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181,000,000 silver dollars. Now, to coin only \$728,000 per month, it will be seen will take 20 years and over to do so. So the "free of cost coinage" the gentleman speak of will be for another generation, provided they exact laws to that effect. He says, "our constitution provides that both metals shall be coined into money on a parity with each other." We find such a declaration in the democratic and republican platform, but fail to find it in the constitution. Will the gentleman tell what section such language can be found in?

We are of the opinion that he has "two tales mixed," or perhaps thinks that the democratic platform is the constitution.

He says that democracy has "promised that every dollar, whether of silver, or gold, or paper shall be worth 100 cents, and that pledge would be redeemed." Did not the government only a few months ago pay a premium of near 5 per cent for \$50,000,000 in gold, and are now making the same offer for a like or double amount the issuing of interest bearing bonds? Is this what democrats call "maintaining the parity"? Let the government quit discriminating against silver by paying premiums on gold, and pay in either money it has on hand, and coin the two metals alike, free of cost to the owner, and not make a commodity of either, except where they are converted into arts by individuals, of which the government has no need and cannot buy and all will be well. We have not space, nor are we inclined reply to all fallacies in his article, but leave for the readers to think over, while we confine our remarks to the silver questions, which first provoked the discussion.

Edith Ehee.

Ed. RUSTLER—Since no one has given you an account of the happenings of this part lately, and fearing we are forgotten, I will remind you of our existence and try to give you a few of our interesting items. Whooping cough is raging and a tough time is expected through this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore's little baby is quite sick, but we hope will soon recover.

The young people enjoyed a social party Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Goods.

Mr. M. B. Sheppard, and Miss Lula Fields were married at the church the 4th, Sunday, Rev. John Read of this place officiating.

The young folks all gathered at the residence of the brides father, where a good dinner was served, after dinner there was "chit" music until late in the evening when all retired to Mr. Hallmarks.

At 10 o'clock they were at the Fields residence with more good music. Two hours were spent in eating cake, and merry making, they then departed, wishing the happy couple a pleasant and prosperous journey through this short life. We wish others would follow suit for we are getting awfully hungry for another wedding cake. Mr. M. L. Youngblood says as he was a waiter, he will wait patiently until—she says yes, I suppose.

It seems that Mr. Geo. Arnett likes the well water at Mr. Goods; we can't account for it, as others possess just such wells. Rev. Cumble failed to fill his appointment here on last Sunday, but Rev. Read delivered a splendid sermon to the large congregation. After preaching, a crowd of young people gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Arnett's where they spent a very enjoyable afternoon, then they all went to the singing at Mr. and Mrs. Good's at night. Oh! I wonder if others enjoy themselves half so much as Edith youngsters?

Now Mr. Ed., I don't know what these people will think of this piece of nonsense, but surely they will not think hard if I tell no one 'cept you. If they don't "pull my hair and call me silly" I will try my very best to keep you posted as to how they are doing.

MILDRED.

Finance Committee Report.

To the Hon. District Court of Coke county: We, the Finance Committee, appointed at the regular November term of the District Court, 1894, respectfully submit the following report:

After a careful examination of the books of the County Judge

and Treasurer, we find the accounts of the County Judge

The Harpoon sadly fears that some of our Democratic brethren are getting things pretty badly mixed. It takes all their time between election to explain why they have not saved the country according to promise. The time is coming when a political party must either do something or vacate its crockery.—The Harpoon.

SILVER.

In last week's issue appeared an article again over the signature of "A Democrat" in an attempted reply to our charges of some weeks ago that the present silver product could not be coined into money under present law. In the beginning of the article he accuses us of "dodging" and "hedging" or changing the proposition from "put to coin" into money. Now the readers will only have to refer to our article on this subject, and the one which the gentleman thought it necessary to answer to find out who it is that is dodging. In order to refresh the memory we will repeat the words used, to which he directs his reply. Let our readers ask democratic expounder the question: "How is the silver now being mined to be put money and that it would "make them blanch to tell that it cannot be coined under present laws."

While we used the word "put" in the first part, it was inseparably connected with the word "coin," and how an intelligent reader could construe the language otherwise is a mystery, or it is simply the only "getting out" place.

We agree with the gentleman that there is no way to coin gold and silver into money except at the mint of this or some other government, but we deny that one dollar's worth of silver bullion outside the treasury vaults can be coined by this government, without the enactment of new coinage laws admitting it to coinage. He says "the government is now coining of the silver bullion in its vaults \$728,000 a month." While these figures are only true for one month, August, let us see what the job will be completed, and the treasury supply exhausted. On the date of the repeal of the Sherman law there was enough silver bullion in the treasury to coin

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As long as the government discriminates between gold and silver the people may be expected to do likewise.

The democrats can now study the cause of their defeat over the entire country, and if they are successful, and will mend their weaknesses they may recover from the shock in time to figure a little in the next campaign.

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The greatest political landslide ever known in American politics was made on the 6th instant. The republican victories were unprecedented, they electing more than 200 congressmen. The cause of upheaval is still a topic of discussion, and the reasons given are varied and many.

Washington dispatches state that another bond issue of 50,000,000 is to be made this or next week. It seems that the rebuke the people gave the democracy on election day would make them more cautious about increasing the public debt. Think of it, \$100,000,000 of gold bonds issued in time of peace, and no apparent stopping piece. Of course the gold grabbers will soon have it out of the treasury again, and demand another issue.

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and Treasury true and correct, and find to the credit of the different School Districts in the County cash in the hands of the county Treasurer, amounting to \$358,17.

We also find cash in the hands of the County Treasurer, \$2520.03, Divided as follows:

Jury Fund	\$ 91.78
Coke Co. R.&B. Funds.	89.02
R. and B. Bonds	415.55
Common Co. Fund	194.86
Funding Bonds	61.85
Sinking Funds C. H.	1539.94
Hayrick C. H.	129.54
Contingent Fund	.49
We find the registered indebtedness of the county to be \$62,637.65, divided as follows:	
Common Co. Fund,	\$12,584.05
Jury Fund	836.09
Special Fund	29,500.00
Road and Bridge Fund	620.20
Court house and Jail Fund	57.05
Funding Bonds	\$5000.00
T. Green Co. C. H. & J. B.	7600.00
T. Green Co. R. B. Bonds.	5839.50

We find the Collector's account as follows:

For the year 1892, \$83.97, debt, as follows:	
To Common Co. Fund	\$41.95
To Special Co. Fund	35.54
To County Jail	6.48
For the year 1893, \$130.30, debt, as follows:	
To Common Co. Fund	\$49.17
To Special Co. Fund	57.33
To District School	20.18
To Co. Jail	3.66

We also find a difference of \$214.10 between the Sheriff's and Treasurer's accounts, which they are unable to agree upon, and we would respectfully call the attention of the commissioners court to the same.

We find the expenses of the commissioners Court, for fees of officers, ex officio services, and debts contracted for the year 1892 to be \$15833.74. For the year 1893, \$3650.98. For the year 1894, 2067.74.

We find upon a thorough examination, the County and District Clerk's Finance Ledger to be correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Finance Com. { J. B. COTTON,
W. B. JONES,
J. W. BARNET

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of Nov. 1894.
H. B. SMITH,
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But little business was transacted at this term of District court as all criminal business was continued.

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Among many other things, Tuesday's election has clearly demonstrated the fact that even in Texas a nomination is no longer reliable equal to an election. Machine politicians and chronic office seekers will please make a note of this.

—Alline Reporter

OFFICIAL

The following is the official vote of Coke county. We only give the heads of the Democratic and populist state tickets, as but little difference appears in them to the congressional vote.

For election R. R. Commissioners, 257
Against, 21
For Amdt. art. 51, Con. sec. 2, 223
Against, 63

For Governor.
C. A. Culbertson, 116
T. L. Nugent, 250

For Congress.
A. W. Houston, 147
A. V. Gates, 250
G. H. Noonan, 4

For Representative.
S. J. Chapman, 281
R. A. Smith, 125

For District Attorney.
E. Cartledge, 278
D. D. Wallace, 101

For County Judge.
D. T. Averitt, 211
A. J. Pritchard, 126
A. P. McCarty, 51

For Sheriff.
L. B. Murray, 226
J. H. Burroughs, 168

For Treasurer.
W. C. Hayley, 197
George Williamson, 171

For Assessor.
J. W. Barnett, 183
H. E. Johnston, 211

For Surveyor.
J. R. Patteson, 291
J. B. Morris, 86

Hide and Animal Inspector.
M. Perry, 162
J. R. Clawley, 141
G. W. Kuykendall, 63

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1.
M. H. Davis, 113
J. D. O'Daniel, 71

Commissioner, Pre. No. 2.
L. H. McDorman, 41
L. D. Shepherd, 14

Commissioner Pre. No. 3.
H. A. Chapman, 12
H. Q. Lyle, 12

Commissioner, Pre. No. 4.
J. H. Campbell, 71
M. Byrd, 2

Justice of Peace Pre. No. 1.
M. H. Davis, 67
J. W. Tunnell, 20

Justice of Peace Pre. No. 2.
J. D. O'Daniel, 30
S. C. Lucas, 1

Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 3.
W. W. McCutchen, 1
R. I. Kirkland, 51

Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 4.
L. H. McDorman, 16

Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 5.
Jno. Reed, 8
A. C. Gardener, 6
Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 6.
B. P. Byrne, 62
N. L. Stewart, 14
Constable Pre. No. 1.
J. A. Knight, 57
W. P. Dancer, 29
Constable Pre. No. 2.
S. J. Martin, 30
Chas. Dunningan, 7
Constable Pre. No. 3.
J. N. Webb, 15
S. S. Cooper, 8
Constable Pre. No. 4.
J. H. Warren, 22
Constable Pre. No. 5.
J. C. Newton, 5
Constable Pre. No. 6.
J. H. Campbell, 83

The county officers, elect, are now rustling for their official bonds.

If you have a relative or friend in the eastern counties or old states which you would like to have come to Coke county send them the RUSTLER.

Rev. W. B. Martin, we learn is not placed on the Robert Lee mission again for the coming year, he being removed to the Duffau mission. We have not learned the name of the minister who takes his place here.

Remember that the Rustler need every dollar due it for subscription or otherwise, and would appreciate a settlement with all.

All the defeated candidates seem to take the medicine the people issued out without a frown.

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J. J. Fry	51
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Chas. Cooper	50
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The people of Nolan, Brown, Mitchell, Rannells, San Saba, Tom Green, and perhaps other neighbor counties are deeply concerned about irrigation, and none of them have better facilities than Coke county. Let the land owners of our county wake up to a realization of its importance, and the profits to be derived from it and go to work for its accomplishment.

TRADING RACK.
A trading rack has been erected, North of the Round Front Saloons, for the convenience of horse traders, and others, and every person having anything to trade, are invited to come to town on every Saturday, and to be sold rack. Nothing but trading stock will be allowed to tie at the rack.
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The State of Texas, County of Coke.—R. I. Kirkland, Commissioner Pre. No. 1. Reports one bay horse, 14 1/2 hands high unbranded, three white feet, about 5 or 6 years old, as a stray in his precinct, in the hands of Will Warren, near Ft. Chaddbourne. The owner is hereby notified if he does not produce said horse the same will be sold according to law. Give name of hand and seal this the _____ of 1894.
[SEAL] _____ Clerk.

The vote for commissioner in precinct No. 3, resulted in a tie between three candidates. The candidates were H. A. Chapman, A. C. Gardener, and H. Q. Lyle, each receiving 12 votes.

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Squire B. P. Byrne, of Sando, was in town Monday.

Sheriff Montgomery left Monday for San Angelo, with Geo. McCollach under arrest, carrying him to jail at that place, the grand jury returning a bill against him charging one with attempt of theft of one calf.

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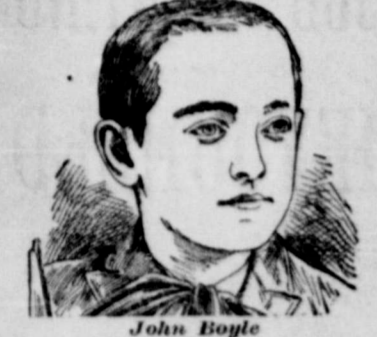
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Flossie pouted and blushed with true rosebud modesty. "The duke may prefer young ladies under strict surveillance and pay court in true Spanish fashion by asking the old lady first," she said slyly. "You know our American independence and easy chaperones are subjects of much contempt to foreigners who think women incapable of taking care of themselves."

"But strangely enough the 'disagreeable old woman' whom Lulu Van Gessner had chosen for a chaperone during her first summer, did not prove such a monster after all. On the contrary, she remained in her room a good deal and only appeared, as a good chaperone should, at the dancing duke de Aubigny in all the hotel were gathering dangerously near her charge's chair."

But on these rare occasions it was noticed that the old lady's eyes blazed with extraordinary indignation and the curls of her unmistakable wig danced angrily as she retired with Lulu to the safety of her cosy suite.

But fortunately for Lulu the distinguished foreigner, whose visit was so joyously anticipated, deferred his appearance upon the scene until a very opportune day. Mrs. Donderdeken was called away suddenly by an urgent message, and who should arrive only a few hours later but the dancing duke de Aubigny in all the glitter of his proud position.

Of course, the other rosesbuds trembled more than ever now that Lulu was without the watchful eye of a guardian and quite at liberty to do all sorts of unseemly things, which the duke, man-like, would take advantage of, and this, almost before his trunks were unpacked, they had decided that Lulu would be his victim.

Like many another, Flossie believed that beneath the watchful eyes of a guardian a young woman was safe in her very fancied inaccessibility, but was constantly looking for dire results from an momentarily unwatched weakness.

And so Lulu astonished them all with her womanly dignity and decorum. She, a duke of twenty, ignored the wealthy ladies with a degree of well bred courtesy that amazed and even put to shame the strictest damona there.

But from the first Belle Graham did not intend that the duke should notice Lulu or her demeanor particularly, and her regard for Mrs. Deuches was heightened considerably when she surprised that lady and the charming gentleman during a tender tête-à-tête in her own private boudoir.

"It was only to pave the way for you, my dear," Mrs. Deuches whispered, generously, and confident in that lady's ability to "work" things to their mutual liking. Miss Graham closed her lips discreetly and noted her chaperone more of a success than ever.

For two delightful weeks the duke shed the sunshine of his smile upon this beautiful boutonniere at the seaside and if one or two of the buds expanded to full blown roses beneath his exotic warmth there were no visible symptoms upon their faces until the hour of his departure.

That day Lulu turned suddenly and smiled into his handsome face: "You are going," she said quickly, and if

she had added, "and I am so glad," no one could have been more amazed than they were at her expression. Flossie Robertson could hardly credit her own senses as she stood wet-eyed and bitter hearted, watching the farewell at his departure.

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Lulu alone was happy when he had gone. "I was positively wretched all the time," she said timidly. "Just think of having such a dangerous Apollo in the very house, and not even a chaperone to defend you!"

Then a strangely sympathetic expression crept into her eyes as she whispered faintly:

"The duke did not try to make love to any of you, did he, girls?"

Of course the girls were highly indignant at this charge and not one of them noticed in the momentary agitation how much their fluent denials seemed to relieve their timid questioner.

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But Mrs. Donderdeken made no comments on her charge's behavior that could possibly satisfy the disturbed young ladies, and by the peals of laughter that emanated from Lulu's chamber a little later it was quite apparent to the disgusted listeners that she was not rating that young lady in any particularly disagreeable manner.

And the duke did not return to ameliorate any of the existing conditions of jealousy among his admirers, or to prove what they had at last come to believe, that he had secretly aspired to Lulu's hand. So after much precious reasoning the two cruelly crushed buds decided to forget their unpleasant failure and conjure a less dangerous method of capturing the second wealthy nobleman expected at the beach.

It was during the excitement preceding this arrival that Lulu Van Gessner and her chaperone took their departure.

No one missed them particularly after they had gone, for Lulu was a strangely quiet girl, and her devotion to the "disagreeable old woman" made her but an indifferent comrade in their midst, but one day, even the noble Englishman's presence was forgotten for a time, while Lulu's marriage to the duke was read and discussed in the hotel parlor.

"What became of her chaperone, I wonder," Flossie Robertson said wearily, when the subject grew peevishly near exhausted, and quite to the surprise of every one, the vacant looking Englishman took a sudden interest in her question.

"They were married before they came here, you know, young ladies," he said solemnly, "but as his father was not aware of her engagement, they decided to wait until she was 21 before."

But his sentimental beginning was too much for the excited listeners and the buds interrupted him by chiming in eagerly:

"And did that disagreeable old chaperone really plan for her to see him here and so give the duke the opportunity to spend two weeks with his new made bride?"

There was delight as well as disappointment in their flushed, young faces now, and the Englishman, dense as was his brain, was sorely puzzled how to answer.

"You see, young ladies, the disagreeable old woman did not go away at all. She couldn't, don't you know," he added almost painfully, "for she was his highest all the time, only doing a bit of masquerading."

Genealogy.
Alexandre Dumas, the great French author, was a quadroon, and showed his African parentage in his woolly hair, his dark skin, his thick lips and his prodigious bodily strength. But it is needless to say that many people looked askance at him on account of it.

"Was not your father, sir, a mulatto?" a man asked him once.

"Certainly," said Dumas. "My father was a mulatto, my grandfather was a full-blooded negro, and my great-grandfather was a monkey!"

"What?"

"Yes; my genealogy begins where yours leaves off!"—Yours' companion.

Unmerited Reproach.
"What you need," said the housewife, eyeing him distrustfully, "is a good bath and not cold victuals. You're the dirtiest looking man I ever saw."

"It's very evident, ma'am," replied Walkabout Beggar, deeply hurt, "you don't rickelook how I looked when I was here before."

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Traveler—Yes, I was captured by the savages and sentenced to marry a squaw.
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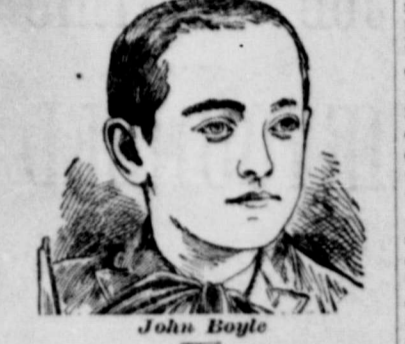
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