

A NEW FINANCIAL TEACHER.

He is Smoked Out by a Colorado Friend of Silver.

Prof. Kearsby, of the university of Colorado, has an article in the Forum for January, explaining his view of the origin of the silver movement and how it has secured such a hold on the south. Prof. Kearsby's educational associations have been such as to make him "sound" on the coinage question, in the Wall street orthodox sense, and he has thus far escaped the silver craze which is so deep-rooted in the west that it reminds him of the belief in religious dogma in the early Middle ages—the period of the densest ignorance known to Christendom.

"One hears it often said in the east," this writer tells us, "that the silver problem is strictly a business problem, to be decided along strictly business lines, by strictly business men. As far as the west is concerned there never was a more fatal delusion. That all-important question, whether gold has risen in value or silver has gradually fallen in comparison with our staple commodities, has, oddly enough, scarcely been considered by the western people." They know as a fact, he tells us, that the price of silver expressed in gold has fallen and to them it has seemed self-evident that the depreciation has been caused by the diminished demand for silver because of its demonetization. Hence, we are told, from the true single gold standard view, that "little credence has been put in the converse theory, that the decline in the price of silver is due to the continual cheapening in its cost of production."

Prof. Kearsby traces the silver movement to the self-interest of the silver miner and to his ability, by plausible but fictitious reasoning, to impose upon the gullibility of the hard-working but innocent farmer. The latter finds himself in debt, but the harder he labors and the more self-denial he exercises the greater the difficulty—or seeming difficulty—to get a decent living for his family and pay interest on the eastern mortgage. This condition becomes more and more apparent as the years pass and though the farmer discusses it vigorously with his neighbors, it is beyond their comprehension.

This perplexity lasts until the silver miner comes along and realizing his inability to fight the money power of the east single-handed, resolves at once to enlighten his suffering brother and to draw him over to the cause of silver.

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UNEMPLOYED mechanics, at Columbus, to the number of one hundred were put to work the other day at \$1 a day at the county's expense.

GEO. N. JERAULD, probably the oldest active merchant in the state, died at Princeton. He was 83, and had been in the mercantile business at the same stand for more than sixty years, during which time he accumulated a fortune of \$150,000 to \$200,000.

JOHN TURNER, a colored youth at Marion, was arrested for tapping the cash drawer in the county treasurer's office. He got \$12.

FOR several months Gov. Matthews has been troubled with a peculiar affection of the stomach, which is giving his friends much concern, although the governor himself is disposed to make light of it, and so far has steadily refused to call medical advice.

PHILIP STEVENS, south of Kokomo, is distressed over a fatal error the other night. His baby was suffering with a cold and he got up to give it some squills. By mistake he got hold of the wrong bottle and gave it to the baby. The baby died two hours later.

A MONUMENT has been placed in position at the grave of Mrs. Benjamin Harrison. The stone is plain and massive, with a seven-foot base, and it rises to a height of nine feet. It is of Barre granite, in four pieces. Upon the third base is the word "Harrison." The carved capitals and astragals give the necessary relief.

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The Precious Metals.

The annual report of Wells, Fargo & Co., just made public, shows the product of gold and silver in the states and territories west of the Missouri river (including British Columbia) to have been for the year 1892, gold, \$32,692; silver, \$88,491,521. The net product of the states and territories west of the Missouri, exclusive of British Columbia and west coast of Mexico, was of silver, \$34,491,521, and of gold, \$33,048,723.

The exports of silver during the past year to Japan, China, the Straits, etc., have been as follows: From London, \$55,973,825; from San Francisco, \$11,741,660. Total, \$67,715,45, as against \$67,342,524 last year. During the year 1892 the product of gold in Mexico was \$16,514, and of silver \$552,895,000. In Mexico there was coined during 1892 of gold dollars, \$61,672; of silver dollars, \$27,189,876.

SENATOR JONES' Warning.

SENATOR JONES, of Nevada, says that the solution of the present industrial problem is to give employment to every willing hand. This may be accomplished through the free coinage of silver. This expresses the whole situation in a nutshell. The world needs an increase in the circulating medium.

A falling rate of interest, according to Senator Jones, indicates that money is becoming scarcer and dearer. The present conditions bear out this view.

The government can float three per cent bonds, but the people cannot obtain money with which to pay their debts. "If the people do not destroy the gold standard," says the Nevada senator, "the gold standard will destroy them." Surely the situation is such that the people must open their eyes to the truth of this warning.—Denver Times.

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