

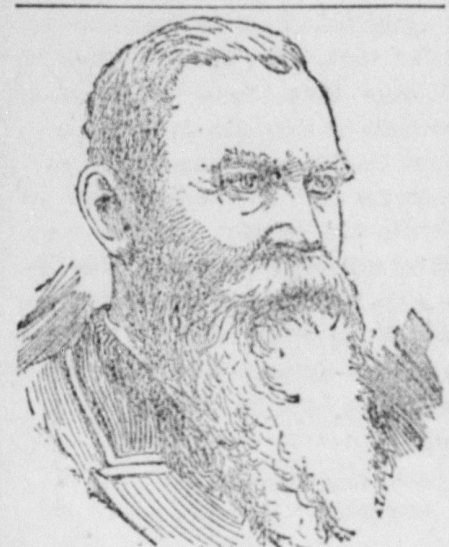
CONTEST FOR A CURRENCY

The Fight For and Against the Free Coinage of Silver.

EVERYBODY DISCUSSING FINANCE

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SENATOR STEWART, OF NEVADA. (Leader of the free silver champions in the West.)

land issued his letter on the subject it has been apparent that the principal issue upon which the battle of 1896 will be fought is silver.

The strength which the silver advocates have developed in the West has been strikingly illustrated by recent developments.

Secretary Morton's Views. An interview with Secretary Morton, of the Agricultural Department, is of interest as showing how thoroughly the President's currency ideas are shared by members of his Cabinet.

Views of Senator Jones. Senator Jones, of Nevada, who was one of the American Commissioners to the International Monetary Conference in Brussels, fore-shadows the coming conflict between the advocates and the enemies of free silver coinage.

A "Crusade" to Be Inaugurated. The New York Herald says that "An important crusade against the free coinage of silver will be inaugurated in the metropolis.

Several Sundays ago some fifteen union carpenters assembled in San Francisco, Cal. and put up a house for one of the union men.

Chicago Exposition Medals. According to Director Preston, of the Mint Bureau, the 24,000 medals awarded by the Chicago Columbian Exposition will be ready for distribution about the 1st of August.

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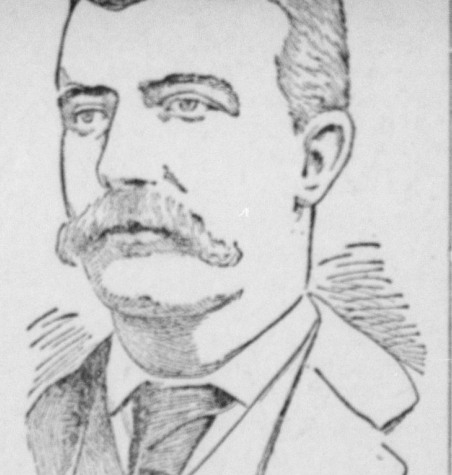
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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

Secretary Herbert has decided not to attend the Kiel Canal celebration on June 16, notwithstanding the special invitation which it is understood was extended to him by the German Government.

Secretary Herbert will probably go to Kiel in June on one of the United States men-of-war and witness the naval demonstration in honor of the opening of the canal.

All the castings, on account of which the officers of the Benjamin Atha and Illingworth Company of Newark, were indicted for conspiring to defraud the Government, have been accepted by the Navy Department after a reinspection.

Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, received a telegram from the Emperor of Japan announcing that the decoration of the second class of the Order of the Rising Sun had been conferred upon him.

The President received the committee of the National Schiffsbund, which came from New York to invite him to attend their celebration in July. In reply he said that at present he was unable to say whether or not he could attend, but he promised to consider the matter.

Ex-Postmaster-General Bissell, accompanied by Mrs. Bissell and little Miss Marquerite, left Washington for Buffalo, where Mr. Bissell will resume his law practice.

Senator Dupuy de Lome, who succeeds Senator Muraza as Spanish Minister to the United States, has arrived from Havana.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Chicago, Wm. Lot. 70. Pittsburg, 8 2 .80. Boston, ... 3 3 .500. Cleveland, 6 4 .600. Wash'n, 3 3 .500.

Ten thousand miners went on strike in the Pocahontas coal region of West Virginia.

The annual May Day labor parades and mass-meetings were held in various Eastern cities.

The new Belt Line tunnel in Baltimore, Md., was opened.

The third annual congress of the Sons of the American Revolution began in the Old South Meeting House, Boston, Mass.

The Appalachian Bank at Big Stone Gap, Va., has closed its doors. It was organized five years ago with \$50,000 capital.

John Jones (colored) was killed near Yorkville, S. C., by Frank Moore, his twelve-year-old stepson.

James Young, janitor of the court house at Brazil, Ind., killed his wife at her mother's house, this room in the basement of the court house, called County Recorder Keyser to the speaking tube, bade him good-by and killed himself.

The United States cruiser Minneapolis from Key West arrived at Fort Monroe, Va., where she will undergo necessary refitting at Norfolk to prepare her for the flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron.

Colman Phelps shot and killed his half-brother, Henry Phelps, near Bowling Green, Ky., because he would not swear falsely for him.

The sixth colored person was lynched in Butler County, Alabama, for the murder of young Watts Murphy. Sheriff Bargains found his body hanging to a tree. His name is not known.

There was a big raise in the price of wheat, believed to be due to a corner managed by P. D. Armour in Chicago.

Emil Furrer and John Notter were burned to death in one of the three barns owned by John Guyer, a farmer, near Milford, Conn.

At Dubuque, Iowa, Paying Travel Maurice Brown, of the Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, shot and seriously wounded Leonard Lees in the bank, after Lees had made an attempt to rob the institution of the day's funds.

Ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, talked on the political situation at Atlantic City. He declared for silver and said free coinage would be the one issue of the next campaign.

Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, who escaped from the asylum for insane criminals at Matteawan, N. Y., and who had been in the county jail in Jersey City, N. J., for nearly two weeks, was taken back to Matteawan.



FARM GARDEN

PREPARE FOR SPRAYING. Any farmer who has a dozen or more apple or pear trees, should have a spraying apparatus and familiarize himself with the use of fungicides and insecticides.

FASTENING FOR COWS IN THE STABLE. The safest mode of fastening cows in their stalls is by a strong leather strap around the neck, with a ring stitched in, into which a snap hook may be quickly fastened.

VALUE OF SLAKED LIME. Lime, either air slaked or unslaked, is used as a fertilizer where there is large amount of vegetable matter that only slowly decomposes.

WHAT TO FEED YOUNG TURKEYS. The food for young poultry, like all other young poultry, should be thoroughly cooked and given in a crumbly condition.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Cornstalks are a laxative food. Nearly every poultry raiser has more or less land upon which crops may be grown that are especially suited for poultry.

The time to kill weeds in the potato field is when they first start. Weeds that have been permitted to grow large have done the crop about all the harm they can do.

One very common mistake made by owners of clay farms is tramping them when wet, and cases are not rare where there has been almost a failure of a crop from this cause alone.

Look over your raspberry canes, and if they seem swollen, cut off the infected canes and burn them, thus destroying one of the worst pests this delicious fruit has in this country.

Burn all clumps of dead, adhering leaves found in your fruit trees, and save the fruit buds from destruction by the tiny worms that have passed the winter in hiding in these leaves.

The farmers of Texas use ordinary baking soda with quite good success in keeping weevil out of corn and other grain. The amount used is twelve to fifteen pounds of the soda to every hundred barrels of corn in the shock.

It is better to have the space in your buildings devoted to roosts separate from the laying or nesting section. They can always be found in one or the other place at certain periods of the day, and the droppings, if confined to one place, do not baffle other parts of the building.

Hens like green cabbage when it is hung up where they can chip off a bit when so inclined, and in the winter and early spring, when there is little green food growing, nothing is more convenient and beneficial. Onion tops in springtime are excellent as a blood stimulant and should be fed with soft food.

Any building you erect for your poultry should, if you keep 100 head, have a room in the center for storage of grain and such tools and cooking apparatus as is necessary about a well ordered henhouse. The building should have wings on either side with a three-foot passage way in the center, throwing pens, say five by ten feet on either side, the number of such pens depending upon the size of the building you erect.