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EDITORIAL.

SILVER AND WHEAT.

At present our republican organs are gloating over the fact that the difference in the price of wheat and silver has been growing since last Fall's campaign—wheat is going up in price, and silver down.

The wheat crop is short this year and the price has naturally advanced. Owing to the defeat of the silver party, in this country last election, and other nations adopting the gold standard, the demand for the white meal has decreased and down it goes, as certain as a stone will drop to the ground by force of gravitation.

If exceptions upset the rule, and a minority carries, the gold people are entitled to the benefit of their argument.

That time has not yet arrived and the people are not bereft of their reason and ordinary common sense, notwithstanding the gush of political demagogues on this point.

This is an exception to the rule, but it gives much consolation to the goldites, who are hard-driven for an argument.

VICTIMS OF THE AXE.

It is not a surprise to find a certain class of rotten republican organs in this state severely criticizing Gov. Hastings for the liberal manner in which he applied his veto axe to corrupt bills and dishonest appropriations of the recent legislature.

NO PRIMARIES.

Down at Milesburg there are about one hundred and forty republican voters in the borough. On Saturday not enough put in an appearance to hold an election to select delegates for Republican County Convention on Tuesday.

TARIFF POINTERS.

When your republican neighbor grows eloquent on the tariff tell him that the treasury deficit in the last year of the Wilson tariff was over \$18,000,000, as against \$9,000,000 in the last year of the McKinley tariff.

If they find such large quantities of gold in Alaska, as is expected, the metal will become plenty and the government will be in danger of coining 53-cent gold dollars. The argument is equally consistent.

COAL MINER'S STRIKE.

At present, thousands of coal miners, throughout the bituminous regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio, have thrown down their picks and abandoned the mines.

This takes place because they now declare their condition drives them to desperation. They can scarcely make a decent living for themselves and families by honorable toil at a most perilous occupation.

Now mark you, this state of things has been going on for years. The silent forces have been at work so gradually that few detect the causes, but realize, to their sorrow, the effects.

We have no political campaign before us. There are no fat offices to be filled. Our people are not influenced by political harangues.

Some valuable lessons can be drawn from the coal miner's strike. It is not a vain show of numbers. It is not the result of a sudden uprising. It is not the revolt against the single operator.

These conditions are apparent, on every hand. They can not fail but awaken the sympathy of all loyal citizens. Must we not admit that something is out of gear in our commercial and financial systems?

GIVEN'S SIDE SHOW.

Chairman W. B. Given, of the Jeffersonian Sound Money party, has called the state committee for a consultation at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, September second.

The Atty. General has declared that a Notary of the Public does not have the authority to unite persons in marriage. There are plenty of others who can do it in a satisfactory manner, so that no one need be alarmed.

No reports are going of wages increased of late. Many of the necessities of life cost the workman more though, since the Dingley bill passed. Keep these two points constantly in mind. Study the new tariffs.

Our farmers should not fail to carefully read an article in another column of this issue headed "Silver and Agriculture." It means much, as it comes from a reliable source.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Many Candidates For the Gubernatorial Nomination.

HASTINGS AND THE SENATE.

The Governor Will Not Be a Candidate Against Senator Quay, Though the Beaver Statesman Will Have Opposition—The New Capitol Buildings.

Harrisburg, Aug. 10.—There is considerable gossip regarding the gubernatorial nominations next year. Nearly every county has a favorite son, and some have three. Among these prominently mentioned on the Republican side are Attorney General McCormick, Congressman W. A. Stone of Allegheny, C. W. Stone of Warren, William Connell of Lackawanna, Thad Mahon of Franklin, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, Auditor General Amos H. Mylin, Congressman Leisenring of Luzerne, Congressman Josiah Hicks of Blair and others.

Hastings Will Not Oppose Quay.

Governor Hastings has made an unequivocal declaration regarding his alleged ambition to be United States senator. Having had his attention called to a published statement to the effect that he would enter the field for Senator Quay's place next year, he said: "I have no notion of being a candidate for United States senator."

The Laws of 1897. At the state department the work of preparing the new laws for publication is about ended, and the pamphlet laws of 1897 will probably be issued in a few days. These volumes do not vary much in size from year to year, the difference in the number of laws being generally made up in the size of some of them.

The New Capitol Buildings.

The three expert architects selected to make a recommendation regarding the competitive plans and designs submitted for the new capitol have finished their work and filed with State Treasurer Haywood, the secretary of the capitol building commission, the report of their examination.

The buildings of the proposed group are the legislative building, building for the auditing, treasury and other departments and the supreme and superior courts, a building for the department of agriculture and other departments and a historical building for the historical and scientific collections of the state, the adjutant general's and other offices and a public hall.

There are to be three galleries in each of the senate and house chambers—one for the press, one for the public, and a reserve gallery. Each chamber is to have a public reception room. The

three departmental buildings and the historical building are to cost altogether a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000. The appropriation for the main building is \$550,000, but when the architects' expenses and other preliminary items of cost are deducted the actual amount available for building purposes will be about \$500,000.

In this connection it may be said that the course of the governor in vetoing bills making appropriations for investigating committees and in cutting out items in the general appropriation bill will have the effect of stopping all advance payments in the future. State treasurers have been the victims of the advance system of payments for many years, and they will hail with much satisfaction a change in this direction.

Rev. Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for state treasurer, continues to assert with more or less emphasis that the commonwealth was horns-woggled out of several thousand dollars in the fitting up of Grace church for the use of the legislature. He contends that the bill of over \$50,000 for this work is excessively extravagant, and that, no matter if Governor Hastings has approved of it, the bill is wrong.

Major Levi Wells.

Major Levi Wells, the state dairy and food commissioner, authorizes the statement that Frank N. Moore, special agent of the department for western Pennsylvania, retired from that position Aug. 1. His place is taken by James Terry, of Bradford county. Major Wells says the force of deputies has been considerably reduced, and that a different method of ferreting out violators of the oleomargarine law will be adopted.

S. P. Stillwell, of Scranton, has been reappointed a member of the state fish commission. He is president of the commission and is exceedingly active in promoting the fishery interests of the state. He regrets the failure of the legislature to make an appropriation for the work of the commission during the next two years, owing to a blunder, but he thinks that means will be provided for continuing the hatcheries and preserving the stock of fish.

Capitol hill was deserted last week by most of the state officials. Governor Hastings was at Bellefonte, Attorney General McCormick was at his home in Williamsport, Private Secretary Beltter at the seashore, Deputy Attorney General Elkin at his home in Indiana, State Treasurer Haywood at Mercersburg, Auditor General Mylin at Lancaster and Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder at Easton.

Stackpole. The six months' session of the legislature was a strain on everybody, and all felt the need of relaxation.

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