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Tomorrow's Tribune will contain the recent speech of Charles Heber Clark outlining an American bimetallic policy; and also a number of letters taking various sides of the silver question.

Worth All It Costs.

Only one argument deserving of serious consideration has yet been advanced against compulsory education. It has been truly charged that the thorough enforcement of a compulsory school attendance law would in many places necessitate the enlargement of the public school accommodations, thus incurring extra expense.

We will confess that we hold to the nowadays somewhat rare belief that the state ought not, by public taxation, to support other than elementary schools; that, since the state's primary purpose in assuming control of elementary education is purely that of self-protection, it has no moral right, should general objection be raised, to spend public funds in the maintenance of special schools attended chiefly by the well-to-do few.

If, however, the people of Pennsylvania want to provide extra school accommodations without incurring extra expense, they can advantageously do this by cutting off a number of the superfluous which have, in the course of time, accumulated in the commonwealth's educational system.

An international monetary agreement would probably be reached within three years if there were an administration at Washington capable of realizing what benefits it would confer upon the United States.

England's Little Game.

The Washington Post is double-edgedly convinced that "if we permit Great Britain to consummate the plans she has just announced, we assent to the establishment at Corinto of a British military post and to the permanent occupation of American soil by a European power."

guage of the immortal Bill Tweed, what are you going to do about it? The state department as at present conducted in your city, while drawing its appropriations with admirable punctuality, permits no other wave of concern to roll across its peaceful breast.

Perhaps the Post will explain how the American people can be expected to have an American foreign policy when broken-down politicians and fourth class statesmen are entrusted with the task of formulating it.

Councilman Seaman's ordinance requiring the Scranton Traction company to equip its cars with safety fenders within sixty days, or pay a fine of \$5 per day per car, is a well-drawn and practical measure.

Keep Cool.

The suggestion of a cabinet officer, reprinted in an adjoining column, that the great popular debate of the currency question which seems an assured fact of the near future, be conducted in good temper and without needless waste of nervous energy is one which ought to be borne in mind.

Nothing definite in way of different financial legislation can by any possibility be accomplished within less than three years. Why not utilize this breathing spell for purposes of rest and recuperation? Pleasant discussion will do no harm; indeed, is most desirable, so long as it does not interfere with the recovery of business.

It is only natural for the president to make a mess of things. It is far less excusable in any considerable number of the people to copy his mistake. They ought to draw from their experiences of three years ago some admonition against premature excitability; and also some suggestions as to the advisability of not taking the Cleveland coterie of plattitudinizers too seriously.

It is estimated by the Philadelphia Times that upward of 285,000 more children must be provided for if the terms of the compulsory education law are to be fully carried out.

Jay Cooke on Bimetallism.

It will hardly be claimed by the most rabid gold monometallist that Jay Cooke, who probably did more than any other American to supply or secure money for the successful prosecution of the war for the preservation of the Union, is today, through intention, at least, an enemy of his country, a flat moneyist or a repudiator of debts.

"If the proposed international bimetallic conference should prove a failure, my plan would be to at once go back in our own country to bimetalism, by opening our mints to the free coinage of silver as well as gold. Let the government enact such regulations as would positively insure that a dollar of silver produced out of our own country would be imported into the country, except upon the payment of such a duty as would be equal to 5 per cent. greater than the depreciation in the market of the world of silver bullion, or silver manufactured into any shape. I myself would not be at all afraid of any great influx of silver even if there were no impediments to its transportation; but this plan of placing a prohibitive tariff upon it would effectually calm the fears of those who express apprehensions of large silver importations and the withdrawal of our gold. We could easily circulate every dollar of the product of our mines, and it would form a natural and needed increase of the circulating medium in our midst."

It will be recalled that opinions similar to the foregoing have already been freely expressed by Senator Cameron, ex-Speaker Reed and other eminent Republicans. If carried into effect, this policy would, it is estimated, add to our currency about \$100,000,000 a year, which would be none too great an addition when we consider that easily \$300,000,000 is annually sent or carried out of this country to Europe—sent in payment of interest on foreign-held securities, or carried out by American tourists in Europe.

000,000 is annually sent or carried out of this country to Europe—sent in payment of interest on foreign-held securities, or carried out by American tourists in Europe. But even should the production of American gold and silver be doubled under the stimulus of such a policy, we would still have none too much to meet the demands of our quickened business activities.

The Philadelphia Record believes that the "common sense of the common people" could be relied upon to make compulsory education inoperative. When the common sense of the common people shall do away with illiteracy, there will, of course, be no further need of compulsory education.

Those Philadelphians who seem bent upon having their city government investigated by the way of Harrisburg might, in the interim, do a little probing on their own account. Philadelphia, it would seem, ought to be pretty nearly big enough to manage its own affairs.

THE BATTLE OF IDEAS.

"During the next year," said a member of the cabinet yesterday, "we are going to witness a remarkable campaign in this country. It will be neither sectional nor political. Two economic ideas are to struggle for the mastery in the minds of the people. It will be a campaign of the printing press. Millions upon millions of books and pamphlets bearing upon the silver question will be circulated. Moreover, clubs will be formed for and against the free coinage of silver in every state, every county, almost every township and school district in the country. In my opinion it will be the most remarkable intellectual struggle ever seen in the world. It is simply that and nothing more. If anyone imagines it to be an array of the debtor against the creditor class he is very much mistaken. It is not a question of selfishness on the one side or the other. You can't stir up the American people in that way over a matter of dollars and cents. No, the great campaign must be regarded as an evidence of the wonderful intellectual activity of our people, of their desire to study these questions, of pride of opinion, when once formed, of the spirit of proselytizing in a cause which chances to exist one's interest. No other period could produce such agitation on such a question."

"Let me give you an example of the manner in which this campaign is to be carried on," continued the secretary. "It has come to our knowledge that in the state of Pennsylvania alone Senator Cameron and ex-Congressman Sibley have made arrangements to distribute 1,000,000 copies of the Coin book. They are shipping in these little books by the car load. Of course, they will produce a tremendous effect. Cameron and Sibley believe they will turn the whole state of Pennsylvania over to free silver. But our side will not be idle. We are going to have printing presses at work, too. We will distribute 1,000,000 copies of sound money pamphlets in Pennsylvania. It is a game two can play at. What is done in Pennsylvania will be done by both sides in many other states. In addition to the literature, there will be clubs, speeches, meetings without number."

"All this is a good sign," continued Mr. Cleveland's adviser, "it all speaks for the intellectual activity, for the intelligence, the curiosity of the people. You can't fool a people like that; they are too smart, too inquisitive; they think too much for themselves. If Coin is right the people will not be idle, and they will honestly say so. But if Coin teaches false doctrine, these American people will quickly detect his sophistry. The first wave of opinion, representing the conclusions of the most impressionable, the easiest to be convinced, the loudest talkers, does not settle the matter by any means. The phrase is hackneyed, but I firmly believe in the second sober thought of the American people and in this I have no doubt it will be on the right side."

"Meanwhile," concluded the secretary, "I want to echo the words used by the president today. This is not a question of section, nor of party, nor of morals, nor of absolute right and wrong. We should all be good natured about it and leave passion and prejudice to the cranks. We should have our arguments, go on with our great national debating society and keep our tempers and our heads. It will all come out right in the end."

Will It Come to This? Extract from an 1895 Newspaper.

Last night the Excelsior General Transit company chloroformed ten policemen on the west side and stole one mile and a half of street.

A meeting of the directors of one of the transportation companies will be called tonight to discuss the advisability of mobilizing troops against the rival road.

Bulletins from the scene of the great south side conflict indicate that the railway company which claims to own the tracks is arming its men with Martini-Henry rifles and will mobilize its forces in a few days.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolobe cast: 1.59 a. m. for Friday, April 26, 1895.

Mars and Jupiter in conjunction at 2 a. m. Moon rises at 4.50 a. m. A child born on this day will accumulate dust in its eyes if it ventures upon Scranton's streets when rain is not falling.

Ajaxchus' Advice. Do not lose sleep over the fact that western silver barons will be made wealthy by bimetalism. American perspiration might as well be devoted to making them rich quick as to filling the coffers of English and German money-lenders.

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