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AN UNFAIR STATEMENT. Discussing the English movement to bring about a restoration of silver coinage, as it appears when judged by the expressions of the leaders in that movement, The Minneapolis Journal makes this statement:

The Balfour kind of "bimetallism" is not the "bimetallism" of Morgan, Vest, Jones, Teller and Stewart in the United States. Mr. Balfour—Mr. Arthur Balfour, the conspicuous protagonist of bimetallism in England—wants "international agreement for the use of both metals in the currency on a reasonable basis, just to debtor and creditor alike."

This is a grossly unfair statement of what is desired by the bimetallists—meaning by that term those who advocate the free coinage of silver—of this country. They would prefer silver coinage under an international agreement as to the coinage ratio, but knowing that England will never consent to that while she can coerce or cajole us into continuing the gold standard the believers in a double standard in the United States who are sincere in that belief advocate having our government resume the coinage of silver without reference to what England may desire, being convinced that if we take the initiative others of the European nations will follow suit, and that England will be forced to fall in line or lose her prestige as a commercial nation.

Unwittingly, the Minneapolis paper trips itself up in the same article, when it concedes that "so far as international agreement is concerned there is slender prospect for such a consummation." Undoubtedly there is. It is because they are convinced of this that the true bimetallists of this country urge the unwisdom of waiting for such an agreement and the adoption by the United States of a monetary system distinctively American and suited to our needs, instead of continuing one calculated to advance England's interests at our expense.

THEY HAVE CHEAP MONEY. One advantage that the foreign manufacturer has over his American competitor is "cheap money"—that is, money at a low rate of interest when he has occasion to borrow.

Two per cent. money is beginning to fall everywhere. Till lately its effect was chiefly confined to London, but now one hears of it in the provinces also. It is producing some noticeable results in Scotland. The stream of deposit money that used to flow into colonial banks and investment companies, having had those outlets completely closed, is now forced to find new employment at home.

SENATOR VEST of Missouri is degenerating into a common, and rather nasty, scold. It has got to such a point with him that he cannot get on his feet in the senate without sputtering out coarse abuse of the president or Secretary Morton.

WHILE the Michigan editors who participated in the excursion of the Press association to Mexico last month were in that country the Mexican Herald of the City of Mexico gave them a subject for reflection in the following "meaty" editorial:

The Michigan editors have before them an object lesson on the currency question. They are looking at a country alive with enterprise, with new factories going up all over the republic, and with agriculture rapidly expanding, especially in the hot country, and our currency is made up of silver dollars, our bank notes based on a silver dollar reserve.

More men have large bank deposits than ever before, and we doubt if our bank managers, as formerly, are acquainted with their leading depositors. There are too many men with large accounts to allow of an acquaintance with them all. This is something for the Michigan editor, who is keen and intelligent, to reflect upon. Mexico is not standing its currency system upon its apex as it is the case in the United States.

THE Minneapolis Journal is delighted with the money plank of the platform adopted by the Republicans of Wisconsin at their convention this week. "A square, honest statement like that is what is wanted at St. Louis, and such a declaration at Columbus would have been a big thing for McKinley," it asserts. But it is fair to presume that the Columbus declaration was drafted and adopted in accordance with the wishes of the candidate for the nomination at St. Louis whom the Wisconsin delegation will support.

THERE was an ice boat regatta at St. Ignace Tuesday in which several of these craft contested, and one of them was named "Pingree." This boat came in third in the race it participated in, and The Detroit News gleefully records the fact under startling headlines. The News is driven hard in its effort to bring Pingree in a loser in the gubernatorial race, but in that race the candidate it is trying to defeat will not have to depend on wind for propulsion. He will have the people behind him, pushing real hard, and with that force to send him on to the goal The News and Scripps' other newspaper will not prove much of an obstruction in his way.

EX SENATOR SAWYER of Wisconsin heads the delegation that will represent that state in the St. Louis convention, and it is understood that he intends to return to public life by securing the seat in the senate now filled by Senator Vilas. Most of the Republicans of Wisconsin would prefer to have Spooner returned as the successor of Vilas, but if Sawyer wants the seat he will get it. He has a way of going after what he wants that is mighty effective with the kind of men who are usually sent to the legislature in Wisconsin, and Spooner will have to wait until Senator Mitchell goes out if Sawyer has his eye on the seat that will first become vacant.

WISCONSIN gives McKinley a solid delegation, and favors a gold standard for our monetary system. Wisconsin has always been a "hard money" state, and naturally favors the kind of a system that makes money hard to get for those who have to earn it.

NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH. (From Cincinnati Gazette).

Will people never learn that a "cold" is an accident to be dreaded, and that when it occurs treatment should be promptly applied? There is no knowing where the trouble may end; and while complete recovery is the rule, the exceptions are terribly frequent, and thousands upon thousands of fatal illnesses occur every year ascribed in by a little injudicious exposure and seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond this, there are today countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "cold," which at the time of occurrence gave no concern, and were therefore neglected.—When troubled with a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effective. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by The H. H. Stafford Co.



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