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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The Spanish-American wars reduced the supply of the precious metals for a time. Between 1810 and 1840 a money famine paralyzed the energies of the civilized world. The entire annual product of gold and silver of the world during that period did not exceed \$30,000,000. A slight increase from the mines of Russia from 1840 to 1850 raised the annual supply to about \$40,000,000. Then came the marvelous discoveries in California and Australia. New life was infused into commerce and enterprise, and wealth and prosperity followed. Since that time the quantity of the two metals has been sufficient to furnish a basis for continued prosperity.

But the dealers in bonds, possessors of fixed incomes, and speculators in Asiatic products have conspired to deprive the world of this heritage. This time it was not the failure of the mines but the legislation and administration of the most enlightened nations on earth which deprived one of the precious metals of its money quality and produced stagnation, hard times, and bankruptcy. The United States, a debtor nation, and the largest producer of silver, led in this legislation, doubled her indebtedness by the enhanced value of money, and deprived herself of the means of payment stipulated in the contract.

The question now is, shall this money famine inaugurated by legislation be continued? Shall the corner which the money kings of the world hold on the circulating medium be maintained? Such prices continue to decline and money advance in value, or shall we retrace our steps, rehabilitate silver, endow it with all the attributes which it possessed before it was demonetized, place it alongside of gold, double the basis of circulation and credit, and relieve this generation of the evil effects of a money famine?

Let no politician be deceived. The question of the restoration of silver can not rest until it is settled. "Unsettled questions have no pity for the repose of mankind." Political parties and private gain count for nothing when weighed in the balance against the prosperity of the people.

I appeal to the advocates of gold: Charge your policy; do right; allow the country to prosper; it will not injure you. You have gathered your harvest by the enhanced value of money. Further contraction is dangerous. You will lose more by the bankruptcy and failure of your debtors than you can extort from them by further increasing the value of money. I appeal to Congress to make every dollar equal to every other dollar by the only method possible—free and unlimited coinage of both of the precious

metals. Treat gold and silver alike and the value of all your coined dollars will be equal; the uncoined metals, gold and silver, will be equal to each other at the ratio of 16 to 1. Give back the money of the Constitution; restore to the people the rich heritage reserved for them in the mines of gold and silver which they have discovered and developed.

SENATOR STEWART.

A Shocking Affair.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 7.—The dissecting room of the Ohio Medical College of this city was last night the scene of a shocking fight, the result of an attempt at hazing, and as a result one student is laid up seriously ill, while others are suffering from nausea. The amphitheater of the college seats several hundred students and is so arranged that the seats rise from the floor at an angle of nearly 70 degrees in order that all may see the operating table. From the floor to the top seat is probably 40 feet. A few days ago, just after the lecture, Sam Rich, a student from Kentucky, started in to haze a student named Hubbard. Rich was on the top seat and Hubbard in the aisle. Rich caught Hubbard, whirled him round and dropped him heavily to the seat below, the intention being to bounce him to the floor. But Hubbard was too quick, and recovering himself knocked Rich senseless. This precipitated a fight that was speedily stopped, though Hubbard got the worst of it and was unable to appear in school until last night, when he went to dissection. Just after he came in Rich threw a piece of tomato on his neck. That started the trouble. Hubbard ran Rich on a table and pounded the latter's face with a bleeding glive. Instantly the whole room was alive with flying arms, legs, hearts, lungs, livers, heads, fingers, feet, skin, muscles and all the horrible contents of a college deadroom. Many students were knocked down, and scalpels were being drawn when the junior turned out the lights. It was one of the most awful scenes witnessed, and the faculty will investigate. Rich is badly beaten up and is in bed.—The Republic.

Clever Surgery.

NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 7.—Wm. Frey, who resides on Washin, t n avenue, has a 10 year old daughter who was afflicted with a compound club foot. The bones were twisted and the foot turned to such an angle that the girl walked on the side of her ankle and the toes pointed directly up. A local surgeon was asked to do something. He opened the foot and removed the bones, leaving a large hole in the foot. To remedy this the surgeon killed a large chicken, and taking the thigh bones sawed them to fit the spaces left by the removal of the foot bones. Antiseptics were applied, the incision closed and sewed up, and after the foot had been

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placed in proper position it was made firm by splints and left alone. Yesterday the splints were removed, when it was found the chicken bones had grown to the human bone, and the foot is now both slightly and useful. It is said to be the first case of the kind on record.—The Republic

Senator Logan in his speech against contraction of the currency and the debt said in part: "Sir turn this matter as we will and look at it from any side whatever, and it does present the appearance of being a stupendous scheme of the money holders, this opportunity of placing under control the vast industries of the nation. Therefore I warn senators against pushing too far the great conflict now going on between capital and labor. It is not our duty to legislate exclusively for either, but if possible, to try

and harmonize the interests of the two. Capital rests upon labor; but when it attempts to press too heavily upon that which supports it in a free public, the slumbering volcano, whose mutterings are beginning already to be heard, will burst forth with a fury that no legislation will quell. Gooding ruin and bond holding rapacity must be checked or the lurid glare of the slumbering volcano will illuminate the American continent."

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