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A LESSON IN SILVER COINAGE.

In the North American Review for November there appears an article on "Silver Coinage in Mexico," which, in view of the efforts being made in this country to rehabilitate the white metal on the 16 to 1 ratio, is timely and valuable.

Dropping into the mint in the City of Mexico, he observed the weigher testing newly coined silver dollars for the purpose of ascertaining if each one was of lawful weight. Throwing a United States silver dollar on the scales it went up, showing that it was lighter than the Mexican dollar.

The unsatisfactory condition of silver in Mexico a condition which is made more unsatisfactory by fluctuations in its value, he further illustrates as follows:

"At Laredo, Texas, just across the Rio Grande from Mexico, I went into the Bank of Laredo to exchange United States money for Mexican money. The cashier gave me eighty-eight cents premium. Another bank near by gave me ninety cents premium.

The evils of this depreciated currency, he declares, fall with crushing weight upon the laboring class of people. Their wages are a mere pittance anyway, averaging about thirty-six cents a day, and even this amount is paid in the depreciated money—never in anything else.

In our efforts to relieve ourselves of the evils of our present monetary system, we should not adopt others that are worse. That a majority of our people are opposed to gold monometalism there is no question.

The final session of the fifty-third congress began yesterday. Since its adjournment some weeks ago, a new congress has been elected and the people relegated to the minority.

In recent years much has been written on the subject of arbitration of differences between employers and employes, and some have gone so far as to become believers in compulsory arbitration of such differences.

A is a manufacturer who pays his men on an average \$2 a day. Owing to some cause he finds he cannot pay this any longer and reduces wages to \$1.80.

A treaty of amity and commerce between the United States and Japan has been completed and signed at Washington by the Japanese minister and Secretary Gresham.

Although the democratic party was badly routed in the recent elections, it retains a larger representation in the next house than did the republicans after their overthrow of 1890.

The Adrian Press claims and the Argus believes justly that the nomination of Gen. Spalding for congress was due more to the sturdy, persistent and untiring efforts and all-round hustling of Doc. Smith than to any other influence.

The success of the bond issue is an evidence of the confidence of the moneyed interests of the country in the soundness of the national treasury.

Notwithstanding the fact that Governor Rich was re-elected by the largest majority in the history of the state, he received 47,000 less votes than two years ago and 36,000 less votes than Morse received in 1892.

WATE AND THE GAMBLERS.

Colorado's Governor Complains of the Preachers and Prohibitionists. DENVER, Dec. 3.—Governor Waite has made a reply to a petition from the business men of Denver asking that gambling houses be reopened because they keep money in circulation.

MUCH MADE OF LITTLE.

Explanation of the Recent International Flurry at Bluefields. LONDON, Dec. 3.—The following semi-official statement is issued concerning the differences between Great Britain and Nicaragua: Reuter's agency learns that no difference of opinion exists between the governments of Great Britain and the United States with reference to the Mosquito territory.

It is understood that the matter formed the subject of inquiry upon the part of the United States, and a satisfactory explanation of the matter was given by the British government.

Mrs. Hirschfield Is Mrs. Hirschfield. FARGO, N. D., Dec. 3.—The Hirschfield case is ended and the young bride of the Montana millionaire has been declared by a court of equity to be a legal wife.

Ives Plays Phenomenal Billiards. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Another world's billiard record has been broken. In a practice game Frank Ives made a run of 531.

WITH TWO HEADS.

The State of Alabama a Sort of Political Freak.

NO BREACH OF THE PEACE, HOWEVER

Oates and Kolb Each Takes the Oath as Governor and Nothing Exciting Occurs.—The Populist Notified That He Cannot Speak on the Capitol Steps Unless He Years for Trouble, Which he Does Not, and Quiet Reigns.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 3.—The state of Alabama for the first time in its history has two governors and two separate sets of state officers.

Oates Takes the Oath of Office. The legislature in joint session had regularly counted and announced the result. Captain Kolb, Oates' opponent, the nominee of the Populists, charged fraud and claimed that he had received a majority of votes cast and was the rightful leader to the governor's office.

Oates took the oath standing on the very spot on which Jefferson Davis stood when he was sworn in as president of the Southern Confederacy.

Kolb Threatened with Arrest. The only exciting incident of the day was when Kolb, after he had been sworn in by James E. Powell, justice of the peace, marched with a few hundred of his followers to the capitol steps for the purpose of making his inaugural speech.

REMARKS OF KOLB AND OATES.

The One Charges Fraud and the Other Takes a Different View.

Kolb's meeting opened with prayer and he then arose and said that "by frauds of the gravest character the title of the office has been conferred upon Colonel Oates.

"As outlined in my address to the people I have taken the oath of office and sworn in as governor de jure of this state. * * * If a fair and honest ballot law is passed by the present general assembly, that would settle all the trouble and be satisfactory to the people as well as to myself.

Oates devoted much of his inaugural to the quarrel, but denied the charges made by Kolb, declaring that what fraud there was had been done by both parties in about equal degree.

In spite of her dual government Alabama enjoyed as peaceful and quiet a Sunday as any state in the Union. Most of the visitors, including the twenty-six companies of state troops, have left the city.

It has leaked out that the members of that party in the legislature were united against the inauguration of Captain Kolb and did all in their power by writing to their constituents to keep Kolb's supporters away from the city.

Got It All Under One Name.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Frederick T. Proctor and Miss Rachel Munson Williams were married in the fashionable Grace Episcopal church.

Chicago Horse Show Is Over.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—This year's horse show ended with the best ring entertainment of the series. The show was a decided success both from the standpoint of the number and quality of the horses exhibited and the attendance.

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Affairs of the W. C. T. U. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The general officers of the National W. C. T. U. were in session at the Temple here during the past week.

Standard Oil Men and Texas. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—According to the attorneys of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, of this city, a branch of the Standard, the officers of that company will go to Texas and submit themselves to the court at Waco.

Firemen's Headquarters Go to Peoria. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 3.—After two weeks deliberation and visits to numerous cities the board of grand trustees, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has voted on the first ballot to remove headquarters to Peoria.

Swain's Sentence Remitted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—By direction of the president Secretary Lamont has made an order remitting the unexpired portion of the sentence of Brigadier General David C. Swain, judge advocate general of the army, and directing him to take station at Washington awaiting further orders of the department.

Archbishop Ireland at St. Paul. ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—Archbishop Ireland has arrived home after several weeks' visit in the east.

He Was Not the Missing Butler. WATERLOO, La., Dec. 3.—The report telegraphed from Oelwein that the missing Walt H. Butler had appeared at Grundy Center, where he asked for lodgings in calaboose and was refused, appears to be a mistake.

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