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What Silver Will Do.

Here is what the Financial News of London, a recognized authority, has to say of the money question situation in this country:

"There is a plain moral in the remark that if the United States would venture to cut herself adrift from Europe and take outright silver she would have all America and Asia at her back and the command of the markets of both countries. The barrier of gold would be more fatal than any barrier of the custom-house. The bond of silver would be stronger than any bond of free trade. There can be no doubt about it that if the United States were to adopt a silver basis tomorrow, British trade would be ruined before the year was out. Every American would be protected, not only at home but in every other market. Of course the United States would suffer to a certain extent through having to pay her obligations abroad in gold, but the loss of exchange under this head would be a mere drop in the bucket as compared to the profit to be reaped from the markets of South America and Asia, to say nothing of Europe. The marvel is that the United States have not long ago seized the opportunity. It has been a piece of luck that it has never occurred to the Americans to scoop us out of the world's markets by going on a silver basis, and it might serve us right if, irritated by the contemptuous apathy of our government toward the silver problem, the Americans retaliated by freezing out gold. It could be easily done."

City Physician Gillespie says there has been an epidemic of attempted suicides since the death of Masten. Two women of the North End within the last few days have attempted to take their lives and only the timely application of a stomach pump saved them. Then followed the case of the insurance man, Eli Thompson, who was acquainted with Masten, and tried to follow his example by the morphine route. Fortunately for Thompson he was taken hold of in time, and is now at St. Vincent's hospital and out of danger.

Dr. W. N. Goodley, a dentist from one of the Valley towns, and who is a friend of Thompson's, happened to be in the city and ran across him on the dock, at the foot of Washington street, just after he had taken 30 grains of morphine. He knew that Thompson had attempted to take his life before, and therefore promptly notified the police. After purging his system of the poison, Dr. Gillespie found a paper containing 20 grains of morphine inside Thompson's hat.

Thompson's attempt upon his life was caused by monhy troubles, and the desertion of his wife, who is said to be divorced from him. When asked for an explanation he said he was without either money or employment, and had become dispondent. He had been

drinking heavily all day Monday. Dr. Goodley said yesterday that he will take Thompson away with him as soon as he can travel.—Oregonian.

Four Aces Bet Five Kings.

The joke about four aces beating five kings has been often sprung, but there are a few people who know that Bill Lange of the Chicago team was the hero of that famous incident. It was years ago in San Francisco, when Lange was a budding boy and King Kalakaua was a social star during his trip to this country. Lange, although so young, was even then a hot sport, and, so it chanced, happened one night to find himself in a hot poker game, with King Kalakaua opposite. Bill had three aces—history deposes not as to how many he had held out—and Kalakaua three kings. Everybody dropped out except the king and the boy. Kalakaua caught another king in the draw, and lang received the final ace. There was considerable betting, a coast millionaire backing Lange heavily, and a goodly sum was in sight when the call came. The hands were shown, and thus it happened that Bill Lange, with four aces, defeated five kings—Kalakaua and the four lesser monarchs of the deck.—Chicago News.

Bryan at Rochester.

Rochester N. Y. Aug 26.—The Bryan party left Syracuse at 12:30 and reached Rochester at 2:15 the greatest crowd of the trip in New York surrounded the Rochester depot and followed the party to Brown square. There a platform, flag draped, stood in a picturesque spot under the trees. In the streets and on four sides of the square were solid lines of carts and carriages crowded with people. A sea of humanity stretched back of the platform so far that more than half of the would be listeners secured only a view of the speech in pantomime, and on the out skirts hundreds were coming and going, so probably 25,000 had sight of the man of the day though not more than a fourth of them could hear him. Bryan was presented by ex-Secretary of State Frederick Cook and spoke to the crowd, devoting himself mostly to the financial question

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