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THE SILVER QUESTION.

Let us have a double standard, but let each standard be maintained upon a perfect equality with the other.—*Asheville Citizen.*

If it is meant that the *intrinsic value* of the gold and silver coins should be maintained on a perfect equality, a proper understanding of the subject would show that this cannot be done, excepting by continually changing the weight of either metal according to the fluctuations in the bullion market. The *commercial* value of gold and silver varies, but gold varies the least, or is supposed to. Whatever may be said about the silver dollar being the traditional unit of value, practically it has not been the standard of value, but bids fair to become such if the present system be followed up much longer. A double standard is an absurdity. As well might you have two standard yards of different lengths. And the international conferences of politicians held during the last few years to bring about a standing relation between the two metals, in European nations and the United States, have been a mere waste of money and time, and ridiculous in their methods and objects. Of course the Bland act was a mistake, and the continual coinage of silver a mistake, but the evil has gone so far that it is a question if it would not be better to drift at once into a silver standard than to continue things in the present uncertain state, which is almost as hurtful to business as was the unsettled condition of the currency before resumption took place in 1879.

MILK SICKNESS.—A mysterious disease prevails sometimes in various localities in the mountains called milk sickness. Cows ranging in the woods are said to eat some kind of poisonous weed, the injurious effect of which, while not hurting the cow, affects the butter and milk made from it, so much so that persons partaking of either have what is called milk sickness, which is a depressing sort of fever. And people are warned against using butter coming from certain localities where this weed grows. Again it is stated that there are exhalations from the soil in some places of a poisonous mineral nature, which spoils the herbage and weeds on which the cattle feed, and butter made from the milk of cows feeding thereon is unfit for use. Are there any authenticated facts in support of these prevailing beliefs, or are they the mere superstitious notions of an ignorant people? Doctors say there is no disease called milk sickness known to the faculty, and what is so called is nothing but malarial or typhoid fever, which are mainly, in the mountains, the result of bad sanitary conditions in dwellings and outhouses, or a careless manner of living. Cattle are not in the habit of voluntarily eating what is hurtful, and if they were, their bodies would be injuriously affected as well as the milk. Is there anything in these "milk sick" stories, and can the sage of Clear Creek, or any other of our readers, throw any light on the subject?

At the meeting of the Literary Society last Friday evening, the following programme was carried out:

Declamation, Elias White; Reading, Miss Olive White; Reading, Horace Kibbee; Music—Solo, Miss L. O. Kelsey; Music—Solo, Miss E. Ravenel; Recitation, Miss Eva Oldman; Reading, Mr. White; Music—Solo, Miss Ivy Symonds.

Some one writes to THE HIGHLANDER wanting to know what is the matter with Main street—if it is intended for a stone quarry or a brick yard, or both. We must refer our questioner to—well, we don't just know. Perhaps our worthy Mayor can throw some light on the matter.

We are disappointed this week in getting our sheets in right shape, and must perforce impose on our subscribers our solitary two pages, which we regret, but are unable to do otherwise.

Mr. Bascom is off on a visit to his children and friends in the north, leaving his store in charge of Mr. Duncan.

Produce in the Tennessee valley is plentiful and cheap. Corn is an extra good crop.

The Misses Lewis left their temporary residence at Horse Cove last Monday, for their home in South Carolina.

Mrs. Durgin has been seriously ill lately, but we are glad to learn is improving in health.

The Ravenel party of visitors from South Carolina, residing in Highlands, departed for their homes last Monday.

The *Seneca Free Press* has changed hands, Mr. Cary having sold out to Messrs. Moore & Phillips. We wish the new proprietors success, and believe that it will be deserved.

A marriage is to take place in Highlands on Wednesday next, when one of the most popular young ladies of our town will be led to the altar.

Chestnuts are very plentiful this year. If properly prepared for the market they are worth \$1.25 a bushel. We understand a man can gather a bushel a day, so there seems to be plenty of occupation for willing hands.

Mr. M. C. O'Byrne of Highlands, whose article in the *North American Review* of last June on "What is the Catholic School Policy", attracted so much attention, is now engaged on articles for the *Atlantic Monthly*.

The Court is sitting in Franklin this week, and quite a number of our citizens went down there on business of more or less importance. A few were called as witnesses on very trivial cases, which would not bear bringing before the grand jury. Whether this was done to gratify malice, make fees, or from lack of good sense, we are unable to learn. We expect to give a full report next week.

THE ROADS.—We are informed that the road to Walhalla has been put into good condition from the Georgia county line, mainly by the efforts of Mr. Lucas. The commissioners, however, have been ordered by the judge to make still greater improvements, to bring the road up to the standard required by the law. This leaves only five miles in this county to make good, and the Commissioners, we understand, will be put in the vice if they do not attend to their duty in this matter, as required by law.

An enquiry into the health of women who have gone through a course of education at colleges, shows that their position is not so prejudicial to health as is generally supposed, and they are not so much subject to physical ailments as are females employed in factories, but more inclined to nervous troubles. Active employment, combined with a proper proportion of study, which must vary with the individual, is good for girls as well as boys.

Ex-Gov. Moses, of South Carolina carpet-bag fame, was last week sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Massachusetts State Prison. His offense was obtaining money under false pretenses.

Meteorological Observations at Highlands for the week ending Oct. 6, '85.
Miss Mary Chapin, Observer.

Date	Temperature.			Rel. Humidity	Rain-fall	Remarks
	Mean	High	Low			
Sep. 30	55.5	56	54	100	2.40	Rain
Oct. 1	52	55	50	100	.95	Rain
2	53.2	55	52	97.7	.05	lt. r'n
3	53.8	62	50	96	.48	Rain
4	41.5	57	33	86.7		Clear
5	49	62	33	78.3		Clear
6	45.8	57	40	83.3		Clear
Week	49.1	63	32	91.7		

SOME CURIOUS STATISTICS.—A noted statistician, Ed. Atkinson, insists that there is an abundance of room yet in this world. The 1,400,000,000 persons supposed to be on the globe could all find easy standing room within the limits of a field ten miles square, and by the aid of a telephone could be addressed by a single speaker. In a field twenty miles square they could all be comfortably seated. Then take the land of the globe suitable for growing wheat; not more than one twentieth is in cultivation. The average crop of the United States and Canada alone would give one person in every twenty of the population of the globe a barrel of flour every year, with enough to spare for seed. We can raise grain enough on a small part of the territory of the United States to feed the whole world. If, therefore, there is hunger anywhere, it is not the fault of God or nature, but because of the incompetency or want of management on the part of those who direct the affairs of mankind.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Travelers abroad say that the United States suffers in comparison with Europe in the matter of public order and cleanliness. On the continent, the streets are kept in good condition, the police are respectful and efficient. The neighborhoods of railway depots are tastefully laid out. The traveler is not offended by the sights and smells which too often are allowed to become an offense in our own country. We hear much of the poverty of the Old World, but we see more of it in the New World. Artists and architects have more to say in Europe than in this country respecting the construction and surroundings of railway depots, public markets, and all places frequented by a large population. Europe has a great deal to learn from us in the way of free institutions and individual initiative, but then our own country would be pleasanter to live in if the administration of municipal affairs was more orderly and cleanly, and if artists were more often called upon to plan the arrangements of localities frequented by the public.—*Demorest's Monthly.*

HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

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Wheat \$1.20. Corn, new, 50c to 60c; old 80c.—Little or no demand for old corn. New corn is not worth more than 35c or 40c. in the Tennessee valley. Rye 65c. Butter 15c to 20c; gilt edged 25c. Eggs 12½c. Potatoes 35c to 40c. Onions 60c. Beeswax, 15c to 20c. Apples 35c to 50c. Chickens 8c to 15c. Wool, bright and clean, 30c. Bacon 10c. Peaches 40c to 50c. Sweet potatoes 50c to 75c. Chestnuts \$1. Hay 75c. per 100 lbs.

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HIGHLANDS RAILROAD NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Highlands Railroad Company will be held in the parlors of Highlands Hotel on TUESDAY, Oct. 27, 1885, at 3 o'clock p.m.

H. M. BASCOM, Sec'y.

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