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Everything indicates that there will be a larger crop of Democratic votes harvested next Autumn, than has before been known in the history of the country.

Nature, not man, decides what shall be money. She places gold first, and silver, nickel and copper afterwards. Artificial laws cannot change this order.

Chauncey M. Depew says McKinley will not be nominated at St. Louis. He thinks it will be the field against McKinley and the Ohio man will lack a few votes.

THE RING! THE RING! WHAT IS THE RING?

When election time approaches, we hear the ring frequently spoken of; and the way it is characterized leads plain people to suppose that it must be something dreadful.

Now I should like to know just what it is and who are in it. Almost every candidate who solicits our suffrage claims to be opposed to the ring, or that he is out to fight the ring. After sizing them all up as best we can, we decide which one shall receive our vote, and the one receiving the greatest number of our votes is of course elected.

Now I think it would be the proper thing for some of you newspaper men, who are wise in such matters, to tell us beforehand who is and who is not in the ring, so that we can vote intelligently.

I have sometimes been led to suppose that it cannot be told until after the vote is counted, and then the successful man is known to be in the ring. If this is the case, the defeated candidates, instead of heaping opprobrium upon their successful rival, should rather congratulate themselves on their escape from getting in the hated ring.

These are questions that it seems to me voters would do well to consider. We frequently hear it remarked that it is a great pity to spoil a good farmer or a good mechanic to make a poor preacher or a poor lawyer.

My own opinion is, that the ring business is being rather overdone. That the so called ring is a mythical monster, a creature of the imagination of some sorehead who failed to get there. Mind, I give it only as my opinion; but do not urge or advise anyone to accept it as either law or Gospel.

Must Pay the Assessors.

The Attorney General's Department has given Superintendent Schaeffer an opinion to the effect that County Commissioners must pay Assessors for making an enumeration of school children under the compulsory education law.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., was fifty years old on Tuesday.

The Democrats and Cheap Money.

It may be regarded as settled that the Republican national convention will not declare in favor of the free coinage of silver. It may also be accepted that its platform will declare with more or less clearness in favor of sound money.

What will the Democrats do? If the conventions of the two great parties of the country were to declare unequivocally in favor of sound money the issue would be settled, and it would not affect the result of the election.

Table with 2 columns: State and Delegation count. Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, etc.

The following States are reasonably certain to be represented by free silver delegations: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Alaska.

This leaves the following as doubtful States, some of whose delegations may be divided: Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Dist. Columbia.

If the sound money men shall get an equal vote with the cheap money Democrats in the delegations of Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota they will be fortunate. Louisiana is likely to be for free silver. Virginia and West Virginia are fairly doubtful, and may be solid either way, or have divided delegations.

The chances appear to be in favor of the domination of the free silver element in the Democratic national convention, and if it shall present a candidate and a platform sanctioning the cheap money craze, the Democracy will not only be defeated by the largest majority ever given against any party in a contested election, but it will have no future.

What a Business Man Thinks of the Business Situation.

No man is so likely to be well informed of the shifting courses of the winds and the currents of the sea as the man whose duty it is to hold the wheel and steer the ship. So it is that no man is likely to be better posted as to the shifting movements of trade than the man whose task it is to manage a great railway corporation.

The opinion of Mr. George B. Roberts, the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as given to the public on the causes of lagging and unsatisfactory business, is worth cartloads of oratory from the stump and fine disquisitions in the newspapers.

(1) The silver craze. (2) Jingoism. Mr. Roberts also points out two things as necessary to restore prosperity: (1) Sound money. (2) Rest from tariff agitation.

Setting the Cuban Trouble.

Spain is virtually bankrupt and without means of continuing much longer her effort to suppress the Cuban insurrection. Being aware of this fact, if she is approached in a conciliatory manner, she may be induced to gracefully yield the point which she is conscious of not being able to carry by force of arms.

It would seem to be the President's purpose to effect a settlement of the controversy in that manner. He will not do anything rash in exercising the power with which Congress has invested him in this matter.

The United States are not bent upon the acquisition of the island. It would be offensive in this country to charge it with such a mercenary motive; but if Spain could be induced to concede to the Cubans the right of autonomy, granting all the reforms that are necessary for the well being and good government of the island, and retaining over it only that kind of sovereignty which England retains in Canada, such a settlement, we think, would satisfy all the interests that Americans can legitimately take in the controversy.

We notice that the wide tire on heavy wagons is coming into pretty general use in this section, and the cause of this change from the narrow to the wide tire is an act of the last legislature which remits 25 per cent. of the road taxes of those who use the wide tire.

In combination, proportion and process Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself, and unequalled in true merit. No other medicine ever possessed so much curative power, or reached such enormous sales, or made such wonderful cures, as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

5 Sores

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Scrofula

sores. We had three different doctors. Pieces of bone came out of the sores. The last doctor said the leg would have to be cut open and the bone scraped, before he could get well.

Cured

half. He hadn't taken it a week before I saw that his appetite began to improve, and then he gained rapidly. I gave him five bottles, when the sores were all healed and they never broke out again.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate.

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Bright Signs on the Political Horizon.

The possibility that the Silverites might control the Chicago Convention has had one excellent result—it has stirred up the Sound Money Democrats to a sense of the peril which confronts the party and the country.

The signs of these reawakenings are visible in many quarters. Senator Brice has reconsidered his former intention of spending the summer in Europe, and will go to the Chicago Convention; and he predicts that, while the majority of the delegates may be in favor of silver, there will be no free coinage plank in the platform.

Similar committees should be formed in every city and town in which the silver craze has found lodgment. The battle is on in earnest. It must be fought out in advance of the meeting of the National Convention; and it will surely prove a winning fight if it shall be fought with the courage and persistency which a just cause ever inspires in the breasts of determined men.

Affidavits as to personal character may be necessary to allay suspicion or to attract the simple-minded; but what has the manufacturer's private character to do with the efficacy of his so-called "cure?" Ely's Cream Balm depends solely upon its reputation of years as a successful cure for catarrh in all its stages.

Rupture & Piles CURED. No Knife. No detention from business. Dr. A. P. O'MALLEY, Specialist, Washington St. WILKES-BARRE.

HELL AND HELL PAPER. Illustration of a person in hell.

It may be a little early to do your spring papering, but not too early to look over our large stock now ready for your inspection. In spite of the fact that the manufacturers charge us from 10 to 20 per cent. more than last year, we will sell at last year's low prices, and in some cases even lower.

Window curtains of all kinds; Room and picture moulding always in stock. WILLIAM H. SLATE. EXCHANGE HOTEL BLDG.

NO BACK NUMBERS.

Youth and beauty exercise their potent sway over all sensitive minds. Upon the altar of the new, burns ever the incense of admiration. Mindful of this the inventive genius of the age is ever striving to surpass former efforts.

Wash Dress Goods.

The hot days we are now having is certainly a reminder of the fact that we are going to have a very hot summer. Why not prepare now and purchase your thin wash dresses while our stock is new.

Shirt Waists.

They are selling so fast that we are almost unable to keep all the sizes, but we have bought more—will be here this week—prettier and neater than ever.

Lace Curtains, and Lace Curtain Stretchers.

Have you looked over your stock of them? If not, when you do and find you want any we have them here in almost endless variety, in quality, price and style.

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Groceries.

When you buy anything, but especially that which you eat, you will go where you get the best for the least money. Now some goods are cheap, yes, cheap goods; we do not keep cheap goods, but the best we can buy, and sell them for a small profit.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Agreeably to the provisions of an act of Assembly passed the 12th day of April 1875, the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School of the Sixth District will be held on the first Monday of May, being May 4, 1906, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the office of the Normal School in the Dormitory.

Pursel & Harman, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FOR FINE SPRING MILLINERY GO TO Mrs. M. A. Watson, NEXT DOOR TO SALTZER'S MUSIC STORE. DECIDED! It has been decided by E. Jacobson, proprietor of the great Boston Clothing House, to open one of the branches at Bloomsburg, Pa.

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