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How to secure a quorum seems to be a puzzling question with the present Congress. If it were not possible for the truant to easily make up all loss, perhaps it would be well to dock them for lost time during business hours.

COINAGE TOLL.

The seigniorage so frequently alluded to in the vetoed Bland silver bill, is, as defined by Webster, "something claimed or taken by virtue of sovereign prerogative; specifically a certain toll or deduction on bullion brought to a mint to be coined. It was designed originally to defray the expense of coinage; but afterward it was made a branch of royal revenue. This deduction or seigniorage is still made, with more or less modifications, at governmental mints."

In this connection J. S. Mill says: "If the Government throws the expense of coinage upon the holder, which is called 'levying a seigniorage,' the coin will rise to the extent of the seigniorage above the value of the bullion."

According to our own definition of this money-making business, we are inclined to think our silver bullion men want too much for too little, and they want as little bullion as possible taken to make the dollar, no matter as to the international worth or respectability of such a dollar.

REFORMATION.

Some reformations reform while others don't begin to. Take our amended Baker Ballot reformation, for instance. After trial it is receiving quite as much condemnation as praise. While a secret ballot seems to be the objective point—and worthy indeed is all honest effort in this direction—the undeniable fact is that anybody can screw the whole top off of the Baker ballot-box, examine the votes and whole contents of the box, without touching a lock or breaking a seal, and then by just screwing the top on again no one but the Almighty can possibly know anything about it. The locks and seals are a mere pretence, as they simply lock and seal the small aperture through which the ballots are put into the box.

Then the ambiguity of those sections of the law regarding the duty of the judges in making their returns leaves this official in a quandary as to what he shall retain in the box and what it is his duty to return to the county seat as an essential part of his returns. Some judges in Luzerne county were obliged to make two trips to the county seat in order to straighten out their defective returns. And in view of the fact that the judge was only paid for his day at the polls, (his mileage is about absorbed in the expense of travel) his unprofitable duties as Judge of election took all the patriotism he could muster to prevent his swearing at the amended Baker Ballot law and its various originators.

Before the soldiers proper are all pensioned a measure is now favorably reported in Congress which will give pension, if passed, to anybody and everybody who rendered service without enlistment during the war. This will give the poor soldiers a fair chance, if we don't misinterpret its intent and purpose.

It would be worth while for the ladies to bear in mind that if they take a gentle course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla in the spring, they will have no trouble with "prickly heat," "hives," "sties," "boils," or "black heads," when summer comes. Prevention is better than cure.

CHAIRMAN OF STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Deputy Attorney General, James A. Stranahan, of Mercer, was the choice of the assembled committee-men at Harrisburg, on the 16th instant. Mr. Stranahan succeeds J. Marshal Wright, of Allentown, as chairman of State Committee.

With headquarters at Harrisburg the chairman will arrange for an aggressive campaign this fall.

His choice of secretary is Benjamin M. Nead, of Harrisburg, who is well acquainted with the duties of the office. Eighty-one of the eighty-seven members answered to the roll call, and but fourteen of the attendants were substitutes.

What was lacking in enthusiasm was made up in harmony at the meeting. Upon being escorted to the chair Mr. Stranahan made a little speech in which he referred to the benefits that will result to the nation from the speedy passage of the Wilson bill by Congress.

He spoke in high terms of the administration of President Cleveland, and urges harmonious action on the part of individuals in the contest for control of the State offices to be filled this fall. After some competition at other points, a majority thought Harrisburg the more desirable place in which to hold the next meeting of the committee. Harrisburg was accordingly chosen as the place for the next meeting, and June 27 the time of the meeting.

A motion was adopted instructing the chairman to urge the Congressional Democratic Committee to use its influence with Democratic members of Congress for a speedy passage of a tariff measure in harmony with the platform upon which President Cleveland was elected the second time.

After disposing of some other business of minor importance the committee adjourned.

SENATOR HILL'S QUORUM.

Whatever else may be said of Senator Hill, of New York, it will not be charged that he is not as bold and aggressive as any one need be who hopes to lead or mislead a party, or rather a wing of it. But somehow his dignified Senatorial colleagues are a little too shy of him and discrete to follow blindly where he would lead. In other words, they seem to have weighed him, and sized him up as considerably more of the politician than statesman. The prestige that his geographical location gives him, among the richest and most influential men of the country, is the principal prestige he relies on for all that he hopes to accomplish in the interest of Senator Hill of the Empire State. It is nothing new for a Senator of this proud and influential State to dictate policy or terms to the President of the United States. These proud Senators have not altogether succeeded in the past, whatever may be the outcome of Senator Hill's exploit as an envious opponent of the Chief Executive.

The other more harmonious Senators seem to doubt Mr. Hill's sincerity when he suggests changes of rules in the Senate which he claims would expedite business. They seem to fear that his plan might result in something worse than they now have in the shape of rules governing debate. Accordingly they prefer to bear the ills they have rather than fly to those they know not of, and especially under the guidance of Senator Hill of the Empire State.

His amendments to the rules, it is said, are identical to those he offered once or twice before and which failed for want of approval of the committee to which they were referred. They were returned, after investigation of their so-called merits as time makers, along with a Senatorial report that it would be inexpedient to make any change of rules at that time. The promised report in full which was to have been made on the proposition of Senator Hill is yet to be heard from it seems. Even Senators who are anxious that the tariff measure shall be gotten out of the way do not appear to favor Mr. Hill's proposition. Whether it is the measure or the man that they distrust most, is a question solved in the mind of the writer what ever others think about the brilliancy of his leadership of the plutocratic wing of Democracy.

A Washington correspondent reports Senator Peffer as saying of the Coxe contingent to the high tariff boom, that it is all a piece of foolishness and childishness. "I have advised against it from the start," he continued "and have written letters against it, and in speeches made against it I have endeavored to show that no object could be attained by any such haphazard movement as this."

It is no spontaneous uprising or substantial growth like the Farmer's Alliance, for instance. Coxe, it seems in spite of his professed sanctification and alarming prophecies about the second coming of Christ, is a horse-trader and gambler to start with; and if so, he is certainly not the man to exert much influence, nor is he able to make a respectable high tariff boom.

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REPRESENTATIVE AND CONSTITUENT.

Filibustering, so common with our statesmen these days, is we believe as frequently resorted to in order to get a chance to talk as with the hope of defeating a measure. One half the number of Representatives and Senators would serve us just as well, if not better. But the reduction of numbers being with themselves they had rather enlarge the Capitol than diminish the numbers of Representatives by doubling ratio or apportionment of constituents to the Representative. But the fact is the real work of Congress is confined to comparatively few, while the speakers of any note or force are still less. Leave to print by the yard they all can get, but the right of the floor to speak is confined to comparatively few. In their anxiety to appear well to their deluded constituents their printed remarks (frequently gotten up by experts who tell them what to say and how to say it) are sent home and scattered broad-cast, just as if the speech had actually been delivered upon the floor of the House, and just as if the hearty applause, frequently given the speaker, had actually been given. Its funny how they do it, but they do.

Stober, Cameron's Candidate For State Senator, Defeated by 1,000 Votes.

A Lancaster dispatch to the Philadelphia Times says in effect: Returns as far as received, show that C. C. Kauffman, the anti Cameron Candidate for State Senator, is nominated by about 1,000 majority over J. A. Stober.

The result shows that the Kauffman people were the better managers, even defeating Stober in what was deemed his stronghold.

For members of the legislature A. G. Seybert is nominated beyond doubt, in the northern district, while in the southern district Milton S. Eaby has been nominated.

The most significant fact is the waning prestige or influence of Cameron.

THE BRECKINRIDGE AND POLLARD CASE.

On the 14th inst. the most widely read breach of promise suit of our day, that between Madeline Pollard and Colonel Breckinridge, terminated in favor of Miss Pollard, who was given \$15,000 as compensation. The jury took but one hour to deliberate upon all that was said pro and con during a period covering something over five weeks, and in which there was an apparent superiority of mud-throwing, besides some shocking correct statements from both about tales of depravity quite characteristic of the reckless in Washington society. If Breckinridge did not betray Madeline, the jury found that he at least deceived her \$15,000 worth; and we agree with the jury.

Washington papers report that, as usual in such cases in Washington, the court room was densely crowded. We know that if there is anything calculated to crowd a Washington court-room, it is a breach of promise case in which some ugly facts have come to the surface, and we must admit that a few of this kind have got there in this particular case. They did not all reach the surface through coercion either. It is not our purpose to harass the finer sensibilities of the readers of THE COLUMBIAN by attempting to wade through all that this trial brought forth. But being engaged by our gentlemanly employer to fill space, our aim shall be to try to fill it with something of interest to the fastidious readers of THE COLUMBIAN. When the printers want copy the editor must either write or clip something. And unless the editor is blessed with a fruitful imagination he must resort to all sorts of stuff to fill up when he don't want to clip. Now, if you will permit us to get a little away from our topic, we will say in regard to clipping the news instead of writing it, that it makes a difference with some folks who have the subscription to pay. You see, the one is easy and the other hard, and the subscriber generally knows the difference. He thinks he has a right to see the individuality of the editor, whether it be for the better or for the worse.

Now to return to our subject, and we admit to be rather the worse, we will only say in conclusion that report has it that the Representative of Kentucky people, Colonel Breckinridge, began to get nervous when the jury went out, and when they came in and gave their solemn verdict he felt so disappointed (apparently) that he began to inquire about a new trial. In fact his lawyer stood up and gave notice that a new trial would be asked for. Judge Bradley earnestly thanked the jury and adjourned the court. The \$15,000 awarded Madeline will answer for pin money for some little time with economy.

Let us remind you that now is the time to take DeWitt's Sarsaparilla. It will do you good. It recommends itself.—W. S. Rishton, Druggist.

We never could quite solve the euphonious term "weal or woe" until Coxe helped us out by calling his escort and body-guard the "Com-mon-weal." We know all about such "weal" as Coxe has. It is entirely too common to suit us individually.

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Depew for President.

St. Louis, April 15 — Chauncey M. Depew, who is in this city, announces himself a candidate for President of the United States. Mr. Depew, accompanied by Cornelius Vanderbilt and M. E. Ingall, president of the Big Four Railroad, reached here last night on a tour of inspection of the Vanderbilt properties. Speaking of the political questions now interesting the public mind, Mr. Depew said:

"Hill's recent speech on the tariff question undoubtedly voiced the unanimous sentiment of New York, with the possible exceptions of a very insignificant contingent of Democrats of that State. It is a mistake to suppose that Hill was forced into vigorous opposition of the income tax by the wealthy classes of New York. The other fellows—the fellows without a visible income are the ones responsible for Hill's attitude towards the income tax proposition."

The counterfeiter seems equal to the occasion whether our current money be paper or coin. Hitherto it has been claimed by our genuine money makers that the silk fibre paper upon which the genuine notes are printed is too much for the successful imitation of the most artistic counterfeiter. Now they have discovered their mistake about this. For several counterfeit \$1 silver certificates, printed on silk fibre paper of fully as good quality as that used by the Government, have been discovered, after having been rather extensively circulated about Mahanoy City and elsewhere in Schuylkill County.

Head and Arms Seemed on Fire

A Sunstroke Followed by Nervous Prostration Hood's Restored Health.



Mr. Edward Scollin Philadelphia, Pa.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: 'Gentlemen—On August 10, I was taken to St. Joseph's hospital unconscious from the heat; my temperature was 100°. I remained in the hospital two weeks; I was unable to work for four weeks after that, but then felt compelled to turn in, as I have a wife and five children. I soon began to feel as though undergoing continuous shocks from an electric battery.

Every Nerve and Fibre of my body seemed in a constant state of quivering agitation and tremulousness. Heat flashed from the calves of my legs up through my thighs and body; my left arm and hand felt as though on fire, and my head ached as if it would split when I stooped down. I had great pains in my back around the base of the spine. I continued to stick to my work, feeling that if I must again go down I would do so.

Struggling for My Family. I have always been athletic, but I had lost all appetite, and my strength failed me; I was on the point of giving up. I had read much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, and concluded to give it a trial. Before I had taken half a bottle my appetite became so voracious that I would be compelled to eat between meals.

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