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MINING JOURNAL

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What He Was Doing.

Stephen B. Elkins thinks—

—the whole trouble is caused by the fact that President Cleveland did not boldly declare early in April that it was the established policy of the United States to maintain gold and silver at par.

But the New York Evening *Post*, seeing this, asks—

—where was Elkins, April 23, when President Cleveland did just what he (Elkins) now says he should have done?

To this the Cumberland *Times* volunteers an answer:

We rather think that the statesman from West Virginia was enjoying the shadow of his own vine and fig tree and that, like Rip Van Winkle, he had fallen asleep among the everlasting hills.

The JOURNAL is sure the *Times* is mistaken. Mr. Elkins was wide awake, and, what is better, we have it from first hands that he was evidently content with performing the unostentatious duty of endorsing the views of the Cumberland *News*.

Lest there should be any doubt about this construction of Mr. Elkins' office in the premises, the JOURNAL will quote from the *News* itself:

The *News* feels greatly complimented in having its view of the present financial situation endorsed by so distinguished a leader as ex-Secretary Elkins.

The JOURNAL begs pardon for assuming to correct the *Times*, but its love of the truth of history and the integrity of justice compels an unusual diversion from the track of journalistic greatness.

But Mr. Elkins is not alone in the astute business of "endorsing" the financial views of the *News*. He is in the company of no less a grandee than —but we will permit the *News* to speak for itself:

That distinguished statesman, Benjamin Harrison, expresses some opinions upon the business troubles that have come upon the country which are in perfect accord with the position taken by the *News*.

Gratifying as these remarkable coincidences of political concord are, it must be remembered that the *News* enjoys over its great friends the advantages of a rostrum and audience every day. In fact, the *News* is continually talking, in the course of which should it fail to contend for something its leaders can approve, the omission would be a phenomenon in the course of human events.

But what does Gen. Harrison say? We will see:

The Sherman Act is not alone responsible for the prevailing confidence that this country now experiences. The distrust is not against silver only.

In short, a new light has broken in all at once upon the *News*, Mr. Elkins and Gen. Harrison, namely—to pardon silver for what it has done and convict the tariff for what it is going to do. Hence, the rallying cry is—"the tariff, the tariff—what are you going to do with the tariff?"

And the subject of the rallying cry is the agreed, foreordained cause of the current unrest.

Since these gentlemen know all at once so much of prospective causes, they might inform democratic skeptics what tariff change expectation was it that precipitated the panic inaugurated in the Jay Cooke failure in 1873?

And if demonetized silver has only its share of blame to bear now, what proposed tariff changes then divided the dishonor with silver when it was first degraded in this country to a commodity?

The JOURNAL admits that there may have been no connection between the underhand, sneaking manner with which silver was disgraced in 1872 or 1873, but it is a coincidence remarkable that each deadly blow at silver, then and now, should have been followed by a great financial disturbance.

And the JOURNAL'S humble opinion, in consequence, is that prospective tariff legislation has no more to do with the current trouble than it had then?

Still, who can tell?

There were scores of people in this region then who believed the cause had preceded the effect.

In other words, that the reduction of the duty on coal from $1.25 to 75 cents per ton by the same demonetizing hands was the accomplished twin measure of destruction.

For in those times, as now, there was not one-tenth of the friendship in Congress for silver or coal miners that Congress professed.

A Far-Fetched Objection.

The progressive people of Marion county, W. Va., want to build a new courthouse in place of the present memorial of the Middle Ages.

Out among the hayseeds, however, the project has aroused strong antagonism, to which, in several instances, formal shape has been given in public meetings, speeches, preambles, resolutions, etc.

At one of these gatherings the fifth "resolve" adopted reads as follows:

We are unqualifiedly opposed to contracting a bonded debt our posterity may never live to see discharged.

This consideration for the welfare of the generations unborn is as rare as it is tender, as unreserved as it is sweeping.

For the practice in these go-ahead days is to forget that any are to take up the burdens where we lay them down. Or, if we think of the matter at all, to consider that those for whom we build should assume the liabilities as well as the assets of their inheritance.

But imagine how dismal the spirit of melancholy which must have moved an assembly to lose faith all at once in the predisposition of the human race to reproduce itself, world without end!

Or think of a congregation of Jeremiahs weeping over modern degeneracy and through their tears viewing in the wide prospect of future times—not the dispersion, but the extinction of the race!

Or, to go back further—let us adopt for each of the promulgators of the aforesaid resolution No. 5 Adam's announcement concerning himself, as reported by John Milton—

In me all posterity stands cursed.

Having put ourselves in the places of the authors of No. 5 and its kindred resolves, we can easily see that one of two new conditions is possible—nay, probable, if not inevitable:

1, That a bonded debt may become perpetual, and—

2, That "posterity" may be limited to a line somewhere this side of the remotest generation.

This *critique* is, therefore, designed to show that the careless, thoughtless, or extravagant phraseology of declarations against measures of public improvement always betray the true *animus* of mossback hostility. With a range of foresight bounded by the ends of their noses, the "resoluters" can see nothing even in an investment that immediately stimulates growth of the taxable basis, and with affected solicitude for the welfare of their children's children, they assume that all evolution in the domain of economical development has come to an end.

In short, like all obstructionists of public improvement, they were hard up for an argument—a situation which forced the employment of desperate hyperbolism and the indulgence of headlong pessimism.

It is our pleasure, therefore, as it is our duty to inform the *propaganda* of resolution No. 5 and all their innumerable mossback sympathizers throughout the country that no debt can survive posterity, and that as the Lord gave Canaan to Abram and his seed forever, so does He constantly confirm to His chosen ones here their inalienable title to this lovely "land of promise."

And now, as then, the assurance still holds that He "will make thy seed as the dust of the earth," which cannot be enumerated even by the angels until the census of the Great Day.

Concerning that Fear.

The Cumberland *News* charges the JOURNAL with "twisting, squirming and perverting."

It says also the JOURNAL is "an admirable dodger of a direct issue.

The JOURNAL is satisfied that fair-minded readers of the two papers do not so view the situation.

The JOURNAL has asked the *News* question after question, but if it ever attempted a reply to one we have yet to see it.

On the other hand, also, we have quoted it freely, reviewed it exhaustively, criticised it in considerate terms and answered its inquiries candidly and fully.

For instance, we will now quote the *News* and give an example of our work:

The entire country is approaching a condition very nearly resembling "national demnition" through fear that the democracy will *not* continue the "execution of republican legislation."

What could be more "reckless" than for the *News* to assume that the democratic party comprising at least half "the *entire* country," should be afraid that it is going to do what it is going to do, or fear that it will not do what it is going to do?

Or what more perverse than a minority to arrogate to itself the conceit that it is "the *entire* country?"

We will now ask a few questions we want the *News* to answer:

Is "the entire country" afraid the democrats will repeal the Sherman Act—the sop thrown to the silver Senators in exchange for votes for the McKinley Act?

Or is it afraid the democrats will execute that Act as it was handed to them by the last administration?

Or if it is tariff changes "the entire country" is afraid of, by what token shall we tell that one protective law ought to be wiped out and another remain? What *insignia*, for instance, damns the silver miner and what badge saves the coal digger?

Again—why is "the entire country" afraid the country will be ruined by executing one protective Act and again ruined by repealing another protective Act?

Do these stars differ in glory? Or is one sort of protection malefic, another benign?

However, we will come back and ask the *News* again whether "the entire country" fears the democrats will continue the execution of the Sherman Act, or does it fear they will not repeal that Act?

If the former, who will be to blame for the ruin of the country—the authors or the executors of the Act?

If the latter, what possible right has the *News* to ask for the retention of the tariff on coal?

Neither One Nor the Other.

Quoting Walter Besant, the *Ledger* prints this paragraph:

Everybody says that gentile birth is an accident, and everybody treats it as an achievement.

The *Ledger's* Hebrew friends now understand, doubtless, that it is not an extraordinary thing at all to be born a Jew.

A Present Duty.

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This Beats All.

But the operators know that if the tariff on coal had been wholly protective that a million tons of foreign coal would not have come in during the year just closed.—JOURNAL.

Just so. But what of the one million two hundred thousand tons of soft coal exported under the operation of the seventy-five cent tariff? As there was more coal exported than imported the balance of trade was in our favor, and the proof is established that seventy-five cents not only operates as a protection to this industry, but creates a kind of reciprocity that redounds to our benefit.—Cumberland *News*.

"Tell it not in Gath! Publish it not in the streets of Askalon!"

Think of a retaliatory tariff promoting exportation!

And then imagine retaliation ending in reciprocity!

Beats the Golden Rule by many laps!

However, let us admit that the *News* is intending that funny conclusion to be an argument—will it tell us how many more tons we would export if the tariff were approximately reciprocal—say 50 cents a ton?

Or, how many less?

We would really like to know why Mr. McComas did not give us more tariff to stimulate exportation, or less of it to do the same thing.

As a matter of fact, the exportation of coal has nothing to do with the case. If the duty protects our coal, as is claimed, the million tons would not have come in.

But as it turns out at last that the duty does not protect, we find that to send out of the country two hundred thousand tons net, we have to let a million in.

Where is "the balance of trade" now?

So that all the advantage the tariff gave us in last year's transactions was that wages cleared $140,000 and government $750,000.

Had the tariff been really protective, wages would have gotten $700,000, government nothing.

Miners can now see that they paid $560,000 taxes last year to the government under the existing style of protection without knowing it.

Stop Thief!

A Washington dispatch says:

For a century the price of silver has been regulated by the London market. In that market silver was treated simply as a commodity and its commercial value, or market price, depended upon the demand and supply, the same as in the case of any other commodity.

In a letter written eight days ago Hon. John Sherman says:

No doubt it is desirable to use both gold and silver for coinage to the utmost extent that will not demonetize either of them. Even if a new ratio should be adopted, *unless it has the sanction of the chief European powers*, it will not prevent fluctuation in the relative value of gold and silver.

We will not stop to ask—where is the Chinese Wall?—but to indulge in a little history based on this irrefutable statement:

This is the only great panic in the United States that did not start inside the country!

But those of 1837 and 1873 were for the most part native and due to the reactionary results of fictitious inflations occasioned by unstable mediums of exchange.

The current disturbance began in India with a deadly assault upon a pet *protege* of American protection.

A financial panic, therefore, is the collapse of a boom.

Whether it be a town or a country that unduly stimulates growth and forces development, the disastrous result is the same, differing only in magnitude.

A town can no more overbuild itself than a merchant can put on airs with a big stock of goods he cannot sell.

A country can no more prosper by special legislation favoring a given industry than our colleges can advance the cause of education by making dentists of all our young men.

Last fall's election called a halt on the boom policy.

Hence, it is only the boomers, speculators in meretricious values and the Othellos of fictitious occupations who mean only their own ungodly trades when they say "the country is ruined!"

He Will Have High Protection Company.

The Cumberland *News* believes United States Senator Gibson, of this State, "maybe counted on to vote for free coal" because the Baltimore *American* reports him as saying:

—the tariff will be lowered. The principle of protection to American industries will be ignored because they do not require protection.

It is more than likely "pretty Charly" is not an accredited spokesman of Maryland senatorial sentiment.

Still, in a free-trade shuffle with his republican contemporaries from New England he may be induced to betray that product of his State which most needs all the husbandry and consideration which government can afford.

Charly is said to be vain of his fine address and commanding physique.

Such men are susceptible to flattery.

Hence, there is no telling what the wily Gen. Felix Agnus said about him to his face in order to draw from him something congenial with the *American's* view of the attitude Maryland democrats should hold toward coal.

But when Charly votes for free coal he will do so alongside of every republican senator north of the Potomac and north-east of the Allegheny river.

LOCAL NEWS.

Painful Accident.

A 10-year old son of Richard Gunter had his right hand badly mutilated Tuesday by being caught in a feed-chopper. It is thought one finger will have to be amputated, and perhaps more than one.

SEMI-LOCAL NEWS.

Brevities.

The country between Pocahontas and Sandpatch still maintains the old-fashioned smoke-house; also the old-fashioned thief who breaks into it.

The Cumberland *Times* reports a feat of Harry Hudson, formerly of Cumberland, at Fairmont, W. Va. It says that "on a wager of $1 against a gold watch with Frank Flech, of Morgantown, he climbed to the top of the new bridge there, 100 eet in the clear." It ought to be practicable now for the grand jury of Marion county to indict both Messrs. Hudson and Flech.

The picture of the leading citizen of Pocahontas which will appear in the JOURNAL erelong will undoubtedly be inaccurate in a vital respect. It is impossible to print with ink that is black whiskers that are pink.

COUNTY NEWS.

Badly Hurt.

John Keeler, of Eckhart, was very badly hurt in the mine at that place yesterday morning.

Orphans' Court.

Letters of administration were granted Tuesday to William H. Evans and John Price upon the estate of James Reid, late of Allegany county, deceased.

The Coal Trade.

Shipments of coal from the mines of the Georges Creek coal region were in long tons—

For week ending July 22, 1893.....	84,824
" year to same date.....	2,245,095
Increase compared with last year....	219,815

Taxpayers, Take Notice.

The Lonaconing *Star* says "taxpayers at Frostburg, Vale Summit and Eckhart are requested to note the dates in Collector Scott's advertisement for August. Don't forget the dates, but save your discount."

Political.

The republican convention to nominate a candidate for Chief Judge will be held in Hagerstown Sept. 5.

The democratic primaries to elect delegates to the nominating convention for county officers will be held Saturday, September 9; the convention Tuesday, Sept. 12. The primary hour from Mt. Savage to Westernport is from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Brevities.

The free-for-all race for the House of Delegates just below Moscow shows that the Bartonian in pursuit of that sort of honorable distinction which is connected with an office is about as swift a sprinter as his neighbor in Lonaconing.

Since writing the article, "Concerning that Fear," the Cumberland *News* has answered the question involving the causes of definite and indefinite tariff rates. Comments next week.

The venerable H. C. Rank, of Lonaconing, applies to Frostburg and Clarysville the antediluvian story arising out of the metropolitan competition between Squeehawken and Scuffleburg, away back in the country afterward known as Mesopotamia. One would think Henry had outgrown the jokes of those times, but it is very clear now that as a facetious historian he is no spring chicken.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Brevities.

The editor of the Sang Run *Paralyzer* is suffering from the heat. He has to go down into the cellar to think.—Devil's Alley *Passbook*.

Somebody Outraged Every Day.

In the holy name of religion, in honor of the sanctity of the Sabbath, we most decidedly object to the World's Fair being opened to the public at all. The Sabbath of the Greeks is Monday, of the Persians Tuesday, of the Assyrians Wednesday, of the Egyptians Thursday, of the Turks Friday, of the Jews and Seventh Day Adventists Saturday, and of the large body of Christians Sunday.—Sacramento (Cal.) *Bee*.

Thanks for This.

The proposition of our esteemed friend, the High Lonesome Sachem of Sang Run and Jarat Sing Maharajah of Frostburg's JOURNAL, the venerable J. Benson Oder, to the effect that excessive legislative protection will eventually destroy the product intended to be protected, receives the high and cordial endorsement of the courtly and learned Eugene Calvarro, of the New York *World*. While this endorsement is needless and is really gilding the lily and refining the rose, it is gratifying as being evidence alike of the truism that great minds think alike and the triteness that in the realm of men entirely great the quill is mightier than the carving knife, yea even, or than the scythe.—Cumberland *Times*.

Half Rate Excursions to the World's Fair.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. will run a series of special excursions to the World's Fair for which excursion tickets to Chicago will be sold at rate of one fare for the round trip from Baltimore and all stations west of there as far as the Ohio River. The dates selected are Aug. 1st, 8th and 17th. The special trains will consist of first-class day coaches, equipped with lavatories and other toilet conveniences, and an experienced Tourist Agent and a train porter will accompany each train, to look after the comfort of passengers. Stops for meals will be made at meal stations en route. The tickets will be valid for the out-journey on the special trains only, excepting that from way points they will be honored on local trains to the nearest station at which the special trains are scheduled to stop. They will be valid for return journey in day coaches on all trains leaving Chicago within ten days, including date of sale.

Following is schedule of the special trains and rates from principal stations in this vicinity;

Leave	*p. m.*	*Rate.*
Cumberland.....	3:45	$15.00
Piedmont.....	4:25	14.50

Arrive Chicago next day at 1:15 p. m.

Remember the dates: August 1st, 8th and 17th.

PUBLICATIONS.

Mid-Summer Novelties in Ladies Hats.

Plain or elaborate, a toilette can hardly become a success without an accompanying hat which will harmonize and add to it the indispensable finishing touch. But the selection of the latter is a problem of considerable study, for one must bear in mind the circumstances for which a costume is intended and accordingly choose the most appropriate head-gear. One must also consult the possibilities of one's purse, and most important of all, one is compelled to remain meanwhile within the proper boundaries of the latest styles. When we come to the latter, however, what a bewildering embarrassment of riches confront us! For the choice may extend from the plain tailor toque to the complicated garden hat made of some sheer material, in other words, it may include the whole range of milliners' creations: delicate tinted straws; poems of lace and flowers or of material similiar to that of the costume; tennis and yachting caps; Casino bonnets and the infinite variety of bridal hats. One of the characteristic features of the McDowell fashion journals is that they generally represent a hat of the latest fashion with each costume, for the double purpose of giving millinery novelties and of illustrating the intimate relation between a toilet and the headgear. The most popular of these fashion magazines are: *La Mode de Paris, Paris Album of fashion, The French Dressmaker* and *La Mode*. The former two cost $3.50 each, a year, or 35 cents a copy.

The French Dressmaker is $3 per annum, or 30 cents a copy. *La Mode* costs only $1.50 a year, or 15 cents a copy, and is intended to become the home fashion journal par excellence. If you are unable to procure any of these magazines at your newsdealers, do not accept any substitute, but apply directly to Messrs. A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th Street, New York.

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