

THE SILVER QUESTION.

The San Francisco Chronicle, which is a staunch advocate of free coinage, may be considered the leader of those who believe in monetary policy on the Pacific coast.

The debate in the house on the so-called seigniorage coinage bill has served to awaken the country to the fact that the silver question is still a very live issue.

It may be true that those who have favored in the unlimited coinage of silver considered the Sherman act a step in that direction; but it was not passed by the Republican congress with any such object in view.

The effort now being made by Mr. Bland may be successful in the house; but the bill will very likely be defeated in the senate.

As stated by the Chronicle the repeal of the silver-purchase clause of the Sherman act did not end the agitation of this question; and it may be expected to occupy a prominent place in politics in future campaigns.

It is only another phase of the old "greenback" era, nearly twenty years ago. After the panic of 1873, and the disastrous times that followed, the people imagined that an extra issue of paper money would be a remedy for the fearful business depression.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Republican clubs and organizations have chosen Lincoln's birthday for their banquets and celebrations, as have Democratic clubs selected Jackson's birthday for their banquets and celebrations.

The chief difference between these two celebrations, as political affairs, was pointed out by Senator Hoar at the banquet of the Lincoln association of Jersey City Monday night.

There is nothing that Lincoln stood for that the Republican party does not stand for now. Between the Democrats and "Old Hickory" there is not the same harmony. In fact, the only thing in common with the party and its hero is the name. Jackson was a Democrat, but he represented nothing that the Democratic party advocates to-day.

It would be a reproduction of Belshazzar's feast. "The Federal Union must and shall be preserved" would sound like a rebuke to the ablest Democratic statesmen of this generation, and "I believe in protecting American industry by a judicious tariff" would not harmonize with the Democratic platform declaring protective tariffs unconstitutional.

OBSTRUCTION A VIRTUE.

However much filibustering in legislation may be condemned by the party aggrieved, yet it is a very salutary check on the despotism of the majority, and without which great injustice might often be done minorities.

It is probable that the Bland bill will pass the house; but it is right that those who do not favor this measure should delay it by every possible means. When it reaches the senate it will very likely be defeated, because the same votes that repealed the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act cannot support a bill fraught with so many dangers to a stable currency.

"HUMAN OILY."

The East Oregonian says "with the right kind of men in congress from Oregon and the other states of the Pacific coast the Nicaragua canal could be kept before the country in such a way as to secure its construction."

This state has always been well represented in both branches of congress, and it does not indicate a larger degree of knowledge than is generally possessed by members of the human family to be pessimistic in the matter and denigrate those who are the choice of the people for congressional honors "human oily." In every River and Harbor bill the Pacific coast members have been met by a solid phalanx in opposition to liberal appropriations from New York and the eastern states.

WHERE WILL IT END?

The injunction suit against the board of asylum commissioners has begun, and March 3d, at 10 o'clock a. m., has been set by Judge Burnett for hearing reasons why a temporary injunction should not issue.

The third time was the fortunate one with President Cleveland in the nomination of a justice of the supreme court, and Senator White will succeed Judge Blatchford. His Democracy cannot be doubted, as he was born in Louisiana, and served in the confederate army; but this was evidently not considered in the appointment, as the supreme bench should not have the least political leaning towards any of the leading parties, and we presume it has none. While Senator Hill pays the highest compliment to the gentleman, yet his speech indicates that he is not fully satisfied with the choice of President Cleveland, and editorials in the Times and Tribune are outspoken in the same direction. It may be true, as Mr. Hill said, "New York was entitled to the judgeship, and had the senators from that state been consulted, as they properly should have been, and as courtesy and usage required, a satisfactory selection from the numerous eminent members of the bar of that state could easily have been made;" but this tends too much towards the rule of the machine, which caused such terrible consequences during the administration of the lamented Garfield, to be favored by the independent voters of any party.

European politics are only interesting to Americans in so far as they devote an advancement toward republican institutions, which is undoubtedly the final destiny of the governments of the world. The "divine right of kings" is obsolete, and in the individual right of the subject or citizen to equality before the law is the modern gospel that is preached and believed by all. It is of greater importance on this side of the Atlantic to know that the house of lords is doomed in England, and that the monarchs to maintain their supremacy and the freedom of the people must join battle with that unrepresentative body, than the provisions of the commercial treaty between Germany and Russia. The one signifies the forward movement of popular government, while the other indicates simply diplomatic chess-playing between absolute monarchs. Great Britain is approaching ripeness for the complete rule of the people; but other European monarchies are merely in the bud of promise in this regard.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Every great epoch in the history of the world has produced some man commensurate with the event, and this revolution was no exception to this rule. George Washington was the product of the great struggle of the American colonies for independence, and if he had lived in more peaceful times perhaps would not have been known outside his own state or country.

It is time Democrats were beginning to combine with the Populists if they expect the movement to be successful next June. Governor Penney would be a competent person to take the lead in the matter.

THAT INJUNCTION.

It is a mistake that the citizens of The Dalles consider the injunction against the location of the branch asylum at Union just and proper, because they think that town not the proper place for the institution. The people in this vicinity were disappointed that the board should have decided to locate the asylum so near the eastern boundary of the state; but they are not so narrow-minded that they believe in enforcing an almost obsolete provision of the constitution to gratify puerile spite and spleen.

The principle underlying the injunction suits against the soldiers' home and the branch asylum is a menace to any legislation that makes appropriations for any place except Salem, where the seat of government is at present located. If this provision is decided to mean what the language would imply, every dollar voted for Eugene, Corvallis and Weston has been unconstitutional, and the state university, agricultural college and normal schools should be removed to the capital city. Salem's hand is not discernible in these suits, but there is every reason to believe that her citizens have influenced them for pecuniary benefit. Until the last year this provision has never been attempted to be enforced, and in the future it will be a source of constant annoyance, except it is repealed or the capital removed to some other point.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The wrangle in the house yesterday was not a very becoming tribute to George Washington.

The rebel fleet has left Rio Janeiro, and the dispatches will not be able to chronicle another bombardment of that city for a few days.

Protection made the United States the asylum for the oppressed of all nations, while expected free trade is marching this country an asylum of oppressed Americans.

The meeting of the county committee to-day was simply a squaring of ranks for the coming campaign. Old

TELEGRAPHIC.

Another Bomb Explosion. PARIS, Feb. 20.—The city has been started by another bomb explosion. A man of suspicious appearance, giving the name of Ravalli, recently hired furnished apartment in a small hotel on Rue St. Jacques.

The excitement was intensified this morning when the prefect of police received a note signed Ravalli, saying he intended to commit suicide at the Hotel de l'Esperance, a place of similar character to the one which exploded last night. The prefect immediately ordered the police to surround the hotel, and a search was made for the man.

THE COMPANY TO BLAME.

MULLER, Idaho, Feb. 21.—The coroner's jury has rendered a verdict in the Baker Hill and Sullivan mine accident, finding the company at fault in using the present system of mining. The verdict is that the company is to blame for the accident.

A Fatal Hoaxing.

ITACA, N. Y., Feb. 21.—A supplement to the regular news has just been received from Itaca, N. Y., that a hoaxing had been perpetrated by a student of the college, resulting in the death of a young man.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

A Horrible Tragedy. HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 20.—Last night there was a horrible tragedy here, a sequel of the famous Fort Bend feud, known as the Jaybird-Woodpecker quarrel.

AN ALLIANCE NAVY BUILT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A special correspondent of the Justice says that Da Gama has issued a circular saying the Republic and the Republic of Cuba engaged the government warships "Tiradentes," "Bahia" and "Tupac Katari," "Cerro" and the "Bakia" and "Washe" sunk, and the "Tupac Katari" captured. The "Tiradentes" alone was taken out by the "Bahia" and "Cerro" disabled. Nobody here believes the story.

HERE APPOINTMENTS.

Postmaster—W. H. Fisher, Raraburg, Or.; P. A. Darlin, G. Idendale, Wash. Registers of land offices—Benjamin F. Morris, Lewiston, Idaho; Albert G. Floyd, Walla Walla, Wash. Receivers of public money—Mitton G. Gage, Boise, Idaho; Lafayette M. Flour, Spokane, Wash.

SYNOPSIS AT WORK.

RIO, Feb. 20.—A naval engagement between the insurgent fleet and the new government squadron is expected in the early part of March. An attempt has been made by secret agents of Admiral de Helle to blow up the offices of the government journal, Tempo with dynamite. The attempt was not successful.

BURIED IN THE SNOW.

VERDE NEV., Feb. 21.—About noon yesterday five woodchoppers were caught in a snowdrift in the mountains five miles from here. Nothing was known of them until 10 o'clock today, when a man passing the camp had been notified by a dog.

THE COLONIA CAME AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is said by legal authorities that the United States supreme court can enforce in the constitutionality of the laws of the United States, and that the status of the constitutionality of the laws of the United States can be heard before the court.

A Bright Lad.

When a boy is one year old, my mamma died, and I was left an orphan. I was brought up by my father, but he was so poor that I had to go to school. I was a bright lad, and I was very popular with my schoolmates.

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