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SENATOR INGALLS, in speaking of the prohibitory law in Kansas and Iowa says every body is happy under the law. The prohibitionists have all the law they want and the whisky men have all the liquor they want.

A HIGH London military authority states that if the outbreak of hostilities can be delayed until the end of April or the beginning of May, Russia will have a million troops on the German and Austrian frontiers, besides a force in Asia approaching 600,000 men. Upward of a quarter million are in Asia Minor and the remainder in Central Asia.

THE statement in the German press as to Bismarck's intention to punish Alsace-Lorraine for the results of the recent election has created considerable excitement in Paris, and signs of rising irritation are everywhere visible. For the first time since the era of mutual provocation commenced warlike feeling is manifested in places of public resort.

A WASHINGTON special says: People whose counsel is frequently sought for at the White house, state that the president, though anxious to avoid it if possible, still contemplates an extra session of congress in the early autumn. The financial situation, it is expected, will be then such as to need prompt action on the part of congress. With regard to the surplus, some action will not only be desirable, but absolutely necessary. The failure of the river and harbor and deficiency bills becomes more serious as time passes. There is also well grounded fear entertained at the White house that the interstate commerce act once put in operation will cause no end of trouble and litigation, and that its provisions will need to be radically amended, and promptly, by congress.

M. H. SLATER, secretary of the National Bi-metallic Coinage association, in his pamphlet, entitled "A brief treatise on bi-metallicism," says: "The sum total of all the money in circulation always bears a certain ratio to the sum total of all the property in existence. This ratio is variously estimated; but, say, for example, 1 to 27. If all the property in existence should be forced to a cash sale, at the same hour, this ratio would be reduced until it would stand 1 to 1. The money would equal in amount the necessarily reduced value of the property. The value that money represents is fixed by law; the value of the property is determined by the amount of money in existence, which may be exchanged for the property. Hence, money establishes, fixes, determines, assesses, estimates the value of property. Note the distinction between the terms, money in existence, and money in circulation. Money which is hoarded in vaults is not performing its chief function as a medium of exchange for values, nor can it effect the value of property. The hoarded eagles of the miser can no more perform the functions of money than a prisoner in a dungeon can perform the duties of a member of society."

Salaries Not So Large as Supposed. "The salaries of actors and actresses is a theme that is frightfully misrepresented by nearly all the theatrical profession. A person who gets \$50 per week must be a jewel," said a worn out actor who, when in his palmist days, received \$25 a week and paid his own expenses. "Theatrical people who receive from \$30 to \$100 a week, are generally said to be getting from \$150 to \$300 a week, and amusement-loving people, as a rule, are silly enough to believe it. I have traveled," continued the old Thespian, "all my life, and have been in contact with the very best of 'em, and I know that all this talk about \$200 and \$300 a week salaries is all bosh. It is true there are many companies on the road in which the star gets a clever per cent of the receipts, but even that is not a sure thing, and they have their short nights as well as their flush ones. Frank Daniels, Jennie Yeomans, Kate Castleton,

Genevieve Rogers, Jimmy Powers, Isabelle Coe and a great many other salaried professionals are said to get all the way from \$150 to \$200 per week for their services, but I don't believe that one of them, except possibly Daniels, gets over \$100. The people who make the big money are those who conduct a show on the principle that Maggie Mitchell, Nate Salsberry, Joe Murphy, Gus Williams, Minnie Maddern, Modjeska, Adelaide Moore, Charles Davis and others do. They star themselves, own the show, hire cheap support and travel on the strength of their reputations. Of course, they give a good show, but the people would go to hear them just the same, whether the support was first class or rotten. All one has to do in this country is to establish a favorable reputation and their fortune is made.

"How about minstrel men and comedians; are they well paid?" "But few of this class receive even a decent salary. It is a funny thing, but true, that burnt-cork artists become so fascinated with their profession that as long as they are given prominent place on the bill boards and get good notices in the newspapers, they are satisfied and happy. White-faced comedians get more money, as a rule, than minstrels. This is because there is but one of this sort in the cast, while in a minstrel show every man on the salary list is supposed to be more or less comical. Song and dance men, good ones, get from \$20 to \$50 per week, but they are also obliged to work on the end and in the farce to fill in, and not infrequently double in the band and orchestra. The minstrel man is the greatest slave in the profession. His work is hard, salary small, the show makes one-night stands, and five nights of the week they travel in the night, after doing a day's work. The suckers, or cheap minstrels, are the fellows who travel with small shows, and who are just learning the ropes. In a great many instances they are excellent artists, but do not find it out until they have wasted their health, vitality and opportunities. Their salaries will not average \$10 per week."

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"What does he do that for?" "Because he has to."

"Oh." Then there was a silence for half a minute. Presently the boy said: "What is that round thing up there?" "That is the register."

"What is that for?" "To register the fare."

"You said the ring registered the fare." "No, I didn't say that."

"Yes, Johnny." "Then, what made you say you didn't say it?" "I didn't say that I didn't say so. Don't bother me Johnny."

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