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Some of the politicians of both the old parties, says a Washington press correspondent, think a ray of light has broken in the far east. They hope the farmers of Germany have pointed a way to save the great political parties in this country from disruption on the silver question. In both Democratic and Republican ranks here the suggestion of another international money conference with world bimetallism as the object in view is viewed with favor. The action of the reichstag has just come in the nick of time to give American politicians something to hide behind. From this momont forward we may expect to hear a great deal of the glories of bimetallism and of the prospects of securing it in all the leading commercial countries of the world, by international co-operation. Just as the pressure of events in this country is driving both political parties upon the rocks of gold and silver, and requiring politicians to declare for one or the other, or lay themselves liable to the charge of cowardice, our German friends come forward with another pretext for all hands to rush in and avert the threatened declaration and division and find refuge behind bimetallism. There will be a great crop of international bimetallists in both parties. Already the alert Senator Hill has made a public move in that direction, and many so-called statesmen are sorry they did not get in ahead of him. The men who would find an international solution of this great problem have it all figured out that the agrarians have obtained mastery in Germany, that France is willing to go into bimetallism as she always has been, and that England, which has always been the stumbling block over which this problem has fallen, is at last showing signs of a change of heart. They go so far as to say that Balfour is coming into power in Britain, and that he will join with Germany, France and the United States in finding a better and fixed status for silver in the world's money. In their enthusiasm they see the thing already accomplished, and the silver question taken far enough out of our politics to avert the threatened disruption of parties in next year's national conventions. It is a very pretty scheme and one which gives comfort to a great many ambitious individuals, but in the opinion of many who know something of England's position and determination in the matter, there is small chance of any assistance from that country. Count Bismarck says Balfour will make a campaign in favor of bimetallism, and hopes to overthrow Rosebery on that issue. Though the silver leaders in Washington are in correspondence with bimetallist agitators in England and Germany, it is not understood that they have any serious hopes of results in the former country."

The Japanese seem to have solved for themselves the question as to the relative merits of the battleship and the cruiser, which is now agitating congress in connection with the proposition to provide for three new battleships. While their cruisers, owing to superior strategy in their management and wariness in attack, supplemented by the indispensible torpedo boat fleet, have managed to obtain victories over the Chinese, even with inferior management and personnel, have given such a good account of themselves as to make it apparent to the Japanese that if ever they hope to meet another naval power in combat with chance of success they must themselves possess some of the great battleships. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that they will acquire the Chinese battleships Chen Yuen and Ting Yuen, if the latter can be raised, by conquest. But the Japanese government is not content to rest there, for advices received by the navy department show that it has [illegible] for building two great ships that will exceed the best of our own ships in offensive and defensive power. The battleships will be of 12,250 tons displacement, 370 feet long, by 73 feet beam. An armor belt 18 inches thick will extend for 226 feet along the sides over the vitals of the ship, which will be propelled by engines of 14,000 horse power and carry each two 12-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns and a great number of smaller machine guns. It will require fully 5,000 tons of nickel steel Harveyized armor for these ships, and these last requirements by the Japanese government indicate how quickly its naval officers profit by and adopt the very latest discoveries in naval construction, for it is only very recently that the United States developed this process of treating armor so as to add 50 per cent to its resisting power.

Referring to the new rules of the road at sea formulated by the International Maritime Conference, and which it was supposed would be put in force without delay, last Saturday's Bradstreet's says: It now appears that the government of Great Britain has been making efforts recently to have the date for putting the new rules in operation postponed, in order that seamen may have further opportunities for becoming familiar with them. The British government, it seems has been in receipt of constant petitions from seafaring men pointing out requirements in the new code which might be confusing to mariners. Curiously enough, the revisals and extensions of the fog signal code, which took up a great share of the time of the maritime conference, have been especially criticised; and this notwithstanding the fact that the early fog signals were confessedly inadequate as had been shown by the frequent disasters due to collisions in foggy weather. The present status of the matter may be gathered from a communication made by his government to Sir Julian Pauncefote, in which it is declared that all the European nations have practically agreed to suspend or postpone the operation of the new rules as suggested. Under the circumstance there seems no option for the United States but to follow the example of the other countries approached by Great Britain. Provision for this course is made in a recently introduced bill, which provides that the new deep sea rules shall not take effect March 1, as fixed by the president's proclamation last summer, but on some later date, to be fixed by the president.

A vessel recently arrived at Philadelphia with a large cargo of canned "French" peas, grown in England. That we should import green peas, canned, from Europe, when such a crop can be grown in every section of the United States, is not very creditable. They are always readily salable in winter, which is demonstrated by the fact that we send abroad for them, and they bring good prices. Here is an opening for some of our Clatsop county farmers to combine, build a canning factory, and grow green peas. From the samples of the home grown product sometimes seen in our markets, it would seem that this ought to be one of the most profitable crops that can be produced in Oregon.

The excitement last night in Salem must have been intense, judging from the tenor of some of the private dispatches received from there. At a late hour it did not appear that the Dolph opposition had been able to combine on any candidate, although rumors of various trades and understandings were numerous and conflicting.

Amos Markham, of Memphis, Tenn., is the great American mover. He has "flitted" fifteen times since he first set up housekeeping in 1860, and twelve of his children have been born in different states.

It is said that Hoke Smith is ambitious to be governor of Georgia, and it is also reported that Postmaster General Bissell aspires to a place on the bench of the supreme court of the United States.

The Iron Trade Review says that "those who have had a chance to test trade conditions among machine shops and foundries, find that recovery has been more rapid in the west, particularly in the central west, than in the east.

Richard Croker, of New York, is expected home from the South next month, and will probably leave for Europe in April to look after his turf interests.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Clatsop County, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Casper Baltes, deceased. Persons having claims against said estate are notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this ntoice, to the undersigned, at the office of Brenham VanDusen, Esq, No. 119 Eleventh street, Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1895.

F. W. BALTES,
Administrator of the estate of Casper Baltes, deceased.

Until the dissolution of the old German empire, the arms of Austria were the most complicated of any in Europe, for they contained those of Hungary, Bohemia, Dalmatia, Slavonia, Avagon, Sicily, Brabant, Swabia, Antwerp, Flanders, Burgundy, Naples, Jerusalem, Milan and Lumbardy.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed executor of the last will and testament of I. W. Case, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them duly verified, within six months from this date, at Astoria National Bank.

D. STUART,
Executor.

Astoria, February 15, 1895.

The estimated losses from hog cholera and swine plague of between $10,000,000 and $25,000,000 per annum in the United States, of the treatment and means of prevention of these diseases in a bulletin issued by the agricultural department, is of great value to the farmers of this country.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Nosice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator of the estate of John O. Hendrickson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them properly verified, with vouchers, at the office of John H. and A. M. Smith, Astoria Oregon.

JOHN W. HOLMSTROM,
Administrator.

"Broiled live lobsters" is a familiar phrase that has been explained to the satisfaction of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but "live broiled lobsters," which appears on the enameled sign of a Broadway restaurant in New York remains yet unexplained.

Undertakers are using cheap coffins pressed out of paper pulp. When polished and stained, such coffins are almost as handsome as wood. They last longer in the ground than coffins of wood or metal, and they can be hermetically sealed better than heavy metal.

Although American steel rails are lower than ever before in the history of the trade, and terms are easier than in all probability they ever will be again, there is still a profit of more than 25 per cent in the manufacture at the lowest prices recently quoted.