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AN INDEFINITE TERM.

The silver men met in convention at Albany Wednesday, June 2d, and among other things adopted as a part of their platform the following:

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the action of any other nation; that the government shall issue all money without the intervention of banks, and in quantity adequate for the needs of the people; that all money issued by the government, whether gold, silver or paper, shall be legal tender for all debts, public or private; that no contract or law shall discriminate against any kind of money issued by the government.

One of the things the silver men always avoid is the fixing of the amount of silver which they expect the government to carry, and the amount of money generally they expect to meet the very indefinite statement "adequate for the needs of the people." Somehow it has always appeared to us that there never was money enough to meet the demands of all the people all the time. As a matter of fact, in good times or bad the government owns or issues about the same amount of money. The question is not how much money there is in existence, but how much can a fellow get hold of. When the coin of the nation is easily gathered by any one, times are good for him, but for the fellow who can't catch hold of the nickels, times are bad. Coming money "adequate to the needs of the people" is a very indefinite job. There are 70,000,000 of us, and if others are in need as badly as we, it will require a million a piece.

IN THE MARKET.

Under the heading "Won't Somebody Please Marry This Lady?" the New York World writes:

"Whenever Hawaii espies a warship on the horizon, she arranges her curls, falls into a hysterical flutter of affected terror and begins to cry: 'Oh, oh, I'm sure that is somebody coming to steal me!' But the warship comes, she is treated with mortifying politeness and a formality that freezes her flirtatious advances. And presently the warship departs, leaving her 'unstealed.' In the last four years she has had many a sickening disappointment. John Bull took fright at her coquetries and fled precipitately. Jean Crapaud kissed her hand and told her he would be most happy to attend her marriage—to somebody else. And so on until now when Japan, hearing that she was whispering that he had designs upon her, puts it in all the papers that he would not have her under any circumstances. All this time the dusky dame has been writing love letters to old Uncle Sam. Early in the game she almost caught the simple-hearted gentleman. In fact it must be admitted that there is something in her claim that she has a bundle of compromising letters from him that could be made the basis of a very pretty breach of promise. But there can now be hardly a doubt, even in her mind, that the old gentleman is completely cured of his infatuation, as he has stopped reading the love letters with which she bombards him. There seems to be nothing left to Hawaii but the personal columns. This advertisement might possibly trap somebody: 'Wanted—By a lovely, rich lady of affectionate disposition and past the age of frivolity, a husband; age, race,

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The case against Epping begins to look pretty black for him. Gautier's evidence by itself simply amounts to nothing, but backed by Thrall's statements, and more than all by Epping's admissions, there seems to be but little doubt but that he was in some kind of a scheme to rob the mails. The story though, as a whole as first told, was decidedly fishy, for according to Gautier's statement, Holsapple, Watson, Simpson and others were to share in the plunder, and yet there was no one to have anything to do with the job but Gautier and Epping. Why they should get them in to divide the plunder with was the mystery.

The mobbing of the negro, "Click" Mitchell, at Urbana, Ohio, an account of which appears in today's dispatches, shows that humanity is much the same the world over, and that North or South the white man knows but one punishment for the negro criminal of the Mitchell kind. Had the mobbing been done in the South, the northern papers generally would have condemned it; but where the crime and punishment occur nearer home, there is a silence that may be classed as profound.

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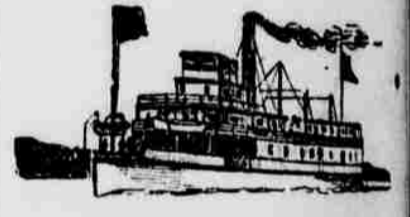
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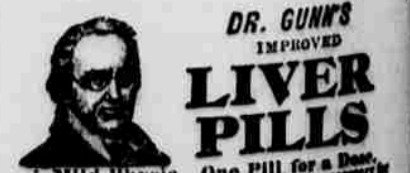
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