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THE EDITOR is at his post again.

THE free silver Democrats of this county, with a wink and a smile simply took their sound money brethren into camp Tuesday, that's all. In the meantime, Turner, Roe & Co. will attend the conventions.

THE Kentucky State Convention gave free silver a big boost on Wednesday. Blackburn lead the white metal horde and was in his glory. Carlysle "was not in it," and the mere mention of Cleveland's name brought groans and hisses.

Two important cases were this week removed from the Queen Anne's Circuit Court to other counties. B Palmer Keating, under six indictments for obtaining money by false pretense, had his case removed for trial in Dorchester, and Brown, the alleged assassin of farmer Rash, will be tried for murder at the October term of the Caroline Court.

THE *Ledger* boomed a bicycle offer for subscribers until it failed to make an impression, then it sent circulars through the mail offering the paper 15 months for 50 cents, and still failing to impress its worth or merit on a righteous public, now squats on its haunches and comes to the conclusion in big type that if it cannot get a big round dollar for the paper for a year's subscription it will quit business. That's grit brother, and we hope to see you win by it.

IN the Democratic party is to be found a very dissatisfied class of individuals. They at present represent the free silver movement and in certain sections are elated at their formidable showing. A short time ago they were clamoring for free trade. The nearest thing they got to it was the Wilson bill. Now, apparently satisfied with its deficiencies and the distress which followed its enactment, they are still further trying to paralyze the business of the country by electing a Congress and President who are willing to make a law declaring fifty cents worth of silver to be a dollar. That is the long and short of it.

CAPTAIN JENKINS won the fight made to unseat him from the office of Assessor in Trappe district. The Commissioners appointed Mr. John F. Mullikin, after reconsidering their first appointment of Mr. Jenkins. To this Mr. Jenkins protested and refused to ignore the appointment. Judge Russum decided in favor of Mr. Jenkins on the ground that once being appointed he could not be unseated except for cause of infidelity to office or incompetency. No one disputes the fact that Mr. Jenkins is highly capable and responsible for the position, but politics wanted to play a hand, hence the contention.

BARBER for Congress! The cry has gone forth, and Talbot will do what she can to bring her man to the front. He is good, strong, clean and a hard worker. Let it be understood that Barber is our nominee and no one else will venture to down him.

The papers have said it.

Centreville *Record*: Dr. Isaac A. Barber, of Easton, has formally announced that he will be a candidate for Congress before the First District Republican Congressional Convention, which meets at Easton in August.

Bel Air *Times*: Dr. Isaac A. Barber, of Talbot county, announces that he is a candidate for the Republican congressional nomination in the First district, against State Senator Dryden, of Somerset. It is said that the Westcott-Burchinal combination in Kent are encouraging the Barber movement, which is expected to give the Somerset Senator a close shave.

Kent *News*: Dr. Isaac A. Barber, of Talbot, has announced his candidacy for the Republican congressional nomination in this district. The contest for the nomination now seems likely to be between Barber and Dryden.

THE democratic goldites at last Tuesday's conventon were reported as having asserted that certain fifteen of the delegates were gold men under guise of being silverites.

There seems to have been no goon reasons for them to arrive at such a conclusion, because fourteen of the fifteen delegates elected in those districts had previously defined their positions on the currency question by signing their names to the call for a meeting of free silver democrats held some time ago.

The goldites claim that if they had run tickets in Chapel, Trappe and Bay Hundred they could have easily won, while on the other hand the silverites claim that the silver sentiment in those districts was too strong, and it was for this reason no opposition ticket was put up. The silver men, knowing that they would have fifteen votes in the Convention, felt that they could afford to lose Easton and St. Michaels and still win. With this understanding many silver men, it is said, did not come out.

THE Silver Democrats are jubilant in Talbot now. They simply had a walkover on Tuesday last.

This came so unexpectedly that the goldbugs were nonplussed. Such a condition of affairs might have had a different termination, had things been managed a little more adroitly.

For instance, when Chairman Bateman called the meeting to order and J. B. Bennett (Cortland Roe's proxy) was nominated temporary chairman, he put the question to a vote and notwithstanding the fact that the vote stood fourteen to ten against the nominee, he was declared elected and assumed the position. It was this together with the public declaration of Mr. Harry Covington (Mowbray's proxy) just prior to the meeting of the Convention that he was going to show how ten could be made to beat fifteen, that incensed the controlling element and caused them to conclude that these gentlemen were only sent in place of the duly elected delegates (one of whom was within thirty yards of the Court House) to attempt by this method to control the Convention. It was not however decided to reject these proxies until W. D. J. Morris, the St. Michaels gold-bug member of the committee on resolutions who failed to control the silver men on the committee, came out of the room and called Covington in to assist him. The climax was then reached. While they decided not to recognize the proxies, they conceded Easton the right to five votes in the Convention.

THE Senate on Tuesday passed the River and Harbor bill over the President's veto by a vote of 56 to 5. Vest, Sherman, Pettigrew and others criticised the Executive very sharply.

THE first session of the 54th Congress is about to close. The record made is a good one, considering the obstacles overcome.

THE Baltimore *Sun* says the present decadence of the Democratic party is a measure and expression of the intellectual and moral decadence of the democratic politicians of either House.

THE Talbot free-silverites fooled the sound money Democrats in this county on Tuesday. The heresy has already fooled those who advocate free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1, and will continue to fool them. In fact fool and fooled is one of the principal ingredients of a bad dollar.

THE Government's expenses and income for the month of May makes a very depressing document. The receipts are three-quarters of a million dollars less than the same month last year, while expenses are correspondingly greater. The deficit for the fiscal year so far is nearly $30,000,000. Want any better evidence of a failure of the Wilson tariff bill? The approaching federal elections will demonstrate the willingness of the people to appeal from free trade drunk to protection sober.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND delivered one of his characteristic perorations in his message to Congress vetoing the River and Harbor bill. The country is in no humor to appreciate bids for votes on such a profusely decorated tray. The bids for bonds are still too fresh. But the alacrity with which both Republican and Democratic members of the House passed the measure over the veto showed their indifference to the Executive's flowery utterances. Then, too, it appears that the President grossly and inexcusably misstated facts in his veto. The House Committee having the Bill in charge dissected the "objections" thoroughly and showed that the President's statements lacked the elements of truth in many particulars. Cleveland, no doubt, is the most glittering generalizer who ever occupied the White House.

NON-EFFECTIVE BISHOPS.

In the Easton *Ledger* of May 28, appears an article under the caption "Bishops and Old Age," which is an attempt to criticise the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for its recent action in reference to Bishops Bowman, Foster and Taylor. It is manifest that the writer of the article did not understand the action of the General Conference which he attempts to criticise, nor is he acquainted with the polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The duties of a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church are thus defined by the Discipline:

1. To preside in the Annual Conferences.
2. To form the Districts according to his judgment.
3. To fix the appointments of the preachers, (within certain limitations).
4. When requested by an annual Conference, to appoint editors of unofficial papers and various agents, (Tract, &c.)
5. In the interval between the sessions of the annual conferences, to change, receive and suspend preachers as necessity may require and as the Discipline directs.
6. To travel through the connection at large.
7. To oversee the spiritual and temporal business of our Church.
8. To consecrate Bishops, and ordain Elders and Deacons.
9. To decide all questions of law involved in proceedings pending in an annual conference, subject to an appeal to the General Conference.
10. To prescribe a course of biblical, ecclesiastical and literary studies, upon which those applying for admission upon trial in the annual conferences shall be examined and approved before such admission.

The Discipline further says: "The General Conference shall determine which of the bishops are Effective and which Non-effective." Acting within the provisions of this law, the committee on Episcopacy at the recent General Conference reported that in its judgment certain of the bishops were effective, and further: "The committee also begs leave to report that, in its judgment, the Senior Bishop, Thomas Bowman and Bishop Randolph S. Foster are unable longer to endure the protracted strain, continuous responsibility, and almost constant travel imposed by the office of bishop, and therefore regretfully recommends that, at the close of the present General Conference they be returned on the list as non-effective.

Resolved, 1, That we record our gratitude to God for the extraordinary services rendered by these venerated and beloved servants of the Church in the various capacities which they filled prior to their election to the episcopacy, and particularly for the distinguished ability with which they have filled the office of General Superintendent for nearly a quarter of a century; for the purity of their character and lives, the sweetness of their spirit and the fidelity to the interests of the Church which has uniformly characterized their official life and administration.

2, That they be at liberty to select their residences in accordance with their convenience and wishes, without regard to the places designated as episcopal residences

3, That we will not cease to pray for them, nor will we abate our affection and regard, but shall always welcome them with unfeigned pleasure, in the General and Annual Conferences, in our churches and homes, and in the performance of any episcopal function to which they may be assigned.

4, That we commend to the Book Committee the most generous appropriation for their support."

This action does *not* "virtually depose" Bishops Bowman and Foster, the Easton *Ledger* to the contrary notwithstanding, and neither is it a case of "turning out to grass an old Bishop." In view of the onerous duties and great responsibilities of a Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, this action simply declares Bishops Bowman and Foster to be non-effective. The Board of Bishops can assign them the presidency of such Conferences as it may see fit. "They can attend the general committees and will be looked upon with reverence and affection there, they can assist in the ordination of missionaries and others, and go down to their graves living where they please." The Book Committee, which has been charged with their support ever since they were elected to the episcopacy, is still charged with it, and has been directed by the General Conference to make it generous. "They are non-effective Bishops in the simple sense that they cannot stand the strain of attention, of responsibility, and of travel of the episcopacy."

It is to be regretted that men do grow old, and old age usually incapaciates us for severe and long-sustained labor. This difficulty is met with in other Communions as well as in the Methodist Episcopal, and other Communions have their way of solving it, as the Methodist Episcopal Communion has hers.

The Churches of Rome and England, in both of which the episcopacy is diocesan, solve it by electing or appointing a Coadjutor, and he is simply an assistant to the bishop who is disabled by age or infirmity from the personal discharge of his duties. Francis Mora became Bishop of Los Angeles, California, in 1878. In 1894, when he was 67 years of age, Bishop Montgomery was appointed his Coadjutor. The Protestant Episcopal Church, also having a diocesan episcopacy, solves the same difficulty by by electing Assistant Bishops. M. A. DeWolfe Howe was made Bishop of Central Pennsylvania in 1871, and in 1884 being 75 years of age, N. S. Rulison was made his assistant.

The Methodist Episcopal Church cannot do this because her episcopacy is not Diocesan but General, yet this church does solve the same difficulty by declaring her aged bishops non-effective thus relieving them of care and responsibility and the necessity to toil. "Only this and nothing more" has been done in the case of Bishops Bowman and Foster, aged respectively 79 and 76. The *Ledger* expresses the opinion that this is "the first recorded instance" of such action. The opinion is erroneous, for the General Conference of 1872, put the then Senior Bishop Thomas A. Morris on the non-effective list, and again, the General Conference of 1880 put the Senior Bishop Levi Scott on the non-effective list, and the action in both these cases was the identical action recently had in reference to Bishops Bowman, Foster and Taylor.

The *Ledger* asks whose imagination could conceive of "any diocese of the American Church turning out to grass an old Bishop?" The question is difficult to answer for the very simple reason that no one of the churches in the United States calls itself by the high-sounding title of "American Church." We know the churches of this country: the Presbyterian, the Roman Catholic, the Methodist Episcopal, and other Methodist churches, the Protestant Episcopal, the Baptist, and others too numerous to mention, but the American Church no man knows.

MISS MAUD INGERSOLL, daughter of renowned Col. "Bob," while riding in a Broadway street car in New York city on Tuesday, happened to look out and see a burly driver whipping a poor animal that was laboring to drag a heavy load, the horse showing raw sores on the shoulder where the tight collar had rubbed the skin away. Miss Ingersoll's pity and indignation were aroused, and jumping up quickly she signalled the car to stop, and got out. As the driver approached, still urging the horse along regardless of its suffering, she called to him to stop, and remonstrated with him for his cruelty in driving an animal in such a condition. The driver made a surly reply and started to move on. Miss Ingersoll at once called a policeman and demanded that he be arrested. The officer complied and the driver was taken to the station house and was locked up upon the charge of cruelty to animals. At the preliminary hearing before the justice the young lady appeared to testify against the truckman. When asked to take the oath Miss Ingersoll demurred. Her religious opinions being those of her father, the great agnostic, she explained that a conventional oath administered on the Bible would not be binding on her. She preferred to assert her intention of telling the truth in some other form. The magistrate permitted her to make a simple affirmation. The testimony she gave was so clear and convincing that he Magistrate decided to hold Brady, the driver, in $300 bail for trial.

In his lectures, Col. Ingersoll points with feeling and pride to his domestic relations and his efforts to inculcate within his family circle reason and love, justice and mercy, that such traits may harmonize with all that is good and grand, making life richer, purer and nobler, and it would appear from the above that Miss Maud has implicit faith in her father's teachings, even to the inspiration of the Bible.



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