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C. W. KNOWLES, Prop. American Wheat Crop Short. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10. - The August report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows that there has been a considerable falling off in the condition of spring wheat since last month, amounting to something over ten points, the average condition of

THE BATTLE BEGUN

An Argument Reached on the Silver Question. BOTH SIDES INTRODUCE BILLS

Will Be Debated in the House Fourteen Days - A Vote To Be Taken August 28th.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. - The conference of the silver and anti-silver men has reached an agreement by which general debate on the bill for repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman act will be limited to eleven days.

The present arrangement is that the repeal bill will be introduced in the house today; that an accompanying resolution shall prescribe the method of procedure and general debate begin at once.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. - A new phase of the silver question was presented today, in the shape of an apparently authorized proposition from London bankers, backed by the English government, to leading New York financiers, in which it was asserted that if the United States would maintain the present Sherman law on the statute books, England would renew the free coinage of silver in India, at the increased ratio of 24 to 1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. - On the assembling of the house, immediately after reading the journal, Wilson, democrat, of West Virginia, introduced the repeal bill.

At 1 p. m. Raynor, democrat, of Maryland, began the debate in support of the Wilson bill for an unconditional repeal of the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act.

Raynor said the adoption of free coinage would tie the United States to the tail of any bankrupt nation of the world. Opening the mints to silver might for a time maintain a fictitious value of coin, but the value of the bullion would always be regulated by the market price.

Raynor said that what kept silver and gold at a parity was the misplaced confidence of the people, if the real condition of the treasury was known there would be no necessity for a repeal of the Sherman law; it would repeal itself.

The constitution nowhere establishes gold and silver as the money of the country; there was no obligation to coin silver nor purchase and store it for the benefit of the miner.

Bland, rising to open for free coinage, expressed regret that a number of gentlemen, of whom the speaker who had just sat down was one of the most capable, had seen fit to change their position upon this question, to abandon a large portion of the voters who had aided in giving them the seats they occupy, and to turn their faces to the east and their backs to the west.

Bland asserted it was the understanding that the free coinage of silver necessarily meant a repeal of the Sherman law; the two are so antagonistic they cannot exist at the same time.

"But we are met now with a suggestion that we legislate piecemeal; to repeal the Sherman law and take our chances in securing anything in its place which shall meet the pledge of the platform to coin both silver and gold. This is because a panic is upon us. The voting masses of the country," said Bland, "may become panic-stricken election day; if they do, I'm afraid those gentlemen will feel the force of that panic."

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the present month being sixty-seven, as against 77.4 for the month of July. This decline of ten points is the result of too high temperature and a deficient rainfall. In the spring wheat states drought is prevalent over an extensive area and has done much damage. Much injury also has been done this crop by chinch bugs and rust in several states.

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THE CHURCHES. Elder J. W. Jenkins will preach at Enderby this evening and at Dufur tomorrow, both morning and evening. Christian church services will be held in the Congregational church tomorrow at 3 p. m. Elder G. H. Barnett will preach.

The Baptist church, Rev. O. D. Taylor pastor, will hold service tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school follows this service. There will be no evening service.

Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Washington and Fifth streets, Rev. J. Whisler, pastor. Sermon at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday school after morning service; Junior League at 5:30 p. m.; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; class meeting Sunday at 10 a. m. and Tuesday at 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

First Congregational church, corner Court and Fifth streets, Rev. W. C. Curtis, pastor. Services as follows on Sunday: At 11 a. m. worship and a sermon. Sunday school immediately after the morning service. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "How Much Have We Borne for Christ," Acts xxi, 30-36; Phil. i, 29. All not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited to worship with us. No evening service.

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