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This seems to be the year for the revival of the fiat money craze. It seems to come about as often as the fifteen year locusts, and to stay about as long. Some of the most reckless or densely ignorant of the independent speakers are re-vamping the old greenback arguments with as much gusto and energy as though they were new and original. They say money is simply a decree (fiat) of the government. Admitting this to be true, the government decreed long ago that a dollar should be 25.8 grains of gold, nine-tenths fine, or 412.5 grains of silver, nine-tenths fine. This is the money of the land, always has been and always must be. Bank notes individual notes and government notes represent the amount of money stated on their face, as long as they are good but they are not money. The folly of attempting to measure values with something that has no value has so often been demonstrated that every man of ordinary judgment fully understands it. Money is the measure of all values. Can you measure length or distance with something that has no length? There must be a basis of values as well as of weights and measures, and in the very beginning these must be fixed by the government, and they were fixed by the government of the United States as soon as it was established. Suppose the theory of the fiat money advocates had been followed, and the government had never stated what the value of a dollar should be, but had taken pieces of paper and declared them dollars, how would you know what a dollar was worth? You could not tell whether to take one or a thousand of them for a cow or an acre of land. They might intend that a dollar should be equal to an English penny, or that it should be equal to five hundred pounds sterling, or any other amount. No man could tell what, and of course values could not be measured by it. Would any farmer be willing to exchange his crop of wheat for such pieces of paper? He might think one of them was worth as much as a load of wheat, but when he went to buy a sack of flour the grocer might happen to think that the flour was worth a hundred of them. It is easy to see the necessity of having the value of money established, and it must be measured by something that has intrinsic value. The nations of the world have selected gold, and the United States gold and silver. Iron or lead or wheat or corn might have been used. Instead of saying "a dollar shall consist of 25.8 grains of gold nine-tenths fine, or 412.5 grains of silver nine-tenths fine," congress might have said "a dollar shall consist of fifty pounds of iron, or twelve pounds of lead, or a bushel of wheat, or three bushels of corn." But a value had to be fixed, and it had to be based on something of value.

INDEPENDENT agitators would do well to suspend their everlasting howling about the railroads until they can state some prescribed cause of general complaint. Such cause may exist, but if it does they fail to mention it. Their chief and only complaint is that Jay Gould and Vanderbilt and other men who own large blocks of railroad stocks are richer than they are. Such talk is nonsense, pure and unadulterated. How much of Jay Gould's money did he make out of railroad tariffs? The dividends on his stocks would net amount to his fortune in two hundred years. He has made his money trading buying and selling. A man who buys a horse cheap, and fits him up and sells him at a high price does not make his money out of the horse's work. He may get the horse very cheap and cheat some fellow like blazes when he sells him, but the fact that he gets rich out of such transactions does not prove that livery hire is too high. If independent speakers would hit upon some new mare's nests this year it would be a great relief to the public.

THERE never was so good a system of banking devised as the national banking system of this country. It is the result of wise, mature and patriotic deliberation, and has stood the test for thirty years. The hairbrained fellows who say otherwise attack the wisdom of Salmon P. Chase, Thaddeus Stevens and Abraham Lincoln. There never was a poorer or more disastrous banking system than the wild cat state banks which preceded the present system. The South however never has been reconciled to the national banks, and the statesmen of that section have always sighed for a return to the state banks. In obedience to the prejudices of that peasant wing of their party, the democrats in their national platform have declared in favor of a return to state banks.

THERE is no kind of doubt that Tom Majors will strengthen the republican ticket. He is one of the few men in Nebraska who has no enemies and lots of warm friends.

SOMETHING has made Grever Cleveland groggy. It may be the motion of the old democratic ship as it heels and tumbles in an effervescent sea.

CADY and Tom Cook will lead the republicans to victory and Cook the opposition to an elegant seal brown.

Being Dynamite.
PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 25.—A car loaded with steel ingots, consigned to the Carnegie firm at the Thirty-third street works, was blown up with dynamite or some other high explosive on a side track of the Allegheny Valley railway at Thirty-fourth street. The body of the car was badly shattered and the contents scattered in all directions. So far as can be ascertained no one was injured. A reserve force of police was summoned and quickly surrounded the place, but no one was captured and no clue to the perpetrators was found.

Nearly Suffocated.
NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Six men employed by the department of public works were nearly suffocated yesterday morning by gas while working in the new sewer along the East river, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets. They were all taken in an unconscious condition to Bellevue hospital, where three of them remained in a critical condition. The remaining three are rapidly recovering, and one at least will be able to leave the hospital.

Strike Adjourned.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Twenty-two switchmen on the Central at East Rochester struck at 4 o'clock yesterday, but the trouble was of short duration. The men do not belong to the union and the strike was not so much sympathy with the Buffalo men as it was because the men here had a slight grievance, in that they did not get extra pay for Sunday work, as was the custom in Buffalo. Assistant Superintendent Condit went to the yards and talked with the men, adjusting the grievance. The men at once returned to work.

Four Men Murdered.
DENVER, Tex., Aug. 25.—Conductor Reams of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, brought information to this city to the effect that a hunting party composed of four young men, had been found murdered on the banks of Coney creek in the Indian territory. Papers found on one of the men indicated that his name was Cherric and that he traveled for the Willimatic Thread company of Connecticut. There is nothing to tell who committed the deed, but the purpose evidently was robbery, as all of their valuables were missing.

Couldn't Stand the Strain.
NEWARK, N. Y., Aug. 25.—George Palfner, a sergeant in the Fifth Separate company, is at his home in this city, having been brought here yesterday by Corporal Whittman. Palfner's mind gave way under the hardships and privations experienced at Buffalo during the first few days. His breakdown occurred Monday morning.

Lost His Leg.
NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 25.—A tramp giving the name of James C. Holman of Tacoma, Wash., was run over by the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley freight going west, this morning, while attempting to get off the train. He was thrown under the cars, the wheels passing over the leg. After some delay in securing medical attendance, owing to a question of where the pay was to come from, the man was taken to a hotel and his leg amputated by Dr. Macomber.

End of the Strike.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25.—A four hour conference was held between Grand Master Sweeney, Grand Master Willinson, Grand Master Sargent and Grand Chief Clark. After leaving the conference Grand Master Sweeney and Local Master Moriarty, of the switchmen, called together the committee that has been conducting the strike and at 11 o'clock it was reported a statement would soon be ready. An early as half past ten there was a camp of newspaper men on the fourth floor of the Genesee hotel before the door of room 163, the quarters that have been the home of the switchmen's chief during his stay in Buffalo. Shortly before 11 o'clock the door was opened and the waiting throng entered. The statement of the end of the strike, made verbally by the grand master, was in substance as follows: "The duly authorized committee have declared the strike off at midnight and I have sanctioned their decision. Five hundred and fifteen switchmen cannot cope with twelve big railway corporations and 8,000 militia and succeed. We have made a strong fight and lost."

French Troops in Dahomey.
PARIS, Aug. 25.—A dispatch, says a force of 1,200 French troops entered Dahomeyan territory on August 17 and bombarded the town of Yakoan en route.

No Place to Land.
PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 25.—The famous smuggling schooner "Hazycan" has sailed from Victoria with twenty-five hundred pounds of opium and sixty Chinese. Customs have been issued notifying all revenue officers on the Pacific coast to be on the alert to intercept the vessel. The crew is supplied with firearms. The supposed destination of the vessel is the Oregon or California coast. The officers have experienced a good deal of trouble from the lawlessness of his schooner.

A Blow to the Tory's
LONDON, Aug. 25.—The election of Mr. Morley in Newcastle is a sore disappointment to the Tories, and also to many of the radicals, for both had hoped, by defeating Morley, to put Irish home rule into the background. It is as strong a man as could have been nominated against Morley and he made an earnest canvass and a hard battle. On the other hand the Irish voters of Newcastle, urged on by the Irish leaders in parliament devoted themselves with a zeal they had not before exhibited to securing Mr. Morley's reelection. Nearly every Irish nationalist in Newcastle made himself a committee of one to obtain votes for Mr. Gladstone's man. There is hardly a doubt that but for these efforts Mr. Morley would have been defeated. Mr. Morley owes his reelection to Irish votes and Irish support, and he will not be likely to forget this fact in his office of Irish chief secretary.

There is general satisfaction among the Irish nationalists with Mr. Gladstone's home rule program as placed before the public this week. The nationalists had been apprehensive that Mr. Gladstone would not favor giving the Irish parliament control of the constabulary and of the judiciary. On this point they are now completely reassured. With the constabulary at their command and the members of a home rule administration would be in a position to claim respect for the authority to law of an Irish parliament. The Irish constabulary is in splendid condition and under splendid discipline and just as ready to serve a home rule government as any other as long as the authority that asks for obedience is a lawful authority. The force is like a machine and would be more effective than militia for the suppression of insurrection or disorder.

It is not likely that it would be selfishly interfered with by a home rule department, except that some of the head officers, who have gone outside the line of duty to make themselves obnoxious to the nationalists and the nationalist cause, would be, probably, disposed with as soon as possible. The rank and file are believed to be at heart friendly to their country and its cause, while completely loyal to the existing rules. The constabulary is recruited in Ireland and its members are fine specimens, as a rule, of Irish physique.

Steamers Inspected.
NEW YORK, August 25.—The La Fairnaird arrived from Havre yesterday. She was subjected to a rigid inspection but no indication of cholera infection was found. She had no sickness aboard during the entire voyage. The vessel was allowed to proceed to her pier. The steamer Geller of the Hamburg American line has arrived below from Hamburg. The quarantine officers are putting her through a severe inspection. No sickness was discovered aboard the Geller. Manager Boas of the Royal Netherlands line stated yesterday that all steerage passage between New York and Hamburg on their line had ceased. Outgoing trans-Atlantic steamships carried very small passenger lists, which was due to the prevalence of the cholera in Europe. So thoroughly have the people become frightened that a number cancelled passage secured for yesterday.

K. of P.'s Break Camp.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 25.—The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, broke camp yesterday, and just before the final dispersing the divisions that competed for prizes were drawn up on the parade ground and the judges announced their divisions and General Canham distributed the prizes as follows: First prize, \$1,500, Mystic division No. 12, Girard, Kan.; Captain M. W. Russell; second prize, \$1,200, Galax division No. 43, Pittsburg, Kan.; Captain R. E. L. Van Winkle; third prize, \$1,000, Erie division No. 16, Erie, Kas.; Captain C. G. Fletcher; seventh prize, \$400, John Barr Glenn division No. 10, Eau Clair, Wis.; Captain John Beisang; ninth prize \$200 Terre Haute division No. 3, Terre Haute, Ind.; Captain A. D. Duddleston. Numerous other prizes were also awarded, after which the divisions remained in line until the retreat was sounded and the flag at the headquarters run down, signifying the conclusion of the seventeenth biennial encampment.

Newspaper Plant Burned.
AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 25.—A destructive fire which broke out here early yesterday morning totally destroyed the Augusta Chronicle office and five business houses. The total loss is \$400,000. The entire morning edition of the Chronicle was worked off while the building was in flames. The files of the paper from 1890 to date and valuable books were saved. The insurance is about \$300,000.

Prove Fatal.
HAMBURG, Aug. 25.—The number of new cases of cholera reported in this city yesterday is 239 and the number of deaths 117. There have been five deaths from cholera in the suburb of Hammergeton. The weather is cooler, the thermometer having fallen to 19 degrees centigrade. Official statistics show that up to yesterday there were 1,028 cases of cholera and 358 deaths from the disease. At Altoona between Tuesday and Friday there were sixty-four cases and twenty-two deaths.

Will Make an Aggressive Campaign.
NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The national executive committee of the people's party has decided that eastern headquarters shall be opened immediately at Boston. General Washburn has been selected to preside over the headquarters. They resolved to put up a full state ticket in each of the states represented, namely: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. An aggressive campaign in these states has been mapped out.

CHOLERA IN VIRU. N.E.

The Asiatic Cholera Steadily Gaining Ground in Europe, and Advancing Westward.

ARRIVAL OF THE PLAGUE IN ENGLAND.

It is Raging in Havre, Hamburg and Many Other Cities on the Continent, and is Spreading.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Asiatic cholera has arrived in England. The steamer Gemma, from Hamburg, has entered at Gravesend, bringing several cases of the plague. Two women on the steamer have died from the cholera and another named Emma Mann is improving. The news has caused great consternation at Gravesend and excitement in London.

Paris.—The latest regarding cholera at Havre is that twenty-eight cases appeared on Thursday, and that there were ten deaths from cholera that day.

Lisbon.—The cholera continues to grow in violence. Eight hundred cases were reported yesterday, many of the victims having been seized but a few hours before they perished. The total number of deaths was 140. The authorities are doing everything possible to stay the spread of the disease. The bathing station and public markets have been closed, the schools shut up, and all public meetings, balls, dances and gatherings, whether for business or amusement, have been prohibited.

Kontzeberg.—The government has ordered the suspension of all traffic on the Russian frontier, except at Evitkamen and Prestken. A multitude of intending emigrants have been stopped at points on the frontier and driven back to Russia. In the two stations named travelers and baggage undergo rigid inspection and disinfection.

London.—The steamer Laura, which arrived at Lynn-Begis yesterday from Hamburg, had two persons sick on board, suspected of cholera. The health officers at Lynn refused to allow the steamer to enter port and compelled it to put back to sea.

London.—The North German Lloyd steamship line has given notice that no emigrants from Russia will be carried in the steamer.

St. Petersburg.—Yesterday, according to the official returns, there were 6,322 new cases of cholera, against 5,999 on Wednesday. Yesterday there were 237 deaths reported, against 274 for Wednesday. In St. Petersburg there were reported yesterday 103 new cases and twenty-four deaths.

Ingratitude Avenged.
CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 27.—James R. Morton, colored, was hanged this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The crime for which Morton this morning paid the penalty was the murder on May 9 of Lydia Ann Wyatt, a 73-year-old colored woman who had separated from her husband and who lived at Morton's house. Mrs. Wyatt owned some property which she sold in May, for \$800. Impressed with the interest which Morton took in her affairs she made a will leaving one-half her estate to him. Three days later he attacked her with a heavy rosewood cane, fracturing her skull in a dozen places.

Powder Magazines Blown Up.
GAINESVILLE, Tex., Aug. 27.—Three powder magazines belonging one each to the Dupont, Rand & McNally and Hazard companies blew up here yesterday afternoon. There were about 900 kegs of powder in the magazines. Lightning had been darting through the skies all forenoon, and at 1 o'clock a bolt struck one magazine, which exploded, at once wiping the two others from the face of the earth. The concussion was terrific, and every house within a mile of the magazines was badly damaged, and in many of them the inmates were thrown on the floor and seriously injured. Half a dozen persons received dangerous wounds from broken glass and falling timbers. The total loss will amount to about \$8,000.

Escaped in a Coal Pit.
LONDON, Aug. 27.—An explosion, which is feared may be attended by enormous loss of life, has occurred at Aberkenig, near Brigend, in the county of Glamorgan, Wales. One hundred and forty-one miners are trapped in a coal pit, owing to an explosion which shattered the galleries by which they could have made their exit, and nothing is known as to their fate. When the explosion took place a volume of coal dust arose from the mouth of the pit and this, along with the rumbling noise, gave notice to the inhabitants that something serious had occurred. The scenes at the pit's mouth were most distressing and efforts were made to reach the entombed miners and ascertain the extent of the calamity.

Suit for Slander.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 26.—A damage suit for \$100,000 has been filed by P. H. McCormack of Columbus, Ind., against P. H. Sweeney of Jeffersonville. The papers, which were filed by Congressman Cooper, the plaintiff's attorney, allege certain slanderous statements Sweeney is accused of making concerning McCormack two years ago. Sweeney and McCormack were formerly partners in an extensive contracting business and the trouble grows out of the settlement of the affair.

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