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selves and our posterity," did, among its first important statutes, decree it supremely wise to secure bi-metallicism for legal-tender money.

The wisdom of government is ever found in the use made of its resources. That government is wisest which reserves for times of peril forces of protection and of strength. Confidence is most assured when conscious that latent power exists. The use of paper as material for coining money may in the future, as in the past, rest with the necessities of public welfare or emergencies of peril; but, whatever the raw material of currency shall be, the fluctuation of values within our domain, can be prevented only by making every variety a full legal tender; for then only can we feel that we have in substance but one currency, and then only assured of the approach to financial tranquility.

JAMES MILLIKEN.
Bellefonte, Pa., May, 1891.

THE THOUGHT IN THE MINDS OF THE FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. Milliken would remind those readers, not familiar with the fact, that the legal authority he quotes, in his publication, is not only a recognized but a standard authority of the Supreme Court of the United States on all questions of political economy. "Timothy Farrar" was the law partner of Daniel Webster. He would also point out that the framers of the Constitution, familiar with Continental paper money, nevertheless, conferred upon Congress unlimited power in the creation of money; and that in conferring upon Congress the power "to borrow money on the credit of the United States" Congress was not limited to borrow only gold and silver money, nor even confined to money of its own creation. But when restricting the states, as to money, the Constitution defines specifically that "no state shall * * * make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts," and this: "Because the power to create anything else than gold and silver into money had, in fore-running provision, been conferred, in privileges, upon Congress, and conferred upon Congress clearly that "the use of paper as material for coining money might rest with the necessities of public welfare or emergencies of peril," and be exclusively and judiciously issued for the benefit of a national government and the preservation of a nation.

Instantaneous Deaths in Battle.

The fact that a man is down and out of the fight is about all that friend or foe can take account of for the time being. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that some deaths are instantaneous, the men being literally killed in action. One such case I had an opportunity to study with unusual care at Fort Haskell, in the Fort Steadman battle, in front of Petersburg. The action there was defensive on our part, the scene very small and the fight prolonged, hence many things were observed that would escape notice on an open field.

At one time, just in front of me, as I looked toward the enemy, there was a soldier of our garrison firing his musket from a gun staging, that raised his head and shoulders above the parapet. He was the oldest man I ever saw in battle, and for that reason, doubtless, I observed him closely. His hair was white and his form had reached the stage of unsteadiness. He fired very slowly, and after each shot he would scan the enemy's lines as though watching the result of his ball or spying out a target for the next.

Finally when I had my attention almost wholly on him he half turned to reload, and I saw his cap fly off smartly without any visible help, and the large and bony frame shrunk together and sank down into a heap. There was no spasm, no agitation, whatever. It seemed to me that he simply sat down slowly until he rested on his legs bent under the body, his head going down to his knees or to the trail of the cannon. A little stream of blood ran from his forehead and made a pool on the plank, and this blood reached the plank about the time that his frame settled down motionless.

From the time that his hat flew off until the blood appeared on the staging and the motionless body caused me to say, "He is dead," could not have been more than thirty seconds, and probably was about twenty. The fatal ball had penetrated the left temple, or near it. This was the only case that I ever saw where a man was killed "so quickly that he never knew what hit him," as the saying is.—*New York Sun*.

A Fair Exchange.

The day after the battle of Bull Run (July 22, 1861), while burial parties were busy at their then unaccustomed work, Mike Flaherty, a member of the Second S. C. V., wandered away from his comrades, and while strolling through the woods came upon a Yank, cold and stiff, with a new pair of shoes on his feet. Now, Mike's shoes were much the worse for wear, and the poor fellow looked long and wistfully at the new boogers. It would never do to rob the dead, and yet he wanted the shoes. Finally he sat him down, untied the strings with many a furtive glance at the dead man's face, pulled off the shoes and tried them on. They fitted perfectly, and Mike sat eyeing them regretfully. Suddenly a brilliant idea flashed into Mike's brain. Why not swap? It was done. The old shoes took the place of the new, and were securely tied on the dead man's feet, and Mike, with a long drawn sigh, said in a half apologetic manner, "Them's plinty good enough for where you're goin'."

A HINT TO THE WISE.—Jeweler—John, is business in a bad way. What can we do to raise the wind? I ever saw The clerk—Suppose we try carrying a line of fans.

The Youngest Great Grand Mother.

The wife of Henry K. Updegrave, who keeps a hotel at Tower City, Penn., is probably the youngest great-grand mother in the whole United States. She lacks over three months of being forty-eight, having been born on Aug. 11, 1842, near Gratztown, Dauphin County. Her distinction is due to the fact that not only she but her eldest daughter, and in turn her granddaughter, married unusually young in life. Mrs. Updegrave herself was married when only thirteen to Emanuel Shoffstall, by whom she had eight children. The eldest of these was born a year after her mother's marriage, and was named Martha. She at the age of fifteen married Jonathan Rumberger. Within a year Martha had a daughter, whom she christened Maggie. A year ago Maggie, who was then sixteen, married Daniel Messner, and to this pair a son has just been born. Emanuel Shoffstall died in 1887, and recently the widow married Landford Updegrave. At thirty she was a grandmother, and now as a great-grandmother at forty-seven is still remarkably comely in feature and graceful in figure, with glossy raven hair and sparkling black eyes, she wears her great-grandmotherly honors with becoming modesty.

Death of Congressman Houck.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 25.—Judge L. C. Houck, representative in congress from the Second Tennessee district, died this morning. Yesterday afternoon he went to get a prescription filled. The druggist compounded it for him and set it down in a glass near another containing a strong solution of arsenic which he took by mistake. Antidotes were promptly administered and by 10 o'clock last night he was so well that nothing was said about the circumstance except to a few friends. He slept through the night and died this morning suddenly. He had heart disease, and the poison and excitement affected that organ and was the cause of his death.

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