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The reported willingness of the Scranton Traction company to equip its cars with safety fenders as soon as safe fenders are on the market puts the question squarely before the public, and the public has a right to hear testimony in the premises.

Hints to Correspondents.

In opening our columns to a free coinage of opinion on the monetary problem, we must beg to remind our correspondents of the necessity of clearness in the expression of their thoughts.

If not, shall we make no change until we can have the free coinage of both gold and silver, under an international agreement; or shall we, putting a tariff on foreign silver, proceed to coin American silver at a ratio with gold to be hereafter agreed upon by congress?

There you have all phases of the present issue in a nutshell. An affirmative answer to the first question will, as soon as proved, justify gold monometallism if it be deemed desirable, even when possible, to limit our primary money (or money of ultimate redemption) to one metal.

A negative answer to this question will, as soon as sustained by accurate statistics, bring us to the necessity of deciding, with reference to bimetalism, first, whether an international agreement is probable; second, whether it would be effective; and third, if neither probable nor effective, whether this country may not, with safety, accomplish the desired result by adopting complete bimetalism independently.

By confining their remarks to these few salient points, our contributors will economize both energy and space, and likewise prevent an unnecessary confusion of ideas.

If the Interstate Telephone company is a genuine business enterprise, and not another speculative scheme, it will not object to giving the city a mortgage bond. If it does object, kill it on the spot.

Cleveland a Foe to a Sound Currency.

There is one feature of the current financial discussion which has been unfortunately somewhat obscured. The United States was, until recently, the largest silver-producing country in the world. The director of the mint estimates the world's product of silver for 1893 at 5,612,740 kilograms, of the coinage value of \$208,371,109.

This being true; and the American silver production being more than double the American gold production (which, in 1891, was \$33,175,000), why should the president of the United States fail to use the full extent of his influence in the direction, not of retarding, but of hastening an agreement among the nations looking to the restoration throughout the world of the double standard?

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sincere advocate of the independent free coinage of silver would be abundantly satisfied to await the outcome of another earnest endeavor to secure an international bimetallic agreement, were the hand of our government honestly friendly instead of hostile to such an endeavor.

We venture to say that had Benjamin Harrison been re-elected president three years ago, the silver question would by this time have been either settled or near to a settlement by favorable concurrence of the nations, with the United States taking the lead.

No More Fake Franchises.

The action of common council Thursday night in halting the ordinance giving a right of way to the Inter-state Telephone company until the genuineness of the enterprise can be established was unquestionably wise.

There can be no objection to the location of a second telephone exchange in this city. Competition is unquestionably healthful to a business like the telephone business; and the public is rarely the loser by it.

But to grant this franchise outright, as the Valley Passenger Railway franchise was granted, merely as a kind of public contribution to a firebrand board of directors, would be a species of councilmanic simplicity not to be a second time excused.

The letter of Mr. Chittenden in another column is an able plea for conservatism in the treatment of our currency. We are inclined to think, however, that he places too much emphasis upon the importance of credits as a substitute for cash in business transactions.

Sympathy for the poor British government in its hour of dire financial need should not be permitted to obscure the important fact that, in this Nicaraguan affair, England has assessed its own damages, declined all offers of arbitration and proceeded to the collection of its aburdly distended claim by the combined tactics of the bully and the bandit.

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Bimetalists are of two kinds—active and passive. The active bimetalist believes in forcing the battle for an international agreement. The passive bimetalist believes in letting things take their course.

a partial truth. The bimetalism of today, in America, is gold monometallism plus the remnant of past sops to the silver interests. It is an appreciated dollar of gold trying to hold up a depreciated dollar of silver by a thread.

It would be a good thing if some law could be devised that would prevent an already bankrupt railroad no longer sensitive to pecuniary losses from arbitrarily inflicting losses on business men in the pursuit of an honest trade.

If Chicago stock men are to be believed, it is probable that stuffed steers will soon be in demand in the Windy City for exhibition purposes in museums in the collection of extinct animals.

To a man up a tree, it would seem to be cheaper to buy fenders than to fight five or six damage suits each term of court.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your kindness in throwing open your columns to all shades of opinion on the silver question ought to be productive of the best results.

The argument that a person has borrowed a thousand dollars at a time when it would purchase 1,000 bushels of wheat and now must pay for it with 2,000 bushels is a very striking one and leads the average, simple-minded citizen to inquire why he pays it in wheat?

Now, considering these bank deposits as in effect currency, equal to eight times the gold and six times the silver in use, and also remembering that we may increase them in a good year \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000 against a possible coinage of \$2,000,000,000 of our own silver, can there be any profit to this country in the halving of the yard stick of values by the free coinage of silver?

The effort of the United States to raise the price of silver under the Windom act by purchasing the total American product was a total failure. It was a bold effort, but its results should convince all of the impossibility of America alone upholding the price of silver.

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TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaechus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 1.57 a. m. for Saturday, April 27, 1895.

Observe that the moon has a black eye. Gentle reader, have compassion upon a child born on this day. Of the three hundred and sixty-five it is the hoodoo.

For him the Louisiana lottery, Wall street and Scranton real estate booms will contain no prizes.

He will be an advocate of free silver and his pockets will be free of it most of the time. His wife will never tell the neighbors what a smart man her husband is.

He will entertain an aversion for work, but will be obliged to hustle or go hungry. Whiskey will make his head ache; beer will cause nausea and cold water will produce cramps.

N. B.—Ajaechus was born on this day. Ajaechus' Advice. Do not be born on this day if you can possibly avoid it.

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