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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

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

Chauncey M. Depew says Mc-Kinley 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. Wonder if Chauncey knows?

#### 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.

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. And then to our amazement we are informed that he was the ring candidate. That he is a ringster of the most pronounced type, or that he is going to be a tool of the ring. That we have been cooperating with the ring and against our own interest.

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 intel-ligently. This information we should have before election, if it is to serve any useful purpose.

I have sometimes been led to supcessful man is known to be in the Virginia are fairly doubtful, and may be and solidify them, the general adopring. 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. This leads to another thought. There is one or more of our candidates who has gained considerable notoriety (whether enviable or not depends on who you are talking to) as an exposer of the rascalities racy will not only be defeated by the of the ring. The question arises, if such one should be elected, will it place him in the ring, and will that it will have no future. It must now destroy or abridge his usefulness in exposing the corruption of ringsters?

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. It seems to me equally impolitic to sacrifice a valiant exponent of the rascalities of ringdom, to secure-well say an ordinarily good official, who must of necessity, or at least may become a ringster. It requires a very strong man to entirely overcome the influence

of his environment. 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. If I am in error, I am ready and willing to be convinced of the same. Please give us light on this subject, and very much oblige.

A VOTER.

### Must Pay the Assessors.

The Attorney General's Department has given Superintendent Schaeffer an opinion to the effect that County Commissioners must pay Asschool children under the compulsory education law. In some counties the law would have been null, owing to the Commissioners' refusing to pay for of Public Instruction wanted the matter settled.

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, although it may speak with some ambiguity on the subject. A square declaration in favor of honest money on the accepted standard of the civilized world, is possible but not certain. It is improbable that any man will be nominated as the Republican candidate for President who would not, when elected, maintain a sound financial system, although the platform adopted by McKinley, of Ohio, is not at all assuring on the subject.

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, but there is less prospect to day of the Democrats maintaining their integrity than there was six months The apparent failure of the sound money men at the recent primaries to hold Alabama, whose convention will be the first to give expression on the subject in the South, indicates a tidal wave for free silver in the Democratic conventions of that region. The Democratic national convention will be composed of oro delegates, and the following States are all that can be safely counted upon to day to stand firmly for a sound money platform:

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The following States are reasonably Now I should like to know just certain to be represented by free silver

N	delegations:	ented by her min
	Alabama 22 Arkansas 16 California 18 Colorado 8 Florida 8 Georgia 26 Idaho 6 Iowa 26 Kansas 20 Michigan 28 Mississippi 18 Missouri 34 Montana 6 Nebraska 16 Nebraska 66	North Dakota Oregon South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Washington Wyoming Arizona New Mexico Oklahoma Indian Territory Alaska
	North Carolina22	Total 40

This leaves the following as doubtful States, some of whose delegations

ı	may be divided:	
ı	Hay be divided:	Virginia
ı	Indiana30	West Virginia
ı	Louisiana16	Dist. Columbia
ı	Minnesota18	
ı	Ohio46	Total

an equal vote with the cheap money his road tax of twenty-five per cent. Democrats in the delegations of Illi- As narrow tires are largely responsinois, Indiana and Minnesota they will ble for the cutting up and disfiguring pose that it cannot be told until after be fortunate. Louisiana is likely to of roadbeds made of soft material, the vote is counted, and then the suc- be for free silver. Virginia and West while wide tires tend to keep down solid either way, or have divided del- tion of the wide tire will bring about egations. It is quite uncertain as to considerable improvement without how the delegates from the District of any change in any other direction. Columbia shall vote.

> 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 Democlargest majority ever given against any party in a contested election, but choose the policy of a sound financial system that will command the confidence of the civilized world, or it must die unlamented .- Phila, Times.

#### What a Business Man Thinks of the Business Situation.

No man is so likely to be well informed of the shifting courses of the on his thigh, which the doctor said were 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 lines of which reach from the centre to the circumference of the country. He holds his hand upon the pulse of industrial activity, and marks its every throb.

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. Mr. Roberts does not look into a guess-book or a work on political economy in order to prime himself with words before he talks. He speaks of facts within his knowledge, figures audited under his eye, results gathered from the inflow and outflow sessors for making an enumeration of of all the multifarious movements of things that men buy and sell.

He says that business started out splendidly last fall, and that there is no reason under heaven why the enumeration, and the Superintendent country should not be enjoying the largest prosperity at present except

for two things: (1) The silver craze.

(2) Jingoism.

things as necessary to restore prosperity:

(1) Sound money.

(2) Rest from tariff agitation. We do not desire to name Mr. Roberts as our candidate for the Presidency of the United States, but he has made for himself a platform which shows that he is fit to be Presidence. which shows that he is fit to be President. He has prescribed the proper tonic for the public distresses, and blazed the true path toward restored soundness .- Philadelphia Record.

#### Settling 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. By proper approach Spain may be made to admit the hopelessness of her struggle, and the United States, instead of being an arbitrary intervener in the difficulty, may be instrumental in bringing about an amicable understanding between the two conflicting parties that are

ravaging Cuba with their bloody strife. 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 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 legitmately take in the controversy; and it looks as if the President, instead of resorting to offensive measures, will endeavor to bring about such a conciliatory settlement .- Bellefont Watchman.

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. And this will have conof our roads, and will probably save in repairs to the public highways nearly as much if not quite the amount of taxes remitted. The act provides that roads who shall fit them with four-If the sound money men shall get inch tires shall have a reduction in

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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. Howard became so low that he would eat nothing, and one doctor said there was no chance for him.

"One day, a newspaper recommending Hood's Sarsaparilla was left at our door. We decided to try this medicine. Howard commenced taking it the last of February, after having been sick for a year and a

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. The crutches he had used for four years were laid aside, as he had no further use for them. I give all the credit to Hood's Sarsaparllia. Mrs. Ada L. Moody, Fay Street, Lynn, Mass.

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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, and from this time forward they will make a most determined fight in every doubtful district for the one cause upon the success of which the present standard of values depends.

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. Another hopeful portent reveals itself in Kentucky, where the autono.ny, granting all the reforms Democratic fight against the Free Silver fantasy is being urged with every prospect of victory; and still another promise is evident in Chicago, where the good work recently done by Secretary Carlisle has already begun to tell, a committee of one hundred Democrats having been formed, with ex-Mayor Hopkins at its head, which is already actively at work spreading the light of truth.

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 siderable to do with the improvements the breasts of determined men. -Phila. Record.

Affldavits as to personal character may be necessary to allay suspicion any owner of wagons used upon the or to attract the simple-minded; but what has the manufac arer'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. It is absolutely free from mercury or any other drug injurious to the system. Being pplied directly to the diseased men brane it affords instantaneous relief and will effect a perfect cure of ca-

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#### 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. Not nearly so many to select from now as a week ago, but still the stock is new and lots left. Our patterns are mostly exclusively to be found here, coming as they did, from Arnold, Constable & Co. and Gilbert Mfg. Co., of New York, you will be unable to match them elsewhere.

Deep baronne lawns in Dresden and Perian effects

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Organd de Beanvais, white ground, with green figures and pin stripe 30 in. wide, 12je. Indian dimities, white ground, with blue, pink and green designs,

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#### 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. Some odd ones we are selling at cost and below. How about a stretcher? Have you ever

seen the Star stretcher? We are the agents for them and none better on the market. Once used you would not take double your money for them.

#### Capes and Tailor Made Gowns.

Don't you want a new cape for evening when you sit out on the porch to throw around your shoulders. If you are looking for one, here they are, and any kind you want at any price. Maybe a suit or separate skirt; if so, we have them. They need few if any alterations and made in the latest style. We will alter them for you if they need it.

#### 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. You will always find our groceries the same as they are represented to be. If you want to be satisfied with what you eat all we ask is for you to give us a trial and we will not fear the decision.

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E. Jacobson, Prop.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A greeably 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 Arst Monday of May, being May 4, 1886, between the hours of two and four 2 clock in the afternoon of said day at the office of the Normal School in the Dormitory, in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., at which time four persons will be elected Trustees on the part of the stockholders to serve for a period of three years; at the same time four persons will be nominated to the Super, wendent of Public Instructions from which he may in, point two Trustees on the part of the State to serve for a period of three years.

JOHN M. CLARK,

JOHN M. CLARK, Secretary. April 23, 706-26.

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