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HARVEY'S HALUCINATIONS. On the day when W. H. Harvey was advertised to appear before an Omaha audience, Mr. Harvey propounded to the apostle of free silver six specific questions which he was courteously requested to answer from the platform.

The Bee's first question was: If the dollar of 37 1/2 grains of pure silver is the unit for all primary money coined by the United States, why do free silver men persist in setting up gold as the unit in demanding a ratio of 16 to 1? If silver is the unit standard, why do they demand the ratio of 1 to 17?

This is profound logic, is it not? Suppose the question had been, "If 12 inches make a foot and 2 feet make one yard, which is the unit, the inch or the foot or the yard?" Mr. Harvey's answer would doubtless have been: "Twenty blackbirds sat upon a tree. A man came along with a gun and shot one. How many remained on the tree?"

Mr. Harvey makes answer to this as follows: The debtor class would find a market for their property. They would exchange it for twice as many dollars as they can now, and with these dollars they would pay their debts and save their homes from sheriff's sale and themselves from becoming paupers.

Suppose we were to coin all the baled cotton in the south, so that each bale weighing 500 pounds would be legal tender for \$50, would its commercial price be now half that sum, what effect would it have upon the price of wheat or cotton? The cotton raiser and cotton broker who had cotton on hand would doubtless make their fortunes just as the mine owners would by a forced value given to silver.

Mr. Harvey's answers to the remaining questions will be given consideration in another issue.

PATTISON A CANDIDATE.

The candidate for president of the democrats of Pennsylvania is ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, and now that he has been formally entered in the race for the nomination at Chicago and is assured of the earnest and enthusiastic support of his state, his availability is certain to be widely discussed.

are democrats of greater ability and of more aggressive force, but none who has been more steadfast in devotion to the party or has a cleaner public record. It is needless to say that Mr. Pattison is in favor of tariff reform and of honest money. He will probably not follow the example of ex-Governor Russell of Massachusetts and announce that he is not seeking and does not desire the nomination, but will make a straightforward and honorable effort to obtain support wherever it is to be had.

A resolution was introduced in the house of representatives last week providing for an investigation as to the extent to which federal patronage is being used to control legislation and corrupt the public service.

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AN OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPHER.

WYOMING STATION, Wyo., April 25, 1896.—To The Omaha Bee: Owing to paragraph 4 in the editorial column of this week's Omaha Bee you will please send me any more of your papers. Your respectfully, PAUL PASCOE.

There will be some satisfaction in knowing that the county proposes to push suits against the bondsmen of delinquent officials. The outcome of the Both case has caused such bitter recollections that it certainly behooves the county authorities to redouble their efforts to recover the various amounts they have long owed the county.

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REASONABLE THING.

Philadelphia, Pa. Human life is one of those cases where a man can pull the wool over his eyes to his own disadvantage.

That's the Question.

Wellington was the name of the man who presided at the grand republican convention, which declined to instruct McKinley.

Predicament of the Ambassador.

It is a delicate predicament a mere secretary of state has to find an ambassador, but Secretary Olney, nevertheless, ventured to inform Ambassador Bayard that if he would design to take the usual interest in the case of Mrs. Maybrick, an American woman imprisoned in England, her pardon would in all probability be forthcoming.

MORGAN'S ABRAIMENT.

Public Execution of Pacific Railroads. We may well question the wisdom of Senator Morgan's plan of government operation of the Pacific railroads until their debt to the government is paid.

Mr. Morgan makes no attempt to array the evidence of fraud and speculation which he has introduced before the committee "vaguely attempting to conceal," but he calls attention to the fact that "his savings banks are his main source of credit for misleading Congress."

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STATE ELECTIONS IN 1896.

The Number Increased and the October Term Eliminated. A larger number of states will participate in this year's presidential election than in any previous presidential election in the United States, and a larger number of states will vote on the same day, Tuesday, November 3, than ever heretofore.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mark Twain consumes over 3,000 cigars in a month, and to allow himself 300 cigars a month.

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WOULD HELP OUT HOKE SMITH.

Barnes and Warren Offer Themselves as Mediators with the Indians. Men Who Threaten the Mission of Special Agent Dickson Guarantee to Do the Work, but Are Laughed At.

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WILEY RUSSELL'S ROOM.

Minneapolis Tribune: Mr. Russell of Massachusetts, like Mr. Carlisle of the cabinet, secretly wants to hear from the white house before encouraging any presidential movement in his direction.

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HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT.

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