

Kent News.

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CLEVELAND ON SILVER.

Warning on the Danger of Continued Coinage That Was Not Heeded.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.

The following is the reply addressed by President-elect Cleveland to the silver coinage advocates in Congress:

To the Hon. A. J. Warner and Others, Members of the Forty-eighth Congress.—Gentlemen: The letter which I have had the honor to receive from you, inviting and indeed obliging me to give expression to some grave public necessities, although in advance of the moment when they would become the objects of my official care and public responsibility, has been carefully and deliberately formed in entirely just, and I accept the suggestion in the same friendly spirit in which it has been made. It is fully justified by the nature of the financial crisis which, under the operation of the act of Congress of February 28, 1878, is now close at hand.

By a compliance with the requirements of that law all the vaults of the Federal Treasury have been and are heaped full of silver coin, which are now worth less than eighty-five percent of the gold dollar prescribed by the unit of value in section 14 of the act of February 12, 1873, and which, with the silver certificates representing such coin, are receivable for all public dues. Being thus receivable, while actually increasing in quantity at the rate of \$25,000,000 a year, it has followed of necessity that the flow of gold into the treasury has been steadily diminished. Silver and silver certificates have displaced and are now displacing gold, and the sum of gold in the Federal Treasury now available for the payment of the gold obligations of the United States and for redemption of the United States notes called "greenbacks," if not already encroached upon, is seriously near such encroachment.

These are facts which, as they do not admit of difference of opinion, call for no argument. They have been forewarned to us in the official reports of every Secretary of the Treasury from 1878 until now. They are plainly affirmed in the last December report of the present Secretary of the Treasury to the Congress, the present House of Representatives. They appear in the official documents of the New York Clearing House, of which the Treasury is a member, and through which the bulk of the receipts and payments of the Federal Government and of the country pass.

These being the facts of our present condition, our danger would seem to be plain. I hope that you concur with me and with the great majority of our fellow-citizens in deeming it most desirable at the present juncture to maintain and continue in use the mass of gold coin, as well as the mass of silver already coined. This is possible by a present suspension of the purchase and coinage of silver. I am not aware that by any other means it is possible, in the face of our present impotence to prevent the two metals from parting company; to prevent the increasing displacement of gold by the increasing coinage of silver; to prevent the disuse of gold in the custom houses of the United States in the daily business of the people; to prevent the ultimate expulsion of gold and silver. Such a financial crisis as these events would precipitate, were it to follow upon so long a period of financial depression, would involve the people of every city and every State in the Union in a prolonged and disastrous trouble. The revival of business enterprise and prosperity so ardently desired and apparently so near would be hopelessly postponed. Gold would be withdrawn to its hoarding places and an unprecedented contraction in the actual volume of our currency would speedily take place.

Saddest of all, in every workshop, mill, factory, store and on every railroad and farm the wages of labor, already depressed, would suffer still further depression by a scaling down of the purchasing power of every so-called dollar paid into the hands of toil. From these impending calamities it is surely a most patriotic and grateful duty of the representatives of the people to deliver them from. I am, gentlemen, with sincere respect, your fellow-citizen.

GROVER CLEVELAND.
Albany, Feb. 24, 1885.

MEXICO'S NATIONAL DRINK.

The stranger in Mexico always complains of thirst, according to a Philadelphia Press correspondent. The rapid evaporation makes his throat and tongue very dry. As the water is poor and unhealthful, pulque shops, a substitute for beer saloons, are frequent. There are said to be 34,000 licensed pulque shops in the city of Mexico, besides numerous barrooms where other beverages are sold. Pulque (pronounced poolkee) is the national drink and is the fermented milk of the agave. Eighty thousand gallons are said to be sold in Mexico every day, and double that amount on Sundays and saint's days. It is a sort of combination of starch and alcohol, looks like well-watered skin milk and tastes like yeast. It costs but a penny a glass, or two cents a quart, so that it is within the reach of the humblest citizen and he drinks vast quantities of it. Five cents' worth will make a person (as all the natives are called) as happy as a lord, and ten cents' worth will send him reeling into the arms of a policeman, who secures him a position to work for the government ten days without compensation. But it leaves no headache in the morning and is said to be very medicinal. In much climates one might drink large quantities without injury, but all the usual intoxicants are harmful in this latitude.

A NEW IDEA.

A "Congress of Beauty" was held at a private residence on Third Hill avenue Monday night. The party had a description, twenty young gentlemen placing \$100 at the disposal of the lady of the house, the half of which was to go to the handsome young lady present. Each gentleman was permitted to invite a young lady, but the lady invited was not to be apprised of the main feature. The committee to fix upon the Venus and award the prize, comprised three old maids, perfectly disinterested, and all living east of Bond street. After an absence of an hour or more, the committee entered and declared a beautiful blonde of 17 entitled to the \$50. The fortunate winner is the daughter of parents in extreme moderate circumstances. In addition to the poverty of the child, the \$50 is desirable on another account. The beauty is to be married in May, and \$50 in the present day of cheap dry goods will go a long way towards the purchase of a bridal outfit. It is better to be born lucky than rich.

A CURE FOR CORNS.

A young man on the smoking car pulled off his tight boots and rested his tired feet. He complained bitterly of suffering with corns.

"Corn, eh," ejaculated a gray-haired man. "Suffer, do you? Well, I don't pity you much. About every man that has corns has himself to thank. If people will pinch their feet and cramp their toes and wear shoes so tight that every time they step the impetus of their motion is checked on their toes instead of their instep they must expect to have corns. I don't pity you much, young man. I can tell you how to get rid of them."

"Of course I read. What has that got to do with corns?"

"A good deal. When you get home take a novel or book you are much interested in. Put a kettle of water on the kitchen stove. Put your feet in a bucket of water as hot as you can stand it. Read your book. Add hot water to your bucket once in a while to keep it hot, taking the cold water out. Keep on reading. Sit there two hours and a half. Occasionally take your feet out and scrape your corns with a knife. Don't do violence to them. Don't cut or lacerate. Scrape off the loose part only. Don't be in a hurry about it. The water will soften your corns and you can gently remove them. It is foolish to cut corns or use a knife. But sit there two hours and a half. Don't be satisfied with two hours. Do as I tell you, wear sensible shoes and you'll have no more corns."

Chicago Herald.

A STATE GOVERNED BY WOMEN.

Among the colonial possessions, or more correctly, dependencies, of Holland, there is a remarkable little State which, in its construction and original costume of its inhabitants, surpasses the best dreams of the advocates of woman's rights. In the island of Java, between the cities of Batavia and Samarang, is the kingdom of Bantam, which, although tributary to Holland, is an independent State. The king is entirely dependent upon his State council. The highest authorities, military commanders and soldiers are, without exception, of the female sex. These amazing ride in masculine style, wearing sharp steel points instead of spurs. They carry a pointed lance, which they swing very gracefully, and also a musket, which is discharged at full gallop. The capital of this little State lies in the most picturesque part of the island, in a fruitful plain, and is defended by two well-kept fortresses.

Thirty Years on One Meal a Day.

David Allen, of East Bridgewater, Mass., has gained a good deal of notoriety on account of eating only one meal a day. Mr. Allen is a former fifty-four years of age, rather large, of average height, strong and healthy in appearance. He said that some thirty years ago, knowing that frequent eating was injurious, he began to eat only one meal a day, taking an ordinary dinner as usual noon each day as possible, and has since continued the practice and does not mean to give it up. He eats very slowly, usually occupying a half to three-quarters of an hour at the table. He does so much work as the average man. Mr. Allen never used tobacco in any form, and has never used intoxicating liquors. The only indulgence which he grants himself aside from the noon meal is an occasional apple or some little fruit.

A Land of Kindness.

A traveller, familiar with Norway and its people, testifies to the remarkable kindness with which the Norwegians treat their domestic animals. One result of this gentleness is that vicious horses are unknown in Norway; broken knees are rarely seen and the animals continue in good condition, and are capable of work until they are twenty-five or thirty years old. The same consideration is extended to other creatures. Cats will approach boys with confidence, and the travelling agents that he one day saw a woman holding an umbrella, as a shelter from the hot summer sun, over a fat black pig. No legislation is needed there to enforce the claims of the dumb creation.

Pretty Cold.

A correspondent from Manitoba writes that with the thermometer 35° below zero the air is so wonderfully clear and dry that it does not seem half so cold as it really is, but the effects are reliable proofs of the temperature. It is a very common sight to see people partly frozen, but unless they see themselves in a glass, or are told of the fact, they are not conscious of being frozen. Occasionally the part frozen will snap off, and kittens and ponies are often broken off. Mustard is a good remedy for the frozen parts. Water poured from a boiler into a pail and taken at once to the stable will frequently be thickly coated with ice, which must be broken before the cattle can quench their thirst.

Afraid of Girls.

One of the bachelor preachers of the Wilmington, N. E. Conference has written to the entertainment committee to secure him a home, during the next annual session, where there are no girls, on the plea of bashfulness. The poor fellow had been assigned to a house where three or four young ladies live before his letter was received. The only way to accommodate this bashful brother is by putting him in the room of the Ugly Man's Club.—South Hill Messenger.

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