

The President's Message on the Silver Bill.
The Silver Bill was voted by the President, on Thursday last, and an able message to Congress accompanied the veto. Some of the message is composed of an explanation of his position on the bill, and reviewing that part of his annual message which touched the matter at issue. We give only his argument:

"The bill provides for the coinage of the silver dollar of the weight of 412½ grains each of standard silver, to be a legal tender for their nominal value for all debts and duties, public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract. It is well known that the market value of that number of grains standard silver during the past year has been from ninety to ninety-two cents as compared with the standard gold dollar. Thus the silver dollar authorized by this bill is worth from eight to ten per cent. less than it purports to be worth and is made a legal tender for debts contracted when the law did not recognize such coins as lawful money. Issued in sufficient amount to circulate they put an end to the receipt of the revenue in gold and thus compel the payment of silver for both the principal and interest of the public debt, \$1,243,493,400 of the bonded debt now outstanding was issued prior to February, 1875, when the silver dollar was unknown in the circulation of this country and with only a convenient form of silver bullion for exportation; \$583,440,250 of the bonded debt has been issued since February, 1873, when gold alone was the coin for which the bonds were sold, and gold alone was the coin in which both parties to the contract understood that the bonds would be paid. Those bonds flowed in the markets of the world. They were paid for in gold when silver had greatly depreciated and when no one would have bought them if it had been understood they would be paid in silver. The sum of 225,000,000 of those bonds has been sold during my administration for gold coin, and the United States received the benefit of those sales by a reduction of the rate of interest of four per cent. During the progress of those sales a doubt was suggested as to the coin in which the payment of these bonds would be paid; the public announcement was thereupon authorized that it was not to be anticipated that any further legislation of Congress, or any action of any department of the government would sanction or tolerate the redemption of the principal of those bonds or the payment of interest thereon in coin exacted by the Government in exchange for the same. In view of this fact it will be justly regarded as a grave breach of the public faith to undertake to pay those bonds, principal or interest, in silver coin worth less in the market than the coin received for them. It is said the silver dollar, made a legal tender by this bill, will, under this operation, be equivalent in full to the gold dollar. Many supporters of the bill believe this and regard it just an attempt to pay debts either public or private in coin of an inferior value to the money of the world. The capital defect of the measure is that it contains no provision protecting from its operation pre-existing debts in case the coinage which it creates shall continue to be of less value than that which was the sole legal tender when they were contracted. If it is now proposed for the purpose of taking advantage of the depreciation of silver in the payments of debt, to coin and make legal tender a silver dollar of less commercial value than a dollar, whether of gold or paper, which is now the lawful money of the country, such a measure it will be hardly questioned, will, in the judgment of mankind, be an act of bad faith. As to all debts heretofore contracted the silver dollar should be made a legal tender only at its market value. The standard of value should be changed without the consent of the parties to the contract. National

promises should be kept with unflinching fidelity. There is no power to compel a nation to pay its just debts. Its credit depends upon its honor. The nation owing what it has led creditors to expect, I cannot approve a bill which in my judgment, authorizes the violation of sacred obligations. The obligation of public faith transcends all questions of profit or public advantage. Its unquestionable maintenance is the dictate as well of the highest experience as of the most necessary duty and should be ever carefully guarded by the Executive, by Congress, and by the people. It is my firm conviction that if the country is to be benefited by silver coinage it can be done only by the issue of silver dollars of full value, which will defraud no man, and currency worth less than it purports to be will in the end defraud not only the creditors, but all who are engaged in legitimate business and no more assuredly than those who are dependent on their daily labor for their daily bread.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES,
President of the United States.
What Ingersoll Owes to the Bible.
Once in a while we see an article in an exchange which so perfectly expresses our views on a subject, that we are constrained to give it room in our columns. The following is a case in point, and ventilates in a masterly manner the debt owed by Col. Ingersoll to the teachings of that Book which he so vindictively attacks and ridicules. The article is taken from the Star, published at Cincinnati:
"In those countries where the religion of the Bible prevails there are a great many women and men, and not a few Sunday-school children, who take pleasure in studying the so-called Holy Scriptures, and they claim to derive great consolation from their teachings. They claim that their teachings are calculated to make the world better and happier, and that they are so infinitely superior to the instructions of all other philosophers and sages that have ever lived, as to furnish evidence of their divine origin, even if there was no other evidence to sustain that conclusion. These people, by the general tenor of their daily lives, show in a very satisfactory manner that this belief works them no evil, makes them no worse citizens nor disturbs the harmony of the domestic relations any more than if they were rank infidels of the Col. Robt. Ingersoll style of moral architecture. It is quite safe to say that they will more than average with those who feel no inner consciousness of possessing souls.
"No one questions Ingersoll's right to be an infidel, or a Mahometan, or a fire-worshiper, in a mere worldly point of view. It is guaranteed by our Constitution. Those who don't agree with him are perfectly willing that he should abide the final result. He is no pioneer in this active crusade against all religious creeds and forms of faith. He produces no new argument, although he may present old ones eloquently and make them enjoyable to a mixed crowd, by profuse witticisms and old jokes that have done service in better company for these many years. Why should he, Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll, make himself miserable, even at a net profit of two hundred dollars a night, in trying to bring the doctrines of the Bible into disrepute? Let the Illinois orator reflect what he would now be and have been since he saw daylight, if he hadn't been surrounded with the blessings that religion had already wrought out for him? Stanley discovered in the interior of Africa, nations of people so remote from civilization that apparently no ray from the Throne of God had ever reached them. According to the theory of Ingersoll they had suffered nothing from the tomfooleries of Christianity. They were simple children of Nature. As mere animals Stanley met some very fine specimens among them, worthy of supplanting many of our decayed statesmen, or representing Illinois on the floor of Congress—leaving the question of souls out of account.
"But suppose for a moment that the so-called Robert Ingersoll, by the ordering of chance (we won't say by the Providence of God, for that might be considered as begging the whole question), had been on or about the headwaters of the Nile, where exists no knowledge of hell, Halifax, Chicago or the future state, what would have been his condition to-day? Where his honors, and titles, and good clothes, and pleasant surroundings, the gorgeous watch chain, the fat pickings of

the lecture-room and the feverish hope of future official favors? What a picture to contemplate! Bob Ingersoll in a breech-clout, with poisoned arrows and a bow, gnawing the half-roasted fore-arm of a deceased enemy, but without the light of the Bible, contrasted with Bob Ingersoll as he now is, firing off his poisoned arrows at the Divine Power that has made him what he is, and secured to him the blessings of home, family and a civilized country!"

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R. B. J. Junction	11:18	5:35	12:55	8:10	11:47	9:35	8:55	3:35
Brady Bend	11:34	5:46	1:20	8:18	11:33	9:41	9:00	3:50
Parker	12:10	6:25	2:35	8:45	10:55	12:40	9:15	4:10
Enfentown	12:52	7:10	3:05	8:50	10:30	12:00	9:20	4:20
Scrubgrass	1:33	7:54	4:32	9:33	9:42	10:45	9:41	4:45
Franklin	2:08	8:29	5:37	9:55	9:52	9:41	9:41	4:55
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Rooseville	3:27	9:23	7:01	11:42	8:34	9:10	9:10	5:10
Titusville	4:07	10:20	7:55	12:50	7:10	7:20	7:20	5:10
Corry	4:47	11:00	8:15	11:40	6:05	6:05	6:05	5:10
Mayville	5:14	11:00	10:10	11:40	4:52	4:52	4:52	5:10
Buffalo	8:05	1:05	6:55	11:40	12:40	12:40	12:40	5:10
Oil City	2:30	8:25	1:16	11:40	8:00	8:00	8:00	5:10
Oil City	3:17	8:54	12:57	11:40	7:27	7:27	7:27	5:10
Engle Rock	3:57	9:34	1:36	12:57	7:16	7:16	7:16	5:10
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