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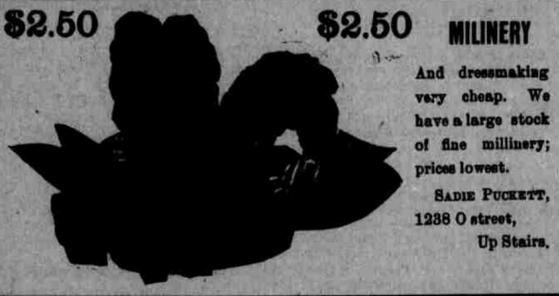


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### BIMETALLIC UNION.

Constitution Adopted by the Silver Organization of this County.

The following has been adopted by the organization of the silver forces partially effected at the meeting at the Lincoln hotel last Monday evening:

Name.—The name of this organization shall be the Lancaster Bimetallic Union.

Object.—Its purpose is to secure the united action of all citizens who believe that the United States government should restore the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

Membership.—Any citizen of Lancaster county who believes in the foregoing principles may become a member of this organization by handing his name and address to the secretary.

Officers.—The officers of this organization shall be a president, first vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a vice president from each ward in the city of Lincoln and each precinct in Lancaster county outside of said city and such committees and boards as hereinafter provided.

President.—The president shall preside at all meetings of the Union and shall be ex-officio chairman of its executive committee and advisory board.

Vice President.—The first vice president shall in the absence or disability of the president perform his duties.

Secretary.—The secretary shall keep a record of all business done by the Union and executive committee and advisory board and the name and address of each member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the committee on membership and literature.

Treasurer.—The treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys of the Union and pay out the same only on the written order of the president, countersigned by the secretary, when a majority of the executive committee shall so direct.

Executive Committee.—The executive committee shall be the governing body of this organization. It shall consist of the president, first vice president, secretary, treasurer, and seven members of the Union to be elected at large as the Union may direct.

Advisory Board.—The advisory board shall consist of the executive committee and vice presidents, together with one delegate elected by each organization in

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### LONG TRAVELS OF A DIAMOND

Passed Through Many Hands and Returned to the Original Owner.

Some years ago a Paris jeweler told a story of one diamond which had passed over his counter no less than eleven times. It was a beautiful stone of nearly four carats, of perfect color and luster, but easily identified by means of a small "feather" in the tip of its lowest part. He bought it from an East India dealer and had it set in a ring. It was sold to a countess in 1869, just before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war. The countess died in a few weeks, and the ring was worn by her husband. He was killed in the siege of Paris, and a few days after his death the ring was brought into the store for sale by a soldier. He was arrested and the ring sent to the family of the dead count. Before the siege ended they brought the ring in and sold it to the dealer in order to procure money to buy food. Directly after the siege it passed into the hands of an English tourist who visited the city to get a look at the ruin wrought by the communists, and a year later back came the stone from the Indian buyer of the firm, who, on being written to and desired to tell how he got it, stated that it had been the property of an English tourist hunter who was killed by a tiger and his friends sold the ring to get means to send the body home. The stone was reset and soon found a purchaser in a prominent member of the demimonde, who not long after was murdered in her room. Among the articles taken by the murderer was the ring and the firm began to wonder how soon it would turn up. They had not long to wait, for all their people had by this time learned about the stone and were on the lookout for it. After six months it was found in the showcase of a jeweler in London, who had bought it from a firm in Amsterdam. It was bought by the Paris agent and sent back to be started afresh on its travels. It was purchased again by a woman of the town, who six weeks later was drawn out of the Seine with the gem on her finger, and by a strange coincidence it was offered to the firm that sold it by the police agents, the court having jurisdiction having ordered it to be sold. And so it went from hand to hand, attended with misfortune at every change and usually bringing death to the possessor. Laborers in the Golconda mines used to say that when a stone was baptized in blood when first taken from the earth it caused the shedding of blood wherever it went, and the story of one such ill-omened gem goes far to confirm belief in such a superstition.

### Early British Newspapers.

In the British museum may be found a copy of a newspaper called The English Mercurie, dated 1688, which purports to be the earliest ever issued from the press of this country; experts, however, declare it to have been concocted by the second Lord Hardwicke, who flourished at a very much later period.

The Weekly News is believed to be the first printed English newspaper, the initial number of which was published in 1622; that is to say, when Ben Johnson was poet-laureate, Milton a mere lad of fourteen, and when Shakespeare had but lately "joined the majority." The final number of The Weekly News appeared on Jan. 9, 1640. It was succeeded by a host of Mercuries, which were started for special objects, to advocate certain views, and sometimes to circulate "the likeliest lies that could be invented to serve the cause espoused;" all these came to an untimely end, each being laid down when its mission was accomplished. During the civil war nearly 30,000 journals, pamphlets, and papers (the majority having strange and striking titles) were published in this manner, and we read that in the heat of hostilities each army carried its printing press.

The only two official papers sanctioned by Cromwell were Mercurius Politicus and The Intelligencer, all other similar papers being rigorously suppressed. For many years after the restoration there existed but one authorized newspaper—The London Gazette—the law restricted anyone from publishing political news without the consent of the crown, and those who took "French leave" were put in the pillory.

A newspaper of 200 years ago seldom consisted of more than two small pages (or leaflet) of text, and in this limited space was comprised British and foreign intelligence covering a period of several days, while a considerable portion of the second page was devoted to advertisements. It was not until Queen Anne ascended the throne that Londoners enjoyed the luxury of a daily newspaper.

### China's Silk Industry.

The silk industry of China employs, it is estimated, from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 people.

His Corkscrew Rusty.

A party of Kentuckians were in Washington a few years ago and called on the congressman from their district. During the conversation the visitors asked about Colonel —, a former neighbor who had been living in Washington for some time. "I am very sorry to tell you, gentlemen," replied the member of Congress, "that Colonel — is in hard luck. He is very poor, indeed, I assure you. He does not complain, and it was only by accident that I learned of his straightened circumstances. He had a room across the hall from my room at the hotel. A few nights ago I went across to borrow his corkscrew. Would you believe it, gentlemen, Colonel — is actually so poor his corkscrew is rusty?"

### MURDERED BY FOOTPADS.

An Illinois Methodist Minister Found Killed in a Decatur Alley.

DECATUR, Ill., Nov. 25.—The Rev. James Miller, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Bloomington, formerly pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, was found dead in an alley here at 3:30 o'clock this morning with a bullet wound in his forehead and a revolver near him. His pockets were rifled and his gold watch, which he is known to have carried, was missing.

Mr. Miller was one of the best known ministers in central Illinois.

An Express Clerk Gone.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 25.—George E. Ross, for several years money clerk at the Union depot office of the Pacific express company, left his office at 7:15 o'clock Sunday evening and nothing has been seen of him since. The fact that he is an old and trusted employe of the company, and has never been known to stay away from the office for even one day without sending word to his employer, casts a mystery over his absence which has prompted the company to put the case in the hands of the Pinkerton detectives. Officials are reluctant to suspect dishonesty.

Secretly Married for Two Years.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A pension office clerk at \$1,400 a year, known as Miss Kate McCowan, resigned yesterday, disclosing that she was the wife of Pension Examiner Thomas Gotha. The ceremony was performed in Toronto, Canada, August 9, 1894, and kept secret on account of the rule that a married woman cannot continue on the pay roll, but Mrs. Gotha's recent illness made the revelation necessary.

Men of Note Confer With Hanna.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 25.—General Samuel Thomas, the New York railway magnate, and ex-Governor Merriam of Minnesota arrived here this morning and were met at the station by M. A. Hanna. Subsequently the three held a conference in Mr. Hanna's private office. To-morrow they will go to Canton to visit the president-elect.

Amnesty in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The state department has received notice that the President of Nicaragua has granted amnesty to over 500 persons implicated in the revolution of last February and the conspiracy of September 8. The members of the rebel government and the principal generals of the defeated forces are not included in the pardon.

Suicide From the Capital Bluff.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 25.—Herman Wolters, a teamster, who secured a divorce from his wife yesterday, walked through the capital grounds to the bluff, which overlooks the river, last night, and jumped. In a sixty foot fall to the railroad track below, and the concussion caused him to bleed to death.

A Divorce Decree Forger Flees.

PERRY, Ok., Nov. 25.—Lawyer Hunt, formerly of Bedford, Ind., and once a clerk in the treasury department at Washington, has fled to Mexico for forging divorce decrees.

HILTON'S SHORTAGE.

Case for His Recovery by the State to Come up Monday.

The case where the state seeks to recover from ex-Oil Inspector Hilton several thousand dollars alleged to have been held out by him while in office, will come up in the district court before Judge Cornish next Monday. Hilton's alleged shortage was something like \$12,000.

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From all parts of America, Europe and Australia pour in the tons of thousands of letters, telling of wonderful cures and praising in glowing terms this unparalleled remedy. Below are but two of the many testimonials received, which tell their own story.

Nov. 12, 1896.

I consider it a duty I owe to my fellowmen to make known the greatest of all rheumatic cures on earth, and I cheerfully bear testimony that I have never known or heard of any medicine equal to "5 Drops," and I can not speak too highly of its merits. I have for years been a great sufferer from Rheumatism, until I became almost a cripple for life, and was tormented also with Facial Neuralgia until my eye lids and portion of my face became paralyzed. I have used only two bottles of "5 Drops," and to the great gratification of myself and friends, my health is now entirely restored, and I feel perfectly well. I truly hope you will make "5 Drops" successfully known to all both home and abroad for the sake of poor suffering humanity.

Yours truly,  
W. E. MOIR, 51 Bush St., Chicago, Sept. 24, 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 Drops" has done me. On the beginning of the year I took down bedfast with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and was doctored by good physicians in this country, but they could not cure me. On Aug. 4th I began to take "5 Drops." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but today, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for recovery.

Gratefully yours,  
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If you have not sufficient confidence after reading these letters to send for a large bottle, for a sample bottle, which contains sufficient medicine to convince you of its merit. This wonderful cure gives almost instant relief and is a permanent cure also for Dyspepsia, Backache, Hay Fever, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Heart Weakness, Eczema, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Eruptions, Bronchitis, and kindred diseases.

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# Greater Bargains This Week!

Dress Goods		Underwear	
15 pieces Shteland Serge, 36 in. wide, worth 10c, this week.....	7c	40 doz. Children's Natural wool color vests and Pants at reduction of.....	10 per ct
14 pieces Vicugna Cloth, worth 12 1/2c, this week.....	10c	16, 4 1/2c; 18, 7c; 20, 9c; 22, 11c; 24, 13c; 26, 15c; 28, 20c; 30, 22 1/2c; 32, 25c; 34, 27c.	
12 pieces Chameleon Brilliantines, formerly sold 18c and 20c, this week.....	16c	30 doz. Children's Camel's Hair all wool, non-shrinkable, vests and pants. Special this week.	
9 pieces Chameleon Mohair Brilliantines, 36-in. wide, regular price 25c, this week.....	21c	16, 18c; 18, 23c; 20, 31c; 22, 36c; 24, 40c; 26, 45c; 28, 49c; 30, 54c; 58c; 34, 63c.	
7 pieces Talma Fancies, 36-in. wide, regular price 50c, this week.....	22 1/2c	18 doz. Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Pants, worth 35c, this week.....	29c
15 pieces Novelty Dress Goods, 40-in. wide, were sold at 50c and 60c, this week.....	43c	15 doz. Gents' Random Natural color Shirts and Drawers, cheap at 35c, this week.....	29c
100 dozen Ladies' Fleeces Lined Hose, worth 12 1/2c, this week.....	9c		
10 Doz. Men's Plush Caps.		Bargains in Shoes.	
75c grade, this week.....	68c	46 pairs Ladies' Kid Button, square and pointed toes, pat. tip, regular price \$1.75, this week.....	\$1.58
\$1.00 grade, this week.....	89c	48 pairs Ladies' Kid Button opera, square and needle toes, pat. tip, regular price \$2.00, this week.....	\$1.79
\$1.25 grade, this week.....	\$1.12		
\$1.50 grade, this week.....	\$1.84		
\$2.00 grade, this week.....	\$1.79		
Window Shades.		Three Job Lots.	
10 doz. Felt Shades, worth 25c, this week's price.....	19c	Lot 1—36 pairs Children's School Shoes, kangaroo, calf and kid, 9 to 2, regular price \$1.35 to \$1.50, closing price.....	\$1.00
8 doz. Cloth Shades, plain, worth 35c, this week.....	25c	Lot 2—40 pairs Misses kid and kangaroo calf, 11 to 2, former price \$1.75, closing out price.....	\$1.35
8 doz. Cloth, decorated, worth 40c, this week.....	35c	Lot 3—24 pairs Ladies' Kid pointed and square toes, pat. tip, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, regular price \$3.00, closing out price.....	\$1.98
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