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Silver Money.
All the questions discussed during the extra session of Congress seem to have found their proper political level, and will not be disturbed save by pedagogues until the opening of the next campaign by the great political parties, except the Silver question which is of so great importance as to excite much interest among the speakers and writers of the present day. Because of the prominence given this question we propose to give a statement of the facts of chief interest involved in it.

At the beginning of the government our legislators very wisely adopted a metallic standard of values, and silver and gold were used for this purpose, with a dollar as the unit of value whether gold or silver. A correct silver dollar contained 412 1-2 grains of that metal and a correct gold dollar contained 27 grains of gold—the proportion between the two was about fifteen to one. It was afterwards ascertained that by the French Government, with which we occupied more intimate relations than any other of Europe, the value of silver to gold was fifteen and a half to one. This proved that the uncoined value of the two metals in the United States was not the same, that a gold dollar was worth more than a silver dollar and that it was necessary to make them equal. In 1834 gold was reduced to 25.8 grains which was about sixteen to one, and a silver dollar was consequently worth more than a gold dollar. This proved the French proportion more nearly correct and it was adopted.

Ever since 1792 these metals made the legal money of the United States and the free coinage of both was provided for by law. Mints were located where citizens possessing either gold or silver in mass could have it coined free. So stood our silver and gold dollar until after the war. In 1876 silver was demonetized and the gold dollar remained the unit of value. Its free coinage was prohibited and it was pronounced by law no longer a legal-tender. In the mean time a very important trade sprung up between the United States and China, and our merchants on the Pacific coast were forced to buy Spanish and Mexican dollars at 8 per cent. to meet the demand of the trade. To remedy this evil, by an act of Congress, the Secretary of the Treasury was ordered to purchase silver in mass and coin a dollar containing 420 grains of standard silver to be known as the "trade dollar," and one year afterwards these trade dollars were made a legal tender in sums of \$5.00. By the law thirty-six million of these dollars were coined. Two years later their character as legal tender was destroyed, and by law their coinage left to the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury who forthwith caused it to cease.

After the silver mines of Nevada and Colorado had been discovered and put in operation, the old silver dollar was again remonetized and made a legal tender. The Secretary of the Treasury was ordered to purchase bullion and to coin a large number of dollars bearing the standard weight of 412 1-2 grains. At the late extra session of Congress it was ascertained that a mass of silver weighing only 412 1-2 grains brought in the market only 85 cents, therefore to issue such a dollar was to issue a fraudulent dollar. To correct this evil a bill was introduced to equalize the money value of gold and silver and to do so as soon as the European nations which had demonetized silver might remonetize it.

The metallic money question, therefore, before the country at the present time seems to be this: Whether we shall make the money value of silver and gold precisely equal, or adhere to the old standard dollars of 412 1-2 grains to the dollar of silver and 25.8 grains to the dollar of gold. The latter has always varied from 1792 to the present, from 2 to 3 per cent.

Whether this question is of sufficient moment to become an issue between the contending parties, and to be made so by the National Democratic platform is a matter involving grave doubts. If it be not made, there will be no issue to divide the people save the great constitutional questions discussed at the extra session of Congress, and the larger portion of the Greenbackers will unite with the Democrats and together win an easy victory for an honest government and equal right to be administered by Democratic officials; on the other hand, if it be made, the majority of the Greenbackers will join the Radicals to defeat the hard money policy. This seems to us to be the proper outlook and it needs but a glance to discover the better policy for the Democracy.

The Ohio Contest.
The contest between the contending parties in Ohio is rising in importance and interest not only in that State and its associates of the West but is assuming a national importance attached heretofore to few State elections. In Maine, Blaine is stumping the State, and other speakers, both Democratic and Radical, are adding their mite to the excitement which had its origin in a split of the Radical party. In Ohio, however, the battle to be fought in next October is for our entire people. Great political questions are to be determined; the fundamental principle of a fair jury, an honest ballot, and protection from the oppression of class legislation, make up the issues involved in this struggle, and to preserve and perpetuate which the talent of the whole country from both parties have been called into requisition. The fight therefore is to be hotly contested; every national bank at the North and West stands at the back of the Republican party, and all the officials in the Executive department of the government will lend their aid and influence, knowing that the next Presidential election in 1880 hangs upon this battle to be fought in Ohio in October next. On the part of the Democracy we enter the field with equal determination to succeed—to win a position that will enable the party to lead the way next year to a glorious national victory.

The result of this contest doubtless will go far to shape the political platform for the coming Presidential campaign which should be done before the individual States do anything. It must be fought on national principles not State issues; and our people will do well to address themselves and to devote their time to the improvement of their condition and the building up of their fortune.

A Monstrous Wrong.
We see by the *News and Courier* of yesterday's issue that certain parties in Charleston, holders of first mortgages on railroad lands in and near Branchville, have notified land owners of that town that they are about to institute measures to assert and defend their right to such property. Who is to blame we know not, but there has been a monstrous wrong perpetrated on innocent citizens by a corporation, some members of which certainly knew of the wrong when it was committed. Surely there must be some redress in the law—some way of protecting our honest citizens in the enjoyment of property for which they paid its full value in money. If corporations have the power to commit such frauds who is safe from their tyranny and aggression? The individual members of the company or stockholders ought to be held responsible for the acts of their agents. Let those interested test the matter.

Hon. Jefferson Davis.
Every Southern heart will rejoice to know that this patriot and hero of a lost cause has at last, by the munificence of a friend, been put above want and care as to his short future on earth. Mrs. Sarah A. Dorsey, a rich lady of Mississippi, in testimony of her appreciation of his services to the late Confederacy which she loved, and as a tribute to his devotion to its cause, bequeathed her entire property consisting of two plantations and a delightful home residence to Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederate States. Mr. Davis is now in retirement at this home, engaged in writing a truthful history of the Confederacy at the head of which he stood, and it is a source of gratification to know that this work can be prosecuted to its completion without fear of interruption.

Editorial Notes.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable aspect of the weather we started on Saturday morning in company with our worthy County Auditor, Col. D. R. Burton, whose kindness furnished the vehicle, for Cattle Creek Camp Ground. A drive of three hours, made delightful by promising crops and comfortable homes at convenient intervals along the road, brought us to the Camp Ground in due time for the first morning service. The farm of George Garvin, a colored man, deserves special notice in this connection, because of the general appearance of thrift so unusual for farmers of his race. We notice here more than ordinary interest manifested by the proprietor in the appointments of his home, success of his farm and commendable economy in its general management, and the success attending his labors should be a source of encouragement to others of his color, similarly situated. The crops, with a few exceptions only, are good and will doubtless meet the expectations of the owners. We learn, however, that the drought has been disastrous in its effects upon the crops about the Camp Ground and, indeed, throughout the Branchville section, cutting the cotton short full one-half and corn probably more. The farmers, however, true to the magnanimity of their natures are not discouraged, but in hopes of a more prosperous future, will enter immediately upon preparations for another year.

After seeing our nag properly cared for (and she deserved it,) ourselves refreshed by the generous hospitality of our mutual friend, Mr. A. M. Cox, whose tent we made our home, and a casual survey of our surroundings with a cheerful greeting here and there from friends, we had almost forgotten, we began to feel at home, to experience that unalloyed pleasure which springs from the renewal of old associations and to enter upon the enjoyment of the religious services of the occasion. It has been said that campmeetings, having served the purposes for which they were instituted, should be abandoned and protracted meetings substituted in their place, but the results at Cattle Creek prove that they, by the proper effort on the part of both preacher and people, may be made effective for good even in this advanced period of refinement. As centres, from which radiate wholesome religious influences, no meetings can equal these, reaching communities often widely separated from each other that could not otherwise be successfully reached. The want of fruit in campmeetings is due rather to the sparse population of the section in which they are located rather than the failure of the peculiar kind of meetings to meet the demands. They should be located in neighborhood thickly populated with live Methodist families, the heads of which are willing to yield their individual notions and to make the proper sacrifices for the good of their church. We are aware of no peculiar combination of circumstances which made this meeting a successful one, yet twenty-four conversions, a dozen accessions to the church and a deep, all-pervading religious influence through a large crowd collected from various sections of the county, may be set down as the results of Cattle Creek Campmeeting. Such results, apart from the social features of the occasion, the communion of thought, and the generous hospitality which give character to a people abroad, make campmeetings as potent for good as in the days when our pioneer preachers made them subservient so effectively the aggressive policy of Methodism.

We have seldom had the pleasure of listening to a series of sermons better calculated to accomplish the purposes intended than those preached by the ministers on this occasion. Prof. Duncan beside his effort in behalf of Wofford College, was a zealous and eloquent worker for the salvation of souls and doubtless his stirring sermons bore their full share of the fruit of the meeting. The period of campmeetings is not passed, nor will be, so long as people will assemble in mass to hear the gospel.

Before closing these notes we will express our grateful acknowledgments to our friends for the words of encouragement everywhere given concerning the DEMOCRAT. We are determined that the paper shall succeed—and succeed upon its merits only; therefore such words as we heard spoken during the meeting, serve to strengthen as well as encourage us. As the people's organ, we offer them a new, reliable and well printed paper, and, by the help of their continued patronage, we hope to make it the equal of any country weekly in the State.

The Fair.
The attention of our farmers and citizens generally is directed to the communication of Dr. W. F. Barlow in another column on this subject. At this season of the year while the crops are standing in the fields, it is an easy matter for the farmer to select his best acre of cotton or corn with a view of sending the product to our County Fair. We hope it will be done; and our fall exhibition will stand without a parallel in the quantity and quality of farm produce. This is also the right time for the ladies to begin their needle and rag work, their preserved and canned fruits, and their wines and cordials intended for the Fair. Garden vegetables and flowers may also receive extra attention, so that the best varieties of these may be put on exhibition. If the proper interest be manifested by our people, and especially the farmers and their wives, the County Fair next fall will be the grandest success hitherto achieved by the association. The indications so far are satisfactory and the outlook promising, notwithstanding the disastrous effects of the late drought upon the crops in many sections of the county. Let this interest be not only kept alive but increased by the friends of the enterprise, and a most gratifying exhibition will be the result.

Obituary.
Fell asleep in Jesus June 16th, 1879, infant son of D. S. and Urdora Sawyer. Aged 2 months and 1 week.
Dearest child, thou hast left us, Here thy loss we deeply feel, But 'tis God that hath bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the toil of life has fled; Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tear is shed.

Died near Benton, Ala., July 13th, 1879, Thomas Felder, infant of S. D. and Mary H. Dautler. Aged 13 months and 12 days.
Hear me, O God, A broken heart, Is my best part; U still thy rod, That I may prove Thee in thy love.
If thou hadst not Been stern to me, But left me free, I had forgot Myself and thee.
For sin so sweet, As winds I bent Rarely repent, Until they meet Their punishment.

FATHER.
Mrs. Elias Stroman, wife of the late Nicholas H. Stroman, Middle St. N. Charleston, died of consumption at her home on June 16th, 1879, aged 75 years and 5 months. She was for a number of years a consistent member of the Lutheran church and ever lived up to the profession she made, as a worthy example to her children and those of others who were brought up under her immediate influence. Few ladies devoted more of their time to the comfort and benefit of others than this aged mother, and few succeeded so well in fixing their impress upon the minds of the young. She leaves many behind to remember gratefully her kindness and cheerful memory.
R. D. L.

To Ye Music-Makers.
In ye rainy, stormy weather We did not meet together; But on Friday night when To ye Lecture Room, I ken, We will surely all repair, To ye season foul or fair.
O'BHIDIA PHIMROSE, August 1-1st Song Teacher.

Notice.
The annual examination of Teachers for the public schools will take place at Mr. Sheridan's School Room, at the Fair Building, on Friday, August 22nd, 1879, for female teachers of all grades; and on Saturday, August 23rd, 1879, for male teachers of all grades. No further examinations of applicants will be held except at regular examinations duly advertised. Examinations to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. All certificates heretofore issued will be revoked October 1, 1879, after which date, none of the certificates of the examination now advertised will be recognized. By order of the Board of School Examiners.
D. L. CONNOR, Aug 1-1 School Commissioner O. C.

The State of South Carolina, ORANGEBURG COUNTY.
By C. B. Glover, Esq., Probate Judge.
WHEREAS J. Eibert Steadman, of Barrowell County, hath made suit to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Bartlet Tyler, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Bartlet Tyler, late of Orangeburg County, deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg Court House, on the 15th of August next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.
Given under my Hand, this 31st day of July, Anno Domini 1879.
C. B. GLOVER, Judge of Probate O. C.

The State of South Carolina, ORANGEBURG COUNTY.
By C. B. Glover, Esq., Probate Judge.
WHEREAS D. J. ZEAGLER AND W. A. Fogle have made suit to me to grant them Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of David P. Fogle, deceased: These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said David P. Fogle, late of Orangeburg County, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, on the 13th of August next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.
Given under my hand this 29th day of July, Anno Domini 1879.
C. B. GLOVER, Judge of Probate O. C.

The State of South Carolina, ORANGEBURG COUNTY.
By C. B. Glover, Esq., Probate Judge.
WHEREAS James A. Darcy hath made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Annie M. Cartmill, deceased: These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Annie M. Cartmill, late of Orangeburg County, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg, on the 7th of August next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.
Given under my hand, this 23rd day of July, Anno Domini 1879.
C. B. GLOVER, Judge of Probate O. C.

ATTENTION!!
WE ARE NOW CLOSING OUT OUR stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Notions, etc., to make room for fall goods. We guarantee all the above goods, also our whole stock of Groceries, Crockery, Tinware, Hardware, Tobacco, Cigars, Whiskey, Imported French Brandy and Holland Gin, Domestic Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wines, etc., lower for Cash than the same articles can be bought for in any house in town.
Whiskies and Tobaccos we make a specialty, and it shall ever be our aim to give you the worth of your money.
We have just received a fine lot of Canned Sausage, put in 5 lb. cans, full weight, at 12-12 cents per pound.
OUR NEW BEER REFRIGERATOR is now completed and you can get a large Ice Cold glass of Beer for 5 cents.
An examination of our stock is respectfully solicited.
D. E. SMOAG & CO. Orangeburg, S. C. June 27th

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Notice of Dismissal.

NOTICE is hereby given that we will on the 23rd day of August next after date file our final account with the Honorable Judge of Probate for Orangeburg County, and ask for letters of dismissal as administrators of the Estate of Dr. Lewis Dautler, deceased.
F. W. DANZLER, I. H. DANZLER, Administrators.
July 25, 1879-4c

Assignee's Sale.
In Bankruptcy, In re Thaddeus K. Sasportas, Bankrupt, ex parte John Fisher, Trustee, et al.
By virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for District of South Carolina, I will sell at public auction at the residence of T. K. Sasportas on Saturday the 2d of August, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M.:
1 Cotton Gin; lot of books, &c.
Conditions—Cash.
P. V. DIBBLE, Assn., T. K. Sasportas, Bankrupt.
July 18, 1879.

Notice.
D. A. Melver, Adm'r of Henry E. Smoke, Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth S. Spelgner, et al.—In Common Pleas.
By order of Hon. T. B. Fraser, presiding Judge, the creditors of Henry E. Smoke, late deceased, are hereby notified to present and prove their claims against the late estate of H. E. Smoke, before the undersigned on or before the 15th day of September, 1879, or else be debarred payment.
Wm. M. HUTSON, Master.
July 18-4c

Administrator's Sale.
In pursuance of an order of the Probate Judge of Orangeburg County, I will sell for cash at Orangeburg C. H., on Saturday in August next, at public auction to the highest bidder, the following notes, accounts, and other evidences of indebtedness, belonging to the estate of Jacob Hildebrand, deceased:
1. Judgment against J. A. J. Hildebrand.
2. Notes of Andrew Hildebrand, Frank Murchison, J. A. J. Hildebrand, Vandy Hildebrand, David Jumper, Henry Cery, Anthony Rumph, H. V. Hutto and A. Redmond.
D. L. HILDEBRAND, Administrator.
August 18-2

To the Public.
THE undersigned respectfully announce that they have purchased the exclusive right to sell the justly celebrated "New Virginia Feed Cutters" in the Counties of Orangeburg and Barnwell. In this cutter, cheapness of construction, minimum of power and rapidity of execution have been fully attained. The commendations of the many who are using this cutter render it unnecessary for us to say anything relative to its merits. We only ask a trial and feel fully confident that satisfaction will be given for sale at the store of Mr. J. C. Pike, Orangeburg, S. C.
EDWARDS & THOMPSON.
June 13-3mo

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