be necessary to pay foreign debt we would have no gold to pay with and the nations would not allow us more for our silver than its bullion value, for there would no longer be a place where it could be exchanged for gold at any more than its bullion value. We also have some national debt on which the interest as well as the principal is to be paid in coin which means which ever the holder demands or the values will not remain at a parity. Our gold being gone and silver in its place we would have to buy gold with silver and would have to pay at least two for one.

Thus we would allow others 100 cents worth of any article for one of our silver dollars while they would require of us at least two of our silver dollars to get 100 cents worth of goods. Instead of increasing our volume of money it would reduce the quantity as well as the purchasing

stamped valuation of its money independent of its bullion value. The stamped or fiat value must be kept within proper limits or the values will part and some times much evil will follow. We have endeavored to give our views and our reasons for them. If gold standard bi-metallic is not the right name we are willing to hear a better term.

We most earnestly commend to our Populist and Republican friends the following from Mr. J. H. Hoidt, Jr., as the natural impulse of a man who is worthy of emulation in that he quickly abandons affiliations below the pride of Anglo Saxon blood. Mr. Hoidt took a wrong step without due consideration and when he saw his mistake he was manly indeed to make a clean breast and wash his hands of it. We believe his course will force conviction to the minds of all who will lay aside petty excuses and absurd fault findings and will patriotically ally themselves with the only party that has commended itself to the patronage of highest consideration of true citizenship in our grand old state.

Editor Argus: It is an old saying but a true one that "self preservation is the first law of nature." Acting on this principle from a mistaken standpoint of view, as to what constituted my preservation as a purely business question, I have of late lost my aid and influence to the furtherance of the policy of protection championed by McKinley and advocated by the Republican party and have gone so far as to permit myself to be named as a delegate from the Fifth, my resident district, to the St. Louis National Republican convention. But, Mr. Editor, today in the city of Goldsboro on my way home from the session of the Mystic Shrine in Newbern I am greeted by a scene that gives me pause and deeper reflection than heretofore.

I have read of the scenes and experiences of '68 as we read of other dark epochs in history, but reared since that time, growing up under the benign influence of Democracy and enjoying only the pacific blessings and elevating experience that appertain to its supremacy, I could not comprehend what "the men of old" endured, nor could my mind formulate a picture so dark as their works painted. But today in Goldsboro I am able to approximate from what Democracy has delivered the State and to what we are again tending. I am greeted here by a seething surging mass of conglomerated humanity, howling negroes and exultant white men, arm in arm, bearing aloft a banner with the painted picture of "D. L. Russell, our choice" for Governor with McKinley badges "on the side." And this is the party with which I have become allied and to this is the ilk negro and all with which I am accorded at St. Louis. "My God, Abernethy!" Never! I hereby renounce, abjure, abhor my affiliation with this party that fosters and glorifies in such scenes in North Carolina. I believe, Mr. Editor, in honest money, sound money, if you will, forest values and in "our" turn at protection to the infant manufacturing industries of the South. But what would industry, however much exerted, amount to in a State dominated by Russell and his mob of howling savages? Yes, Mr. Editor, there is protection and there is protection, and for that greater protection I hereby withdraw as a delegate to the St. Louis convention, the Republican party, only just begun, I am happy to say, and return an humble but earnest worker in the ranks of Democracy for white supremacy in North Carolina, good government economically administered and home protection.

Very truly,  
J. H. Hoidt, Jr.

selection of a candidate. We need only a good nomination and a united and enthusiastic campaign to secure victory. We cannot but believe that there is too much of misguided virtue that drifted away from its anchorage and now that the most repugnant character before the public gaze has been nominated it is to be hoped that there will be many others like James H. Holt, Jr., who can readily take the step and return to their old love.

We are glad to find on our desk a copy of the Epworth League edition of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. It is neat in appearance and is filled with interesting and profitable matter. The Epworth League for Methodists, as the Luther League for the Lutherans, is an institution well calculated to promote activity and positiveness in Christian character. The amount of good to be accomplished can scarcely be over estimated if entered into in the spirit of the Great Head of the church.

Since the nomination of Russell for Governor fusion is becoming confusion. Evidently there is a rattle (Russell) in the camp.

Maj. Guthrie seems to expect the gubernatorial nomination of the Populist party and not the fill up place in the Republican gap. He further seems to hope that his nomination will out of his brother-in-law, Col. Julius Carr, from Democratic hopes, as the Colonel would be expected to vote for him, the Major. But to spoil that picture Col. Carr promptly says he is a Democrat with all that that implies.

Those of our people who visited Atlanta during the Exposition and who observed the Markham house bear memories of what is now only a mass of ruins. As previously noted in THE STANDARD a fire broke out about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night and destroyed the whole block. The hotel guests all escaped easily, but one negro boy who often slept in a buggy was there caught by the flames and burned to a crisp. Horses and mules, as usual, in the frenzy of fright were unmanageable and forty-seven in the livery stables were burned. Some fled and of course went far astray. The cause of the fire was the failure of a match to catch on a gasolene lamp and till another was procured the room was too full of inflammable gas and the second match lit the room with flame with the above sequel. The fire department received much praise for their tug and holding the conflagration within a block.

Fire swept away a whole block of commercial buildings opposite the Smithsonian Institute soon after 8 p. m. Monday evening. Several firemen were lost in fighting the flames. The cause is thought to be the effect of an electric storm which ignited some matter and started the flames.

Mr. John Ivy, of New London, Stany county, who was widely known as one of the best men in his section of the country. This old and much loved citizen died Tuesday at his home from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was 72 years of age and father of a large family. His son, Mr. Tom Ivy, of Forest Hill, has gone to attend the funeral and burial services of his father.

Annual Commencement, Salem Female Academy, Winston-Salem, N. C. Tickets on sale May 23 to 27; final limit June 1, 1898. Continuous passage in both directions. Fare for round trip \$5.75.

Misses Len Caldwell, of Caldwell station, and Katie Fisher, who have been visiting at Messrs Miles Johnson and George Fisher's, have returned home.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter has been quite sick on Third street.

Mr. B. N. H. Miller returned from Troy Saturday evening bringing with him a peculiar fowl which he tried to capture alive, thinking it would be the thing to hatch your gourd-eggs. The fowl is about the size and color of a goose, waddles, with the legs crossed over its back, or rather its tail. It has a hank about 4 inches long and is a curiosity of the feathered tribe.

Mr. J. M. Darrage has a force of workmen repairing the office in the store of the Odell Manufacturing Company. The floor will be raised and other improvements made.

Mr. James Driver, a young man who is employed in the basement of No. 4 mill, casually came in contact with a rapid revolving shaft Monday and relieved of part of his wearing apparel. Mr. Driver and the machinery escaped without heavy damage.

Mr. John Bridges left for Montgomery county this (Tuesday) morning for a week or ten days' visit among the scenes of his boyhood days.

Mr. Warren Hayden, of Wheeling, West Virginia, but formerly of Lockhart, S. C., is in the city.

Mr. T. P. Ivy received intelligence Tuesday of the death of his father Mr. John R. Ivy at New London Stany county. Mr. Ivy and family went down last evening to attend the funeral which took place there today (Wednesday).

Prof. W. E. Whitlock has the contract to whitewash the tenement houses in what is known as New Town.

Mr. Jasper Stone has returned from a week's visit among friends and relatives in Stany county.

Mrs. W. O. Kime, left this (Wednesday) morning for Randolph county to attend the bedside of her mother who is critically ill. Little Miss Annie accompanied her.

Mr. M. L. Moore, received intelligence this (Wednesday) morning that Mr. Jack Ward was instantly killed at Jamestown this morning by the south bound vestibule. Mr. Ward was seventy odd years old. He was an uncle of Mr. M. L. Moore and Mrs. T. H. Cook of this city.

Confederate Delegates and the Republican Nominee.

The Republican delegates from this city who were in attendance upon the state convention at Raleigh have returned, not so buoyant and courageous, however, as they were when they left last Tuesday. Jake Roger is so fierce that he cannot talk with ease—he made an hon'ble speech at Saturday in behalf of Decker, and had to stand on four chairs while delivering it. Before leaving for the convention Jake told a STANDARD reporter that the Republicans, with fusion, would carry the State next November by 50,000 majority, and without fusion by 10,000, majority with Decker for Governor, but since his return he says that "unless something is done the Democrats have it." Jake is very over the nomination of Russell and says: "Our race will not vote for Russell and if we do not, it means victory for you Democrats." He says: "We went down to Raleigh with twice as many pledged votes for Decker as for any other aspirant, but the convention adopted the minority rule and we were cheated and defrauded out of the nomination." Republicans and Populists are both very much disgruntled over the result and many of them are loud and open in their denunciation of the present state of affairs. The Populists wanted and really expected the nomination of Guthrie.

The Cannon factories shut down this (Tuesday) morning and will stand until next Monday on account of an insufficient supply of adaptable water for their engines. The dam does not furnish enough water, and arrangements are being made to place in a new pump on Buffalo creek, which will conduct water direct to the boilers. The managers of the mill's hose to be running again by Monday.

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The Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Presbyterian church held its session for the month of May on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Elan Kinn. Notwithstanding the oppressive weather, the attendance was very good, and the meeting unusually sociable and pleasant. Mrs. King, always a charming hostess, added a happy feature to the stated program by serving delightful refreshments, that were most gratefully enjoyed by those who had braved the heat to meet with her. The constitution of the society, adopted at its organization in 1845 was read for the benefit of several new members present. The pleasant hours sped by and the society adjourned as the clock struck six, refreshed and strengthened anew in the work of benevolence.

There was an interesting game of baseball played between the Salisbury Stars and the Chestnut Hill Blues on the Chestnut Hill baseball ground at Salisbury last Friday afternoon. The game commenced at 4:30 o'clock and resulted in a score of 31 to 4 in favor of the Blues. The Stars have fallen, but they will rise again.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages entitled: "The People's Common Sense Medical Advisor," in plain English, or medicine simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 600,000 copies having been sold at \$1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its production, he has now decided to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, twenty-one (21) one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The free edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50 except only that the books are bound in strong manila paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

Notice to Confederate Veterans.

The Sixth Annual Reunion of the Confederate Veterans will be held at Richmond, Va., on June 30th July 1st and 2d, also at the same time will occur the laying of the corner stone of the Jefferson Davis monument. All Confederate Veterans, who intend going to Richmond at that time, are requested to meet at the court house on Saturday, the 23d inst., at 11 o'clock a. m. in order that the Adjutant of Camp No. 212 may make arrangements for their reception and entertainment. Quarters and rations will be furnished free to all Veterans. Those who can not meet with us on that day, and who intend going will please notify J. B. Brown, Adjutant Camp No. 212 by letter, as soon as possible. Fare for round trip from Concord is \$5.20.

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Beef..... 20  
Butter..... 10 to 11  
Cuckers..... 10 to 25  
Lard..... 34  
Eggs..... 14  
Flour..... 7 1/2  
Lard (North Carolina)..... 1 85  
Meal..... 46  
Oats..... 36  
Callow..... 31 to 35

Food remedy recalls the time when the blue-back speller was a standard text book in public schools. There are many things associated with these good old days which one can never forget. In school, the numerous mistakes made in reading Webster's choice prose are many and varied. Where Webster vowed that "The rabbit hides in secret places," a pupil read: "The rabbit hides in scratched places." In another place Webster made this modest and succinct remark: "The bull bellow and paws the ground." A reckless youth read it thus: "The bull paws and bellow the ground." Perhaps the saddest example of erroneous reading is the following: "The lark soars up to the sky to look at the sun," was read thus: "The lark soars 'ed up the sun or die." Webster's prose in the blue-back comprises a wide range of subjects. In his versatility he gives the following information about his style of cooking: "We boil beets with meat in a pot." We, as a bachelor, do not cook beets that way—or any other way, for that matter, yet we do not question the veracity of Mr. Webster's bold assertion. Nevertheless, that mode of cooking seems to have some connection with cooking green coffee "with meat in a pot." However, it remains a fact that those living in our heretofore tropical or semi-tropical climate, we can readily excuse the "natives of the north pole" for cooking a great bank o'meat with everything to satisfy their oleaginous appetites. AUGUSTINE

Notes from the Organ.

Mr. C. L. Miller, Theological student of Chicago, preached at Organ Sunday, May 10. Mr. Miller is a young man of rare qualities and his sermon has been spoken of in the very highest terms. There will be no services at Organ next Sunday, 21. Rev. Cox goes to China Grove to assist in the installation services at Luther's Chapel when Rev. J. Q. Wertz will be installed pastor of the Lutheran Gospel charge.

Mr. H. A. Cruse's well has failed. He thinks there is still water hidden in old mother earth, so he is going to dig another one.

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