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NASBY'S VIEWS.

Great Truths Related in a Humorous Vein.

The following was written for the Toledo Blade in 1878 by Petroleum V. Nasby:

Confederate X Roads (which is in the State of Kentucky), Jan. 22, 1878.—I ain't so certain that I want the silver bill to pass ez I was. The fact is, the thing don't work ez I sposed it wud, and I ain't clear out of it. There is subtle principles in these fianshel questions wich requires a great deal uv thought, and there is underlying principles wich a man has got to understand afere he is competent to set himself up ez authority. One thing I'm certain uv, Bascom ain't no fiansser, nor never will be, and I told him so.

"Wat is a fiansser?" asked he.

"A fiansser," sed I, assuming the look of Dan'l Webster, "is a man wich kin pay his debts with nothin—a mau wich kin git euthin with nothin."

"The Corners, then, is full of fianssers," he remarkt, bitterly, castin a casual glance at his slate, which wuz jist full enuff to turn over and begin on t'other side.

But hezn't any uv the science uv it. I wuz arguoin with him the other day in favor uv my noshun uv a leather currency, though I told him silver wuz much the same thing, and, for example, I wud assume that silver wuz to be the currency uv the focher.

"Now, don't you see, Bascom, that ef I hed twict ez much money, I could drink twict ez much whiskey and pay for it?"

"How Much is Twice Nothin'?" wuz the usefless answer uv the tyrant who holds the destinies of the Corners in his hands. "That's wot your captille bez bin ever since I knowd you."

"Parson," sed he, "I don't see wot earthily difference it's goin' to make whether silver is currency or anything else. How are you goin' to git silver if it is made legal tender? Ef silver wuz ez plenty ez bricks, what hev you got to get any uv it with?"

"Troo, G. W.," wuz my answer, "but can't you see that to hev silver wud relieve the dettor class? Even now, afore it is legal tender, it's only with 92 cents on the dollar, and when the country is floodid with it, it will go still lower. Then we—or rather sich uv us ez hey property to raise money on—kin pay off—"

"Eggsactly so," retortd Bascom; "you kin pay me for the good, honist likker uv mine, wich you hev consumed, in coin, wich is less than the dollar you promised. All rite. But look here—come in here, all uv you. I want you silver men to know exactly

What You are Roshin' Into."

And this feend led us into the back room—that back room wich contains the subsistence uv the Corners. There, in long rows wuz Bascom's stock. There, in barrels, piled one on top uv another, wuz the delishus whiskey uv Louisville, uv different ages, rangin' from that uv two weeks old to that wich hed jist left the still and was scarcely cold yit. There it lay, and ez my eye ranged affectshunally over it I felt ef I could hev the drinkin' of all that likker I wud be content to lay down and die when the last drop wuz gone.

Bascom p'inted to the immense tank wich hed erected within a few days, with a pipe runnin' in the roof.

"I shan't raise the price of likker in consequence of being paid for it in deprehated currency," sed he.

I fell on Bascom's neck, in an ecstasy uv delile, while the others shouted, "rah for Bascom."

"G. W.," I remarkd, while teers suffooced my eyes, I never placed you much below the angels, but this generous act has histed you a hundred per cent in my estimashun. Bless you, G. W., bless you."

"But I'll tell you what I shud do. Do you see that tank?" sed he.

"May I ask what that is for?" I red.

"That tank

Will Fill With Rane Water," sed he. "The moment you git to payin' me in silver, I shud take out uv each uv them barrels jist eggskally three and one-fifth gallons uv likker, and fill it with water."

"Mercifull bevin'gs," we all exclaimed, "and your likker so wesk now!"

"And when silver gits down to 75 cents on the dollar, I shud take out 25 per cent uv whiskey and fill her up with 25 per cent of water. And so on down. Ef silver goes up I shud add whiskey eggskally in proporsion. In short, my whiskey is jist agoin' to foller currency and nothin' shorter. You fellers wich work for wages may swet, but I won't."

"But you'll increase the size of your glasses?" sed I.

"Not any. But you may drink twice ez many times to git the same amount uv drinks ez before, by payin' for each drink."

And Bascom stalked hawtily back and took his poishen behind his bar.

Ther wuz consternashun in the Corners sich ez I hev never seen. Ther wuz a hurried consultashun at the Deekin's house and I sjested that we emancipate ourselves from the dominyun uv this tyrant by starvin' a grocery uv our own on the joint stock principle, which wuz agreed to, each man agreein' to contribut \$10 to the capital stock, which wud

THE LAW OF 1878.

Silver Dollars a Legal Tender to any Amount.

1877-78. Chapter XX. An act to authorize the coining of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character.

Be it enacted, That there shall be coined at the several mints of the United States silver dollars of the weight of 412.5 grains, Troy, of standard silver, as provided in the act of January 18, 1837, on which shall be the devices and superscriptions provided by said act; which coins, together with all silver dollars heretofore coined by the United States of like weight and fineness, shall be a legal tender at their nominal value, for all debts and dues, public and private, except where otherwise stipulated in the contract. And the secretary of the treasury is authorized and directed to purchase from time to time silver bullion, at the market price thereof, not less than \$2,000,000 worth per month, nor more than \$4,000,000 worth per month, and cause the same to be coined monthly, as fast as so purchased, into such dollars; and a sum sufficient to carry out the foregoing provision of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated. And any gain or seigniorage arising from this coining shall be accounted for and paid into the treasury as provided under existing laws relative to the subsidiary coinage; provided that the amount of money at any one time invested in such silver bullion, exclusive of such resulting coin, shall not exceed \$5,000,000. And, provided, further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the payment in silver of certificates of deposit issued under the provisions of section 254 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 2. That immediately after the passage of this act the president shall invite the governments of the countries composing the Latin union, so-called, and of such other European nations as he may deem advisable, to join the United States in a conference to adopt a common ratio between gold and silver, for the purpose of establishing, internationally, the use of bimetallic money, and securing fixity of relative value between those metals; such conference to be held at such place, in Europe or in the United States, at such time within six months, as may be mutually agreed upon by the executives of the governments joining in the same, whenever the governments so invited, or any three of them, shall have signified their willingness to unite in the same.

The president shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint three commissioners, who shall attend such conference on behalf of the United States and shall report the doings thereof to the president, who shall transmit the same to congress.

Said commissioners shall each receive the sum of \$2500 and their reasonable expenses, to be approved by the secretary of state; and the amount necessary to pay such compensation and expenses is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. That any holder of the coin authorized by this act may deposit the same with the treasurer, or any assistant treasurer of the United States, in sums not less than \$10, and receive therefor certificates of not less than \$10 each, corresponding to the denominations of the United States notes. The coin deposited for or representing the certificates shall be retained in the treasury for the payment of the same on demand. Such certificates shall be receivable for customs, taxes and all public dues, and when so received may be reissued.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

(Note.—This above act having been returned by the president of the United States, with his objections, to the house of representatives, February 28, 1878, was passed by both houses and became a law on the same day.)



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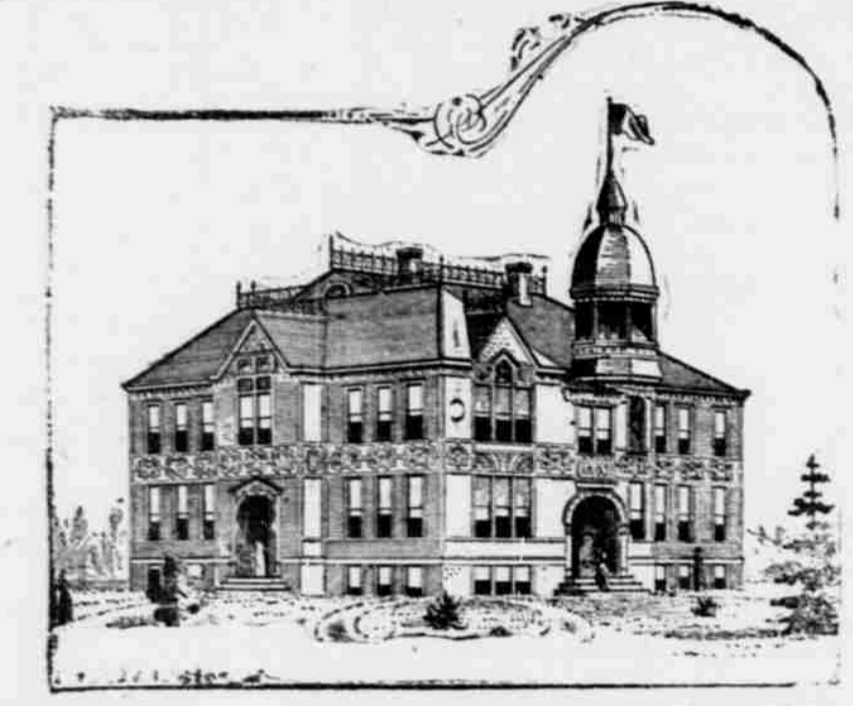
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