

THE SILVER HOSTS.

THEY GATHER IN CHICAGO FROM ALL SECTIONS.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE A BIG ONE

Friends of the White Metal Believe the Sherman Law Will Be Repealed, but believe Free Coinage Will Win in the Substitute and the Ratio to Be Fixed Between Silver and Gold.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Silver does not exactly tinkle everywhere, but it talks in all the hotels, in the club houses of the Western states, on Michigan boulevard, on the lake front and on the incoming trains. Many of the delegates to the convention, which will begin to-morrow, and other advocates of free coinage, are arriving in droves and repair immediately to the hotels where their states have established headquarters, or to the Colorado, Montana and California club houses.

Nearly all the delegates from the Western states deplore the revolutionary utterances of Governor Waite and other Colorado speakers and are strongly opposed to any revolutionary or demagogic harangues. They want sober, calm deliberation and declare that rapid talk will be cried down. The general tone is hopeful. Most of them believe that the purchasing clause of the Sherman bill will be repealed, but think that the great contest and ultimate victory for the free coinage people will come about over the substitute and the ratio to be established between gold and silver.

There is a fight developing among the delegates over the question of the permanent chairmanship. The Eastern people do not favor a far Western chairman because they say an impression will go forth that the convention will be managed in the interest of Western mine owners and the Western people think an Eastern man may not be radical enough and may be flattered with what they term the "gold virus of the East." The Colorado extremists will advocate the election of Governor Waite, but he has few adherents outside his own state. If it goes to a Western man, Senator Stewart of Nevada will probably win the prize, but he will have a doubtful opponent in General A. J. Warner, whom many of the Eastern and Southern delegates will support.

VIEW OF COLORADO LEADERS.

Governor Waite, ex-Governor John L. Boutt, ex-Senator N. P. Hill, Congressman Bell and Pence, State Senators Armstrong, Newman and Wheeler, Colonel J. H. Platt, Senator Henry M. Teller, Colonel Archie C. Fisk, president of the Pan-American bimetallic league, G. G. Merriell, president of the Colorado Silver league, Charles S. Thomas, G. R. Holden, John D. Vaughan and other Coloradans arrived here this morning.

Ex-Senator Hill said: "We are going to this convention as thoughtful men. To repeal the Sherman law will be utter ruin unless some substitute is adopted, and I believe that President Cleveland will veto any measure that congress may adopt in the way of a substitute. We are going to ask for a ratio of sixteen to one and believe that is fair."

John Cook, jr., who is chairman of the delegation, was rather more conservative than Senator Hill. "We are here, not as anarchists," he said, "but simply as men asking for what is right and hoping to get it through reasonable presentation of our case. I do not think Cleveland will veto the act we ask for, as he is coming to understand that the country must have money. I believe congress will first repeal the Sherman law and then give us free silver. Our fight is not for gain, but for our wives and children and homes."

Colonel James H. Platt, whose attack on Senator Sherman called forth such a spirited reply from the senator, said the delegates were looking only for justice. He thought the Sherman law could be repealed and free coinage substituted.

Governor Waite said that if congress should repeal the present law without giving a better one, it would kill Colorado. He argued that Colorado's industries were interdependent and to cripple one would cripple all. He felt confident the outcome would be to Colorado's benefit.

PLAN OF THE CONVENTION. A strong attempt is to be first made to unite all the different elements of the convention into one line of action regardless of past political affiliations and Populists, Democrats and Republicans will be asked to forget for a time their partisanship for free silver. It is already certain that the resolutions to be adopted and the delegation sent to Washington will be in opposition to the repeal of the Sherman law unless a new law providing for a greater volume of circulating medium be enacted.

The Colorado people are laying

great stress on the opinion of the Colorado attorney general declaring the right of a state to establish statutory depositories for silver bullion and to issue deposit certificates to be receivable by the state in payment of state taxes and by the citizen at his option in payment of legal debts. This is regarded as a unique means of increasing the volume of currency and may be recommended to the silver producing states.

The great efforts of the convention, however, will be directed to influencing congress, and an appeal will be made to the unemployed everywhere to call mass meetings and demand of congress such legislation as will increase the volume of money and reduce the financial stringency.

The Alabama delegation came in this morning. A conspicuous figure was Captain R. F. Kolb, called "Governor" by his friends, because, as they insist, he was legally elected by the Populists last year, and counted out by the Democrats.

THE FIGHT ON THE REPEAL OF THE SHERMAN LAW WILL BE A VERY HARD ONE.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—That the Sherman law will be repealed at the coming extra session of congress scarcely anyone believes. The fight will be momentous, that is conceded on all sides. It is said that there are Protectionists who pose as Democrats who will not hesitate to give aid to silver men from Republican states, provided that later those Republicans join in protecting interests in which those Democrats will be much concerned when tariff reform legislation shall be attempted.

The fight will be bitter. The action of the house cannot even be regarded as final, for in the senate clause cannot be applied. There will be no change in the rules in that respect. When the Democratic senators fought the force bill in fighting cloture they had the constant aid of Republican Western senators, who now battle for free silver, or at least against unconditional repeal of the Sherman law. Now, the Democrats will repay past favors.

Senators Nevada, who is looked upon as the free silver leader, was here yesterday, but left to attend the silver congress at Chicago. Mr. Stewart, who has been famous in the past for his speeches on silver, gives the assurance that there will be no attempt to filibuster by either himself or his associates in the senate, they having concluded that a policy of delay would be unwise. He holds that tariff legislation, and not silver action, is what is needed by the country, and declares that the next six months will show the truth of this.

SENATOR VANCE'S POSITION. Says the Chicago Platform Promoted the Country Free Coinage.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 31.—Senator Vance last week wrote a letter to the Farmers' Alliance, in which, in reply to a question as to his position on the silver law, he said that he was unalterably opposed to the repeal of the Sherman act unless some substitute was provided. He was severely criticised for the tone of his letter, and now he replies in another letter, saying: "The charge that a Democrat is at variance with his party who refuses to favor unconditional repeal of the Sherman law depends on what the party laid down in the platform at Chicago. If promises and pledges amount to anything the Chicago platform demands the repeal of the law as an obstruction to the free coinage of silver. The obvious meaning is, if the law was out of the way we could have free coinage. That is one of the things I propose to put in place of the Sherman law and I propose to vote against repeal unless that can be done. If my party is opposed to that then the utterances at Chicago were intended to deceive. If it was sincere then I am trying to stand on the platform."

Chicago Banks Buying British Gold. CHICAGO, July 31.—Chicago banks, after waiting in vain for New York to do something to keep exchange on its normal basis, decided to buy up foreign exchange offerings here and import gold and to take cash wheat off the hands of holders and export it. In accordance with this plan the First National bank to-day engaged \$500,000 in gold for importation. Two other banks have ordered smaller amounts.

Gold Movement. NEW YORK, July 31.—New York last week imported \$1,752,885 in gold. About \$1,000,000 are on the way from London and there were reports of \$5,000,000 engaged in London to-day. The First National bank of Chicago to-day engaged \$500,000 in gold in London for direct shipment. London cables say that \$10,000,000 in gold will be shipped to this country in the next two weeks.

Hutchinson Bank to Reopen. WASHINGTON, July 31.—President A. S. Lusk and Vice President John Chapman of the Hutchinson National bank called upon Comptroller Eckels this afternoon and thoroughly satisfied him that the bank was in good shape. He then authorized the reopening of the bank next Monday.

Smelting Works Will Not Close. OMAHA, Neb., July 31.—The Omaha and Grant smelting works will run full blast in every portion during August, though the proposition to smelt on commission has not been acted upon. The works will continue for the present to buy ore outright.

Springfield's Savings Bank Assigns. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 31.—The Springfield Savings bank assigned this morning. It has a capital stock of \$25,000 and deposits of about \$100,000. It is solvent and will pay out in full.

Harrisouville Bank to Reopen. WASHINGTON, July 31.—Comptroller Eckels has received an application from the officers of the suspended national bank at Harrisouville, Mo., to permit them to reopen.

Senator Pugh Against Repeal. SARASOTA, N. Y., July 31.—Senator James L. Pugh of Alabama, said last night that he was opposed to the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law.

THE LENGTH OF ENGAGEMENT

A Year Is Not Too Long Under Any Circumstances.

The fashion which announces an engagement one week and issues invitations for the wedding the next is not always the safest and best plan after all, even though it has been recognized by the leaders in the gay world and is therefore followed by the hosts of imitators ever ready to follow in the footsteps of the favorites of fortune.

It may be old-fashioned to argue in favor of at least a twelve-months' engagement, yet it is far more practical than the short time that is now considered to be the correct thing. How can a couple understand each other's tastes and temper in a fortnight or a month? What time have they to study themselves and discover before it is too late that they are not suited to each other, and if the engagement were to end in marriage dire unhappiness would be the result?

How can a woman accumulate all the hundred and one little pretty things that do so much toward making home lovely and which need hours of hard work to prepare if she steps from the school-room to the altar with only a long enough interval between to get her trousseau ready?

The short engagement is not to be commended, neither is its opposite, the long, weary years of waiting, one whit better, but the happy mean, the year of acquaintanceship, is certainly little enough time for that blissful period of happiness that is never again duplicated.

HE WAS SCARED.

A Banana Dealer Finds a Boa in a Big Bunch of Fruit.

A curiosity in the line of a snake is to be seen at a Minneapolis news stand. It is a boa constrictor, and came from South America with a cargo of bananas. The snake is three feet long and about four inches in greatest circumference. On its long journey it was kept comatose in a refrigerator, but hardly had it been unloaded when Minnesota's sun began to thaw it out. A fruit vender in the city was marching out of the store with the bunch of bananas hanging over his shoulder, when a bystander called out to him. The man turned about and saw the snake on a level with his eyes, looking at him as though wondering what next was to be expected. The bananas were dropped, and the vender's optics fairly bulged out of his head. He might possibly have heard of finding tarantulas in a bunch of bananas, but a boa constrictor was too much. The snake was fed that day for the first time after his five weeks' fast. A mouse was dropped into his box. He wound himself about his victim and squeezed the life out of it, and then swallowed it whole.

A Spider's Strength.

The strength of some of the spiders which build their webs in trees and other places in and around Santa Ana, Central America is astonishing. One of them had in captivity in a tree there not long ago a wild canary. The ends of the wings, the tail, the feet of the bird were bound together by some sticky substance, to which were attached the threads of the spider, which was slowly but surely drawing up the bird by an ingenious pulley arrangement. The bird hung head downward and was so securely bound with little threads that it could not struggle, and would have soon been a prey to its great, ugly captor if it had not been rescued by an on-looker.

Curios About Human Hair.

The study of the hair upon human species offers an extensive field for inquiry, and one which presents many unsolved problems of the first order of importance. Why man, as a species, should present the kind and the amount of hair which he does is variously explained, and the difference between the varieties of the human race are so great in this respect that one of the most popular subdivisions of species is founded upon it. That the human family have the longest hair of any species of animal is a well-known fact, but why they lost it over most of the body is a subject for much curious conjecture and speculation.

The Little Ah Sid.

In one of the Sunday schools at Olympia is a little Chinese boy who takes great interest in the proceedings. When impressed with the propriety of bringing a nickel to put in the contribution box, he promptly responded; but, as he parted with it, he asked: "What for?" The teacher replied: "It's for Jesus, my dear." The second Sunday the same question and the same answer. The third Sunday the same; but now the little Celestial's eyes opened with earnestness, as he further asked: "Jesus allus bloke?" The reply of the teacher is not recorded.

Death of "Mother Shipton."

Mother Shipton is dead; at any rate the real author of her famous prophecies is no more. In other words, the book-selling world has to deplore the loss of Charles Hindley, who long ago confessed to the innocent imposture. He wrote a good deal in the way of another, partly to the press and partly in books, but Mother Shipton was his most famous achievement. He died at Brighton, England, where he used to carry on the business of a bookseller.

A Siamese Custom.

Among the Siamese the curious custom obtains of reversing the elbow joint of the left arm as a sign of superiority. The children of both sexes are trained to reverse their elbow in this graceless and painful position at an early age, if their parents be persons of high grades.

A NEW YORK MIRACLE.

A REMARKABLE AFFIDAVIT MADE BY A WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MAN.

Afflicted With Locomotor Ataxia for Fifteen Years—Did Not Walk a Step for Five Years—Was Given Up by the Leading Physicians of New York City and Discharged from the Manhattan Hospital as Incurable.

(From the New York Tribune.)

For some time there has been an increasing number of stories published in the newspapers of New York City, telling of marvelous cures of various diseases that have been made by different medicines and treatments. It has long been the intention of the Tribune to investigate one of the most interesting cases that could be found and give the truth to the world as a matter of news. Happening on the case of Geo. L'Hommedieu, the other day an investigation was made with the following very happy result:

When the reporter called on Mr. L'Hommedieu at the residence of his cousin, Mr. Edward Houghtaling, 271 W. 134th St., he said: "I am 51 years of age and was born in Hudson, N. Y. I served my time in the army, being corporal of Company A, 21st N. J. Volunteers. It has been about fifteen years since I noticed the first symptoms of my disease. I consulted Dr. Allen of Yorkville, and also Dr. Pratt, since deceased. Dr. Pratt exhausted his powers in my behalf and finally told me that he could do nothing more for me. "Finally I was advised by Dr. Gill to go to the well-known scientist, Dr. Hamilton. He gave me a thorough examination and did me no good. I felt I was growing weaker every day, and went to the Manhattan Hospital, at 41st St. and Park Ave., and was under treatment by Dr. Seguin. He treated me for about three months, and then told me that I had locomotor ataxia and was beyond the aid of medical science. I was now a complete physical wreck; all power, feeling and color had left my legs, and it was impossible for me to feel the most severe pinch or even the thrust of a needle.

"If my skin was scratched there would be no flow of blood whatever, and it would take it full six weeks to heal up. In the night I would have to feel around to find my legs. My pains were excruciating and at times almost unbearable. I would take large doses of morphine to deaden the pains. About five years ago Dr. Lewis A. Sayre of 285 5th Ave., made a trial of the French method of stretching the spine. Although I received no benefit from this treatment I shall always feel grateful to Dr. Sayre for his great interest and kindness.

"So severe had my case become by this time that I could not walk without assistance, and was almost ready to give up life. "I began the use of Pink Pills for Pale People in September last. I took them rather irregularly at first with the cold water treatment. In a very short time I was convinced that I was getting better and I began the use of the pills in earnest, taking about one box every five days. "The first sign of improvement was in November, 1892, when I had a rush of blood to the head and feet causing a stinging and prickling sensation. February 23d, 1893, was the first time in five years I had ever seen any sign of blood in my feet. From this time on I began to improve. My strength and appetite have gradually returned; I now have perfect control of my bowels, and the pains have gradually left me. I can sit and write by the hour and walk up stairs by out doubt I am a new man from the ground up and have very reason to believe that I will be hale and hearty in less than six months. I have taken about 12 boxes of pills."

Sworn to before me this Eleventh day of March, 1893. H. E. MELVILLE, Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

The reporter next called on Mr. Robert W. Smith, a member of the firm of Marchal & Smith, who said: "I have known Mr. Geo. L'Hommedieu for twenty years. He became connected with our firm as secretary in 1879, and attended strictly to his office duties until 1881, when he was stricken down with his trouble. As the disease advanced he was obliged to succumb and reluctantly gave up his office work. I know that he tried various physicians and their treatments without the least success, and, as he states, he was finally discharged from the Manhattan Hospital, and told that he was in the last stages of locomotor ataxia and was beyond the hope of human aid. About six months ago, or so, he was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, with the cold water treatment. The last time I saw Mr. L'Hommedieu he had gained the use of his limbs up such an extent that he could walk up stairs with the help of his wife, and is now doing much important work for us at his home. ROBT. W. SMITH."

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