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THE INEVITABLE.

Our country is rapidly approaching a crisis on the financial question. The "terrible conflict" between the national banks and the people predicted by Secretary Chase is approaching, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. The banks have combined to control the financial policy and the politics of the country. When officials declare that the obligations of the government must all be paid in gold, whether in the form of bonds or greenbacks or treasury notes, or silver certificates, and that no provision should be made requiring the payment of custom duties in gold the coast was clear, for the banks to make raids upon the treasury and depleted it of its gold reserves. As the credit of the government must be preserved, it had no resource left to obtain gold but to buy it with interest bearing bonds. The process must be resorted to every few months, or as often as the banks could supply themselves with greenbacks and treasury notes with which to loot the government vaults. Government officials having decided that silver cannot be used in the payment of obligations, but is only credit money, to be redeemed like treasury notes in gold, the bank partly proposes the only remedy in sight, viz: Pay off the greenbacks and other credit money fast as possible and cancel them. Enlarge the powers of the national banks and give them full authority to supply all credit money, and if they get into a tight place permit them to issue an emergency money. One of the prominent reasons given for the adoption of this plan is that it will relieve the government of the banking business. They claim that supplying the money is the legitimate business of corporations, assuming that issuing money is not a function of the government! To supply the treasury with funds to retire the credit money of the government Congress should authorize the issue of interest bearing bonds, which the banks could use for sound, safe, honest money!

In brief, the scheme is to make silver a mere token of money, to be redeemed in gold on demand; rid the country of all government issues of paper currency and give it only the privilege of indorsing and making good the paper of the banks. It is claimed that by giving to the banks the entire control of the currency the people will always have safe and honest money. It will be very safe, as the government assumes the responsibility of its redemption; honest, because the people must pay the banker for its use.

By observing what is going on in South Africa we may read what has been attempted in Venezuela, and what would threaten every country of South America if it were not for the Monroe doctrine. The Transvaal Republic was created by Dutch Boers, who did not want to live under British rule, and who journeyed far into the wilderness to live under a government of their own. When they had founded their state, England followed them up and attempted to annex them. The Boers, single-handed, resisted the British Empire, and maintained their independence. Then gold mines were discovered, and British miners flocked in. They were not invited or wanted, and the Boers systematically discharged their immigration, but to no purpose. They outnumbered the citizens of the republic now, and they demanded political rights which, if granted, would be used to

turn the country over to England. Their demand is backed by the British government on high moral grounds. These British subjects must be protected, and as there is no Monroe doctrine in South Africa the independence of the Transvaal is probably doomed. How long would it be before the same process would be carried out in Venezuela, if the United States were not in the way?

W. H. HARVEY, the free silver oracle, better known as "Coin," has launched his party. It is to be known as the "Patriots of America," and its essential mission is to advance the cause of free silver, eliminate selfishness from politics and incidentally to bring about a kind of political millennium. The constitution proves that no national officer of the party can acquire an elective or appointive office nor acquire property in excess of \$200,000. The officers are W. H. Harvey, first national patriot; C. H. McClure, national recorder, and Jas. F. Adams, national treasurer. The new organization does not start out with much animation.

THE Democratic state central committee which met in Portland on the 7th, fixed the time for holding the next state convention on April 9th. Each county was given a delegate at large and one delegate for each 100 votes or fraction of 50 cast for Judge Bennett at the last election, or 243 delegates in all. The Telegram says that a resolution was adopted by the committee endorsing the action of its chairman and secretary in causing federal appointees in office to remove Republican subordinates and fill their places with Democrats. The resolution was also extended to those who had not "turned the rascals out" and put good Democrats in, in other places; so that it was a pretty good document and fired the Democratic pulse with enthusiastic approval.

THE last Oregon legislature, among other reckless expenditures of the peoples money, appropriated \$18,000 for lighting the state buildings for two years. The Oregonian says: "This expenditure is at the rate of \$18,300 a year. It is sufficient for a city of 50,000 people, and there are many cities of 50,000 that expend less for public lighting. The expenses at our state capital was increased from \$5,000 a year to \$18,300 a year at a time when the contract at \$5,000 had yet nearly four years to run. This is merely a 'specimen brick.' No wonder the state has to increase its tax rate."

THERE arrived in New York the other day from Atlanta, Ga., Miss Cornelia Seibls, a venerable spinster, nearly 100 years old, who is going to Germany to claim her share of a 20 million dollar estate. She has started on this journey with a few dollars, a little bundle of papers and plenty of faith that she is going to become a great heiress.

No organization that does not have a fight in it now and then, has not life enough to entitle it to existence among men. Progress creates friction and friction creates a clash when the currents aim to pass each other on a line where there is only room for one. It is this principle that accounts for so many kilkeny cats.

UNATILLA county seems to be behind in reporting everything to the proper authorities this year. It would appear that a very excellent stock inspector has made a very poor assessor and census enumerator.

Judges and Clerks. Following are the names of those who will act as judges and clerks of election:
North Athens—Judges, A. Shick, J. W. Stamper, L. Dell; clerks, E. S. Waterman, J. Bloch.
South Athens—Judges, R. Coppock, Wm. Russell, Sam Purdy; clerks, T. D. Taylor, J. K. Braily.

The young ladies who gave the leap year ball last Friday night, extend thanks to the Athena Orchestra for their services and the splendid music which they rendered.

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Secretary Carlisle has issued a circular letter of instruction to persons intending to subscribe to the new loan. The circular will be sent to all persons applying for blank forms of proposals which are now ready for distribution. The following is the text of the circular:

"In subscribing for the new 4 per cent bonds, under the circular of January 6, 1895, the annexed form should be detached, filled up and addressed to the secretary of the treasury. The subscriber should state plainly the amount of bonds desired, the price he proposes to pay and the place where the bonds should be delivered, which may be the subscriber's home or at any convenient place. He should, at the same time, state whether he desires to deposit the amount of his subscription at the treasury department or one of the following sub-treasuries, viz:

"Coupon bonds, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1000; registered bonds, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

"Subscribers should, if practicable, state in their proposals the denominations of the bonds desired and whether they should be coupon or registered, but if at the time of offering the subscription the kind and denomination of the bonds desired cannot be stated, the subscriber may defer giving that information until notified that his proposal is accepted.

"Gold certificates will be received the same as gold in payment of subscriptions, but no part shall be made by any subscriber until he has been notified by the secretary that his subscription has been accepted.

"Additional copies of the annexed form of proposals may be had upon application to the secretary of the treasury. Envelopes should be plainly marked. Proposals for 4 per cent bonds."

A SUSCEPTIBLE INDIAN.

Mr. Lo Was Deeply Impressed by a White Woman's Picture.

Mr. Cremony, in his "Life Among the Apaches," gives an entertaining account of a lady who, with whom he once enjoyed an interview. "A tall, strong, well-made and handsome young dandy," he calls him; "about 25 years of age, of very superior consequence, displaying his colossal proportions, his splendid leopard-skin saddle, quiver, leggings and the like.

After awhile Sait-jah came swaggering toward me, and said, in broken Spanish: 'Our chief says you are great medicine; he says your pistol fires six times without reloading; he says you bring the trees which are far off close to the eye, so you can count the leaves; he says your guns reach a great way and never miss; he says a great many other wonderful things, which I cannot believe. You have bewitched him.'

Drawing a six-shooter from my belt, I pointed out a tree about seventy-five yards distant, and began firing rapidly. Each shot struck the tree, and blazed out large fragments of the bark. Sait-jah was astonished, and made no attempt to conceal the fact; but his admiration broke into emphatic expression when he witnessed the precision and reach of our Sharp's rifles, and the rapidity with which they could be loaded and fired. His pride had evidently received a heavy fall, and his lofty bearing was toned down many degrees.

In my possession was the miniature of a young lady, whose graces of person, cultivated mind and amiable disposition rendered her one of the most lovable of Boston's fairest daughters.

Sait-jah happened to see this picture, and asked permission to take a good look at the pleasant features. The miniature was placed in his hand, and his eyes seemed to devour its expressive lineaments. Throughout the remainder of the day he bored me with frequent requests for another look, and the next morning, as soon as the camp was astir, he offered me his bow, arrows and splendid leopard-skin for the picture.

The offer being refused, he added his horse, and whatever other property he might have; then, finding me deaf to his entreaties, he took one long, last look, vaulted on his horse, set off at full speed, and rapidly disappeared in the distance.

Exciting Dance of the Potlach.

"One of the most exciting scenes I ever witnessed was an Alaskan Potlach," said A. L. Henry to a Cincinnati Enquirer man. "The Indians prepare for them for months in advance, and usually fast for a few weeks in order to enjoy the occasion to the utmost. The potlach is a festival given by the chief, not only to the members of his own tribe, but to the neighboring tribes as well. The festivities consist of dancing, singing and games, while beavers are kept constantly roasting, it being a perpetual barbecue for thirty days. The dancing never ceases, and prizes are usually awarded to the person who remains on the ground longest. It is not infrequent for a brave to dance unceasingly for twenty to thirty hours. At one given a short time ago by Chief Stralceps at least fifteen thousand dollars was expended, and in a private letter from a friend there I learned that another chief is soon to give one intended to eclipse that."

The Oldest Curse. According to Scripture, curses were known from the beginning of man. But the earliest curse the world has authentic record of is found inscribed on a door-socket of King Sargon of Babylon, 3200 B. C., in the Assyriological collection of the University of Pennsylvania. The inscription which has been translated by Dr. H. W. Hilprecht, of the university, calls down the vengeance of the gods, Bel Shamash and Ninna, upon the bold disturber of the stone.

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