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## THE SILVER DOLLAR TROUBLE.

In 1879, when the silver in a silver dollar was worth eleven per cent. less than a gold dollar, Congress passed a law making silver coin equally a legal tender with gold, and requiring the government to coin not less than \$2,000,000 per month. This act was passed by a two-thirds vote over the veto of President Hayes. As a matter of course, coin has now accumulated immensely, and the country is in danger—if the catastrophe has not already arrived—of having a silver standard solely. The government treasury is nearly exhausted of gold, and the banks have come to its relief by exchanging gold for the government's silver in order to avert the necessity of a suspension of gold payments. For the government is authorized to pay out silver whenever coin is called for. The banks have done this, it seems, with the notion that Congress is going to stop the coinage of silver, and so change the law as to continue gold as the standard. Rather a delusive idea, we fancy. And if the banks haven't got the government bound down (which it is very likely they have) to get their gold back when they want it, they will be apt to suffer a loss.

A wrong step once taken is hard to retrace. And the evil of this great coinage of silver, and allowing it an equal power with gold, has run so long, that it will likely continue until gold is entirely out of circulation, or exported to foreign countries. The Bland silver dollar bill was conceived in dishonesty, and it would be remarkable if great financial difficulties had not ensued as a natural consequence therefrom. It was pushed through Congress in the interest of the owners of silver mines, but it does not appear to have benefited them much, as silver has continued to fall in value. In 1870, silver was worth in London 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ounce; in 1878, 50 1-16d.; it is now quoted at 49 3-16d.

The New York Herald says:

"New enterprises wait all over the country for the settlement of the currency question. Capital is locked up; the banks are full of money and cannot lend it out at even the lowest rates of interest; the spirit of adventure is crushed; manufactures and commerce languish, mainly because no man who has money is willing to put gold dollars into a new enterprise, with the probability that he will be able to draw out of it only eighty-three cent silver dollars. If there is stagnation, if there is lack of employment among the laboring masses, if interest is low and money a drug and capital and labor both suffer, this is due mainly to the fact that we are cursed with two kinds of dollars, one worth seventeen cents less than the other, and both legal tender by act of Congress."

But what is to be done? The Herald says: "Stop coining the silver dollars." Supposing that done, what is the government to do with the silver dollars on hand? They were coined by order of Congress with the object of being paid out by government on the same terms as gold when coin was wanted. Government has persistently neglected to do this as long as gold was in the Treasury. And now that the gold is all gone, or nearly so, silver must be paid. If not, are these silver dollars to be kept in the Treasury as "dead stock," or melted up and traded off for gold at less than cost? To allow the silver to remain dead and useless would not suit the taxpayers, and to put it on the market as a commodity would still be a loss to the people, and by bringing down the price still lower, displease the silver men. There will evidently be antagonism all round when Congress meets. Bankers and capitalists are going to lose if the present law continues—that is a dead certainty, and they are now mightily scared. They have got the silver shoved off into the hands of the people, and now they want to get it back at reduced value. It is the old trick that has always been played, and the people will have to pay the piper.

## PROF. LINDEN'S LECTURE.

Last Friday evening, Prof. Linden gave his lecture on the Geological History of the Alleghany mountains. Dr. Anderson was chairman and introduced the lecturer, who commenced by speaking of the great age of the world, shown by facts which were indisputable, being the testimony of the rocks themselves, which were more to be depended on than the narratives of past events written by man. Twelve or fifteen million years, he said, had elapsed since the formation of the Appalachian chain of mountains. The granite rocks on which Highlands stands are the oldest in the world, and existed before the advent of animal or vegetable life. He held to the theory that mountains were mere wrinkles on the earth's crust or skin, formed by waves of motion actuated by gigantic pulsations, in the course of millions of years, while the earth was cooling from a molten or soft state, and that the process is still going on, and heat leaving the earth. The great height of mountains was nothing in comparison to the thickness of the globe—nearly 8,000 miles. The sea once covered the space between the Alleghany and the Rocky mountains, and the low lands of the East were also buried under the waves more than once during these lengthy periods of time. Time had no beginning and no end, to the comprehension of finite man. The learned and versatile Professor was listened to attentively while he discoursed on this fascinating subject, and a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered him.

Owing to the blunder of the New York printer from whom we get our sheets, two pages of this issue are left blank.

A party of the topographical division of the U. S. Geological Survey, under charge of Col. Yates, are now encamped in Highlands, where they will probably remain one or two weeks. Col. Yates, we understand, has lamed his ankle, and is in Franklin, and Mr. Hays has temporary charge.

Mr. Fuller Norton (and family), of Brevard, is in town, visiting his father-in-law, Mayor Hill, and other friends and relations in this neighborhood. He reports the crops in Transylvania county better than ever before seen there. Fruit of all kinds is plentiful.

Mr. Rayhill gave one of his readings at Highlands on Tuesday evening last before an appreciative audience. Mr. R. has a good voice, is a trained elocutionist, and his selections on this occasion were good. He made a few introductory remarks on reading and pronunciation which were instructive and to the point. His theory, however, that the tone of the voice in speech, and the various gestures of the speaker, according to the subject or feeling expressed, correspond to the different parts of the human body, is fanciful, and open to objections; and of no account if true.

THE WOLF HUNT.—A party organized in Highlands, consisting of about twenty men and half that number of dogs, went out yesterday to hunt Whiteside laurel for wolves. They soon succeeded in finding the rendezvous, and after a long and tedious chase through this immense tract of laurel, succeeded in killing one. Ulysses Grant Zachary got the lucky shot. The hunters report there are at least ten or more wolves, and from all appearances they have been there for a long time. They have lately been killing sheep for Mr. G. D. Edwards and others. The boys also report bear signs in plenty, and count on having some fine sport hunting bruin at the fall of the mast, of which there is the best prospect of an abundance for 35 years back.

## HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

August 21, 1885.

Wheat \$1.20. Corn \$1. Rye 65c. Flour \$3.75. Oats 50c. to 60c. Butter 15c to 20c. Eggs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Potatoes 40c to 50c. Onions 60c to 75c. Honey 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 15c. Apples 25c to 50c. Chickens 8 to 15c. Wool, bright and clean, 30c. Bacon 10c. Peaches 50 to 75c.

## CLEAR CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

For The Highlander.

CLEAR CREEK, August 20, 1885.

During last winter, the refreshing rehearsal of snake stories smacked somewhat of the marvelous, so much so that one could not but think of the Arabian Nights, Don Quixote, Baron Munchausen and other works of like romantic and astounding character, and after Mr. Hallock killed the first and only rattlesnake yet found within the precincts of Highlands, we were on the alert for those that might be found on this side of the mountain, and this is the crop to date, and the season is pretty far advanced: William McCall, one on Brushyface mountain; Benson Pickelsimer, one on Queen mountain; Robert Brooks, two; John Brooks, two; Bud Teague, one; Marion Teague, one; John Wilson, one. This is the crop so far as heard from, and those were from two to six miles apart. From this it is reasonable to infer that there is no danger of getting one's bootlegs torn off by rattlesnake's fangs in this region. The dreaded sound of the *crotalus* will soon be as much a thing of the past as the twang of the Indian's bow. That little animal, the skunk, which commands a certain kind of veneration, has not entirely disappeared, so all good things are not numbered with the past.

CHEOPS.

## VISITORS IN HIGHLANDS.

ARRIVALS AT HIGHLANDS HOUSE SINCE LAST WEEK.

Lane Mullaly, H. E. Lewis, J. T. Mullaly, J. M. Lewis and Edwin V. Panton, Seneca, S. C. A. D. Farmer, Franklin. W. M. Moore, Westminster, J. W. S. Moore, Franklin. S. P. Smith, Wallhalla. James H. Rayhill, Jacksonville, Ill. D. C. Cunningham, Franklin.

U. S. G. S.  
W. L. Miller, H. L. Selden, G. Herbert Giesy, R. Lee Longstreet, R. M. C. Mickler, J. W. Hays, Wm. Eads, Gaston Brown, (col.) Col. Graham.

## Business Notices.

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FRANKLIN.—Leaves Highlands daily (excepting Sunday) at 5.30 a.m.; due at Franklin at 12 noon. Leaves Franklin at 1 p.m.; due at Highlands at 8 p.m.

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