The Advocate.

Henry A. Parsons, Jr., - Editor

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1878.

THE nomination of Bayard Taylor as Minister to Germany has been confirmed by the Senate.

POPE LEO XII was crowned in the Sixtinal Chapel in Rome on the 3d inst.

PEACE has been declared between Russia and Turkey. The money indemnity of £40,000,000 originally claimed, in addition to the territorial cession, was finally fixed at £12,000,000.

Mr. Clinton, the senior counsel for W. H. Vanderbilt, positively denies the report that negotiations are in progress for a settlement of the contested will case, adding that a settlement is impossible.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has already prepared necessary arrangements for the immediate execution of the law providing for the coinage of silver dollars, so that there will be no delay whatever in its operation. The Secretary has prepared the form of the silver certificates and approved the device for the new silver dollar which was submitted to him by the Director of the Mint. The department is, therefore, prepared to begin without delay the administration of the new law.

EX-SENATOR BENJAMIN F. WADE died at his home in Jefferson, Ohio, at 6.30 o'clock on the morning of the 2d inst.

Benjamin Franklin Wade was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, October 27, 1800, and therefore at the time of his death was over 77 years of age. He worked as a farmer or laborer in summer and school teacher in the winter until 1826, when he studied law and was admitted to the bar of Ashtabula county, Ohio, 1828, and he has resided in the same county ever since. In 1835 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and in 1837 to the State Senate, in which he served three terms. In 1847 he was chosen president judge of the third judicial district of the state of his adoption, and in 1851 was elected to the United States Senate, and re-elected in 1857 and in 1863.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The Dollar of the Sons.

PHILADELPHIA'S MINT GETTING READY TO MAKE THE WHITE CART WHEEL CURRENCY.

Superintendent of the Mint ex-Governor James Pollock, says that the coinage of the new silver dollar will begin in about two weeks, by which time the dies, stamps and the machinery necessary will be in working order. Yesterday Superintendent Pollock received information from Washington that the design for the new dollar of 412½ grains furnished by Mr. Geo. T. Morgan had been approved by the Secretary, out of the numerous devices submitted to him. The work of preparing for its coinage will immediately begin. The director for some time past has had before him two designs, the one selected and another known as the "Barber design." The former is the work of Mr. George T. Morgan, an English designer, who for some years was employed in the Royal Mint at London. Under act of Congress the director is authorized to employ skilled artists to make designs and engrave dies for the manufacture of our coins and about a year and a half ago he communicated with the deputy master of the Royal Mint, asking him if he could recommend a good designer. After much hesitation, owing to a strong disinclination to send over one of their own and best designers, they did send Mr. Morgan, who has been in this city since October, 1876. He is at present engaged in designing the medal of President Hayes, a custom which is pursued in every administration. He has already spent some time with the President, and is executing an excellent profile of him. The new dollar, on its obverse side, has the typical head of Liberty, with the liberty cap and a wreath of wheat and cotton leaf and full flowing hair, partially covered, of course, by the cap. Above the head is the semi-circular motto "E. Pluribus Unum" in Roman capitals, and the balance of the circle being composed of thirteen stars, while the year of manufacture, as in the old pieces, is placed at the bottom of the coin. The reverse shows what is known in heraldic terms as the "displayed eagle" with the wing-tips up; an olive branch in the right talons and arrows in the left, the bird encircled by a laurel wreath, and immediately over its head is the motto, in German text, "In God We Trust," and still above that the words "United States of America," while just beneath the laurel wreath are the words "One Dollar." The difference in the thickness of the new coin and the trade dollar is infinitesimal and imperceptible except upon close comparison. Superintendent Pollock says that in two weeks he will begin the active coinage of the new dollar. He has received $285,649.45 worth of silver from New York, but this, he says, is a mere flea-bite, the silver coinage capacity of the mint being more than $2,000,000 per month. It is not expected, however, that this capacity will be taxed, the bulk of the coinage being done at the branch mints at Carson City, Nevada, and San Francisco. It will be a month at least, however, before the coinage can begin at those places, and it is a fact upon which the officials of the Mint pride themselves not a little that, as the first dollar of the daddies was struck in this city, so the first dollar of the sons will be emitted from Philadelphia.

From the Philadelphia Times, March 1st.

The Silver Bill a Law.

President Hayes vetoed the silver bill yesterday, stating his reasons briefly, but sensibly and pointedly. The veto is a substantial repetition of his views expressed in his recent annual message, and presents no argument that had not been considered by Senators and Congressmen before the bill was sent to the Executive. It was a proper record for him to make, and what he has said was due to the world from the Chief Magistrate of the Republic.

The bill was promptly taken up in the House after the reading of the veto, and passed by a vote of 196 to 73, being 17 more than a constitutional majority. The Senate considered the bill at once when the action of the House was reported, and it was there passed by a vote of 46 to 19, being 3 more than the requisite number. Thus the silver bill has become a law over the veto of the President, and it now is the properly ordained financial policy of the nation.

While we sympathize in the main with the particular objections to the measure as stated in the Presidential veto, we do not regret its passage over the objections of the Executive. Had it been possible to correct the bill in conformity with the suggestions of the veto message, and there end legislation on the silver question, we should have been glad to see the veto sustained; but we must deal with things as they are, and not from the standpoint of what, at present, may be accepted as impractical theories. In short, we preferred the passage of the present bill to the inevitable passage of a worse one, and the irritating and unsettling agitation that must have followed an appeal by Congress from the President to the country in the present distempered condition of the public mind on the subject. In such a struggle, President Hayes has not an attribute of popular strength to aid his cause, for his power has been wasted away by indecision and self-contradictions until every doubt would be resolved against him by the masses of all parties.

Had the veto been sustained by either House, the future business of the present session of Congress would be confined to the agitation of the financial question. Scores of bills would be pressed upon the two Houses; scores of scores of speeches would be made to inflame the prejudices and necessities of every locality, and reason would be given an indefinite recess in Congressional debates until the administration yielded to a worse measure, or the country became prepared to overthrow our present financial structure by the most revolutionary and destructive statutes. The nation wants silver currency. It could have been given just as the President desired it, had he been anything more than a scarcely visible bump on a log about Washington and had the money centres of the nation understood that the people will have their own way once in awhile; but the President played ornamental cypher and the moneyed men denounced the whole silver movement as a fraud, and the result is that the people have not only resolved to have their own way, but to have their own way of having their own way. And now silver is remonetized; it is an unlimited legal tender; it is just as good as greenbacks, for they are redeemable in it; it will jostle gold out of commercial transactions and set it aside as a fancy speculative commodity, and it will be practically unknown in the marts of industry and trade.

And now the country wants rest. Its languishing business can stand no more doubt and distraction. It will improve under the silver bill if the money centres are wise enough not to obstruct the fair operations of the law. It will give confidence because people believe it to be a wise measure, and confidence is the parent of our long lost thrift. Besides, it is the law of the land, and it should command cordial obedience. So much is the dictate of duty, but if there are those who consider interest as above duty, we charge them nothing for the hint, that the present silver bill will either be faithfully enforced and accepted, or more revolutionary laws will follow to overthrow those who hinder its just trial.

THE House committee on military affairs has decided to report the Senate bill for the reorganization of the militia with amendments. They reduce the number of major generals to one and brigadiers to five and leave it discretionary with the adjutant general to furnish uniforms or parts thereof to troops not already provided, and direct him to accept or reject the fatigue uniform already in use. Where companies are equipped to his satisfaction he may issue the annual allowance. The rank of all the Governor's staff is decreased one grade. The first sergeants are to receive $3 per day for active service; sergeants, $2; corporals, $1.75, and privates, $1.50. Officers are to be paid as those of like grades are in the regular army. One day's pay is allowed for the annual inspection.

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