THE COLORADO PLAN.

It Has at Least Sprung an Interesting Question for Discussion.

The movement inaugurated by Gov. Waite, of Colorado, and others to obtain the coinage of American silver in Mexico and by state legislation to make the coins legal tender in the silver producing and other western states, has raised some interesting constitutional questions. A Washington telegram announces that Acting Secretary Curtis, of the treasury department, has declared that the government of the United States would promptly interfere should an attempt be made to make silver legal tender and provide for its free coinage at the state mint. And Mr. Curtis is further quoted as having said that Gov. Waite must know that the United States alone has the right to coin money and that the coinage by a state would be contrary to the constitution.

But Mr. Curtis appears not to know what he is talking about. There has never been any proposition, so far as we have observed, for the silver states or any state to establish or maintain a mint for the coinage of silver or other money. Everyone knows that the constitution not only vests congress with the power to coin money, which, by implication, would be held to exclude the states from the exercise of that right, but that section 10, of article 1, expressly inhiblts the states in that regard. The language is: "No state * * * shall coin money." There is no possible ground for controversy. What Gov. Waite and those who are acting with him are aiming at is to have the silver producing states avail themselves of another clause in section 10, article 1, which they contend reserves to the states, by implication, the power to declare any silver coin legal tender. The exact language is: "No state * * * shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." The plan, then, is to send American silver to Mexico, to be there minted into some form of coin. The states, it is contended by those in the movement, can then without impinging upon the federal constitution make such coins legal tender for all debts within such states respectively. Whether, if this plan should be undertaken by state authority, it might be held to be an indirect attempt to coin money, and therefore violative of the inhibition upon the states above quoted, is another question.

Irrespective, however, of this proposition to send American silver to be coined abroad, there does not appear to be any authority for denying the power of the states to declare any coin of gold or silver legal tender for debts. It is well known as a matter of history that at the time of the adoption of the constitution, and for many years after, foreign coins of gold and silver circulated freely in the states and were recognized as legal tender. Congress from time to time declared certain foreign coins legal tender, but several of the states, we believe, also passed laws regarding such coins. At all events the language of the constitution does certainly, by implication, permit the states to declare coins of gold and silver legal tender for debts, and does not specify that such coins shall be only those struck by the mints of the United States.

What may be the outcome of this movement we do not pretend to predict. There is a dispatch from the City of Mexico stating that the Mexican government had declined to treat with certain persons who claimed to represent the state of Colorado, and who desired to arrange for the coinage of American silver in the Mexican mints. This, of course, is so. President Diaz, who is an enlightened statesman, knows perfectly well that a state in the American union is prohibited from entering into treaties or engagements with foreign nations. But this does not argue that the Mexicans are opposed to the Colorado plan. In fact, a dispatch from Denver states that Gov. Waite has received a letter from President Diaz in which the latter expressed deep interest in the project to make all silver dollars of full weight legal tender in the western states.

Altogether this recent silver movement has become quite interesting and may have important results.—San Francisco Chronicle.

HOT SHOT.

A Southern Democratic Paper Has Something to Say on the Silver Question in General and the Attitude of Senator Voorhees in Particular.

It is said that the brethern who followed the lead of Mr. Voorhees in his fight against the continued purchase of silver have been struck dumb by his measure which he has just introduced, providing for the renewal of government purchase of silver. They do not know what to make of it. They retire to the cloakrooms and scratch their heads on the bald spots, or stand in the hotel lobbies and chew this new and surprising financial cud.

But scratch and chew as they will, they cannot solve the riddle. What does Mr. Voorhees mean? What is his motive? What does he propose to accomplish? Does he introduce this new financial scheme as a Hoosier solution of the financial problem, as a personal measure or as a democratic plan. These are the questions that are bothering the brand new as well as the musty and fussy statesmen around Washington, and they find no answer. They cannot make head or tail of the proposition to revive again the scheme of silver purchases which Mr. Voorhees grew haggard in opposing.

The Indiana senator very frankly says that it is not an administration measure, though that fact was patent from the first. On the other hand it is very far from being a democratic measure. We judge that Senator Voorhees learned on his return to Indiana, after the adjournment of the extra session, that the people of his state were not enthusiastic over the record he had made as the right bower of John Sherman in the movement that resulted in the final demonetization of silver. We imagine he found that his programme of coining silver free on the stump and smashing it by means of legislation did not commend itself to the enthusiasm of the rock-ribbed and unterrified democracy that has been holding the fort in the Hoosier state. Consequently he felt it incumbent on him to demonstrate to his constituents that he is not only in favor of free coinage of silver on the stump but also in favor of reviving the purchasing clause of the Sherman act that he joined the enemies of silver in destroying.

But while Mr. Voorhees was trying to get back to a position from which he had permitted himself to be coaxed or driven, why did he fail to remember the democratic platfarm, which is still the constitution and the law of the party? What is the matter with it that democrats like Mr. Voorhees should run away from it? The people were not afraid of it during the campaign; why should the politicians who are engaged in the business of legislation endeavor to flee from it now that the people have indorsed it. Have they suddenly found that the platform is unmixed folly, or have they discovered that the people who voted for it are fools?

If Mr. Voorhees desired to identify himself with a measure that would meet the expectations of the people and benefit the country, why did he not embody in a bill the plain and simple pledge of the platform, wherein the party solemnly commits itself to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country without discrimination against either metal at the mints or in the law? On the other hand, why should Mr. Voorhees, unless he is engaged in furthering a political sham and fraud, attach his name to a proposition which he himself denounced a short while ago as neither wise nor democratic, and which is as far removed from the policy of his party as the financial views of John Sherman?

Mr. Voorhees knows, or he certainly ought to know, that democratic opposition to the repeal of the Sherman law had no foundation in a desire to continue the purchase of silver bullion, either for coinage or storage. He ought to know that all the opposition developed was against unconditional repeal—against a measure which substituted the single gold standard for the purchasing clause. There is not a word in the democratic platform authorizing unconditional repeal—there is not a word, nor anything that could be wrung into an intimation, in favor of the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act. Mr. Voorhees knew that fact when he and John Sherman were working to annihilate the democratic policy, and he knows it now.

The democratic financial policy, as set forth in the democratic platform, was to repeal the Sherman law—the whole of it—by substituting legislation making silver and gold the money standard of the country. The democratic financial policy is the free coinage of silver—otherwise the people have been shamelessly betrayed by the men in whom they placed their trust and to whom they confided their interests. If, therefore, Senator Voorhees was anxious to redeem himself, or to benefit the people, or to carry out the policy of the democratic party, why did he he not take an open course and introduce a measure embodying the pledge of the democratic platform—a measure providing for the use of both gold and silver as the money standard of the country without discriminating against either metal?

The contest is now between the single gold standard and the joint standard—between the gold dollar that is constantly increasing in purchasing power, thereby destroying values and knocking down prices, and the joint bimetallic standard that checks appreciation and prevents depreciation. It is a contest that must be fought out on its merits and by the light of experience—and the people are very rapidly accumulating all the experience they need to enable them to dispose of this issue.

We advise Mr. Voorhees to enlarge his bill and make it a democratic measure.—Atlanta Constitution.

Silver Threads

In 1620 the first large copper coins were minted in England, putting an end to private leaden tokens.

To save her own trade at home, England has now laid the paralyzing hand of demonetization on India.

How about the good times that were to so speedily follow the repeal of the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman act?

Suppose we borrow gold on new bonds, what is to prevent the holders of the bonds from unloading them on the country at any time and taking the gold away from us?

In 1684 Charles II. minted tin and tried to make it pass current. After his abdication James II. minted gun metal and pewter and endeavored to make purchases with the coins.

The Norman-English coined silver pence with a cross deeply cut into the coin, in order that it might be easily broken into half-pence and farthings when small change was needed.

Senator Stewart thinks that if silver cannot be remonetized, and the former system of regulating the volume of circulation, automatically by the quantity of gold and silver attainable, cannot be restored, the interests of the human race requires the speedy demonetization of gold and the substitution of some other kind of money.

Mexico's Faith in Silver.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, has been to Mexico lately, and in speaking of that country, said: "I was surprised to find that the Mexican people should have so thorough an understanding of the attitude of the United States on the silver question. They are advocates of silver to a man, and say that whatever other countries may do they will stand by that metal for money purposes. The reason for this is found in the fact that Mexico is to-day more prosperous than ever before in its history, and the country is developing with wonderful rapidity. Foreign exchange is high, but that does not affect the masses of the people in the least, except that it encourages local enterprise."

INDIANA STATE NEWS.

A LETTER has just been returned from the dead letter office to LaPorte that was sent from LaPorte by N. Weber fourteen years ago. It contained a sum of money for an address in New York. It has been lying in the dead letter office at Washington, and the explanation is that it was found in the desk of a clerk who had recently been removed.

AT a primary election, held at Shelbyville, Mr. Majors was nominated by the citizens for postmaster, and he has been recommended for appointment by Representative Holman.

THE fololwing fourth-class postmasters were commissioned a few days ago: Flackville, Marion county, W. C Rush; Lasher, Perry couuty, Mary E. King; Mier, Grant county, C. M. Harrison.

THE president sent to the senate the names of the following to be postmasters: Edgar A. Smith, Converse; David A. Fawcett, La Grange; Ossian H. Cook, Pendleton; Adam R. Ebert, Hammond.

JUDGE MCNUTT, of the superior court, at Terre Haute, fined Ex-Judge Mack twenty-five dollars for contempt of court, and ordered him out of the slander suit which was being heard by the court. The ex-judge said something which displeased Judge McNutt.

EX-AUDITOR PARVIN was crushed to death while assisting at a barn-raising, near Sullivan.

IN the Owen Biggs murder case at Brazil, the other evening, the jury brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of murder. He will be sent to the pen for life.

THE Lake Erie & Western railroad has sued Receiver Hawkins, of the Indianapolis national bank, for $19,000. The company claims that amount represents drafts, deposits and collections which have been wrongfully allowed to commingle with the general assets of the bank.

FOUR years ago Emma Huston, who lives near Seymour, wrote a note in a sentimental moment, and, having consigned it to a corked bottle, she gave it to the waters of the Blue river to carry where they would. For four years Miss Huston heard nothing from the note. A few days ago Frank Always, while digging in a gravel bank, found the bottle buried beneath four feet of deposit. It was within two miles of Rockport. There has been no wedding.

THE superior courtroom, Brazil, was packed to suffocation to hear the argument in the Elias Owens murder case. The jury the other evening rendered a verdict sentencing the defendant to the prison south for life. Owens shot and killed James Biggs at Clay City, June 8.

MRS. GEO. KUERLT, of Valparaiso, suddenly recovered her speech, lost twenty-three years ago, when she heard of a railroad accident in which her brother was killed.

A DASTARDLY attempt to wreck the early passenger train on the Wabash road, at a point just west of Logansport, was made. Ties were placed on the track, but a freight train which came ahead of the passenger train, at a slow rate of speed, pushed the pile off before any damage was done. A similar attempt was made to wreck the same train a few weeks ago.

FOUR years ago Robert Iron Skyles, awaiting trial in Indianapolis on a charge of receiving several thousand dollars by pateut right frauds, made his escape from jail by the aid of his wife and another woman. A communication has been received from the police superintendent of Stillwater, Minn., saying that Skyles is serving a term in the state prison in that city, and that he will be released in February.

THE Orphans' home at Columbus now shelters 36 inmates.

COLUMBUS fishermen are taking many fine bass from White river.

THERE have been 15,000 acres of land leased in the Muncie gas belt, and the wells will be drained to supply gas to the Lima (O.) fields.

THE Indiana Highway Improvement association concluded its meeting the other day and elected the following officers: President, J. A. Mount, Shannondale; secretary, Evans Woolen, Indianapolis; treasurer, Christian Holler, St. Joseph county. Resolutions were adopted opposing any immediate increase in the taxation for road purposes.

A BIG FOUR freight train arrived in Muncie from the west the other morning on fire. The city fire department was called out and quenched the flames. The loss is several hundred dollars.

FREDERICK TESCHER is in jail at South Bend charged with securing poison for Lilie Lloyd, an abandoned woman, that she might commit suicide. By strenuous efforts her life was saved. Tescher is the son of a well-known and eminently respectable parents who have used every effort to make a man of him.

L. RODGERS & SON'S carriage factory in New Castle was totally destroyed by fire the other night, the stock in the warehouses and the warehouses themselves, alone being saved. Its origin is unknown.

AT Kokomo Mrs. August Schmidt, indicted for murder in the first degree in the killing of her tenant, Oscar Walton, October 20, was denied bail the other morning on habeas corpus proceedings. She will appeal to the supreme court. The murderess is a wealthy German widow, 45 years old, and the daughter of a baroness.

AT Madison, in charging the grand jury, Judge Friendly specially instructed them to investigate the recent bloody prize fight between Stapp, of Madison, and Essler, of Lawrenceburg.

RUSSELL, the 16-year-old son of S. N. Davidson, a Jefferson merchant, while out hunting, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun.

THE other night a fourteen-year-old named Armstrong went into the stable of John Hogeman, near Prescott, Shelby county, to feed a stallion, when the animal rushed on him and tore through one cheek with his teeth and otherwise injured him. Prompt assistance saved the boy's life.

To Her Boa.

About my lady's snowy neck,
O, little boa of fur,
You cling whenever she goes out,
And like it, I aver.

Her chin she nestles close to you,
And you peep out beneath;
You can't conceal your ecstasy,
But smile and show your teeth.

I know she loves me very well,
It's very trying, though,
To see you in a place where my
Most anxious arm can't go.

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If my right arm were in your place
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TOMMY—"Paw, what is the difference between a journalist and a newspaper man?" Mr. Figg—"The newspaper man is the one who lends, while the journalist makes the borrow, usually."—Indianapolis Journal.

"GREAT Scott! doesn't time fly: it—" "Well, you won't think so if you'll stop and listen to that hand organ playing." "What has that to do with it?" "It is playing 'After the Ball' still."—Inter Ocean.

JONESY has discovered a curious feature about German-English dialect. He says when a German falls ill he swallows "dher bill," and afterwards he pays "dher pill."—Harper's Bazar.

"HOW SLOWLY the train is moving now!" said a passenger. "Yes," replied another. "The baggage master must have checked it."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

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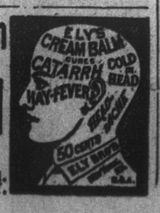

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Minneapolis Patents	3 50	@ 3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	67½	@ 68⅜
Ungraded Red	65	@ 67
CORN—No. 2	42¼	@ 42½
Ungraded Mixed	43	@ 43½
OATS—Track Mixed Western	34	@ 35½
RYE—Western	50	@ 57¾
PORK—Mess, New	14 00	@14 50
LARD—Western	8 40	@ 8 45
BUTTER—Western Creamery	19	@ 20½
Western Dairy	16½	@ 19
	CHICAGO.	
BEEVES—Shipping Steers	$3 00	@ 6 00
Cows	1 25	@ 2 70
Stockers	2 20	@ 2 90
Feeders	2 90	@ 3 60
Butchers' Steers	2 90	@ 3 50
Bulls	1 50	@ 3 50
HOGS	4 95	@ 5 40
SHEEP	1 25	@ 3 75
BUTTER—Creamery	18	@ 22
Dairy	15	@ 23
EGGS—Fresh	18½	@ 19
BROOM CORN—		
Western (per ton.)	35 00	@60 00
Western Dwarf	50 00	@70 00
Illinois, Good Choice	50 00	@70 00
POTATOES (per bu.)	45	@ 55
PORK—Mess	13 02½	@13 07½
LARD—Steam	8 05	@ 8 15
FLOUR—Spring Patents	3 50	@ 3 90
Spring Straights	1 50	@ 2 80
Winter Patents	3 25	@ 3 50
Winter Straights	2 80	@ 3 00
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2	62½	@ 63
Corn, No. 2	35	@ 35¼
Oats, No. 2	28½	@ 28¾
Rye, No. 2	45½	@ 46
Barley, Choice to Fancy	48	@ 51
LUMBER—		
Siding	15 00	@22 50
Flooring	34 00	@36 00
Common Boards	14 00	@14 25
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