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READING COAL COMBINE. The House committee appointed to investigate the Reading Railroad anthracite coal combination resumed Thursday morning in the Commerce Committee room to inquire concerning it under this subject during the recess in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere. William H. Joyce, general freight agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was examined. He had a certain quantity of tickets and the relative fixity of value of the twin deposits.

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FIVE PLANS REPORTED CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBMIT DETAILS.

Teigen Proposes Demonetization of Silver, with a Variable Ratio to Gold—Holds—Holds Prefers Legal Tender Certificates, Redeemable in Silver.

Doings at Brussels. The Monetary Conference Committee, at Brussels, reported on various schemes which have been introduced to advance its object. The first plan, that of Teigen, proposed to create an international silver currency based on the variable metal value of metal in international intercourse, but with unlimited paying power for the respective countries.

The second plan, that of Sir William Houldsworth's plan proposed the creation of an international silver currency in the form of certificates of deposits as a legal tender in the states which would be convertible into gold or silver at a reasonable rate. The adoption of these certificates would meet the objections raised against bimetalism on the ground of the inconvenience which recoinage would cause in case of variation in value of the metal.

The third plan, which M. de Foville, the French delegate, desired to encourage, was the practice of depositing silver bullion in mints and banks of issue, with certificates of deposit and commercial warrants negotiable with a lender. The fourth plan, which M. de Foville, the French delegate, desired to encourage, was the practice of depositing silver bullion in mints and banks of issue, with certificates of deposit and commercial warrants negotiable with a lender.

Representatives of the silver-producing countries objected to this proposal as lying outside the program of the conference, the duty of which was to study the means of extending the monetary employment of silver.

The fifth plan, introduced by Salmeletto, of Belgium, and supported by Mr. Montefiore, proposed to create receipts of deposits of gold and silver, bearing such conditions that a certain quantity of gold should be always accounted for by a certain quantity of silver, the proportion of which should be determined periodically by an international commission, which twin deposits would be effected in order to be represented by the market price of silver to be taken into account in fixing these proportions, that an international character might be given to the certificates.

The report proceeds to reproduce the arguments for and against these plans and asked whether the marriage of the two metals would not be an artificial one, and whether the conventional system would meet those requirements of commerce, which demanded a certain quality of the simplest possible solution of the problem.

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The Reading Company, the latter added, had made similar agreements with a number of miners and shippers, and it was therefore necessary for the Pennsylvania Railway to do likewise if it were to secure the protection of contracts that had heretofore shipped over its lines. These contracts gave shippers for their coal 90 per cent. of the prices obtained at tide-water.

Alfred Parker, the man-ear, the man who killed an inventor's companions and who took delight in telling the horrible story, has applied for a release from the penitentiary at Canyon City, Colo. Parker with him is no more fiendish and ghastly man who ever escaped the hangman's noose. His record is a gruesome one. In his time it is known that he has killed and eaten five men.

In January, 1874, Al Parker in company with five others left Dry Creek, San Juan County, for the Los Pinos Agency, and in March of the same year he appeared at his destination, wild-eyed, haggard and alone. He told conflicting stories about his companions, finally stating that they had died on the trip. Parker left Bingham, Utah, in the fall of 1874. When found by a party of twenty-one snowed up at Dry Creek with Chief Ouray, the famous Uncompahgre Ute. After camping with the Indian a few weeks he proposed that a few of them march on to the agency.

blankets, cooking utensils and a gun, and with a horse started over the range of the Colorado at the winter. Food was scarce, and soon the horse was turned loose to die. Three days later the provisions gave out and the party became desperate. It was bitterly cold and the snow fell fast. The men looked for the devil work trail, those following carrying the man's utensils. Starving, the men chewed their moccasins, and out of their blankets to serve as shoes. When the men's horses got out from under, one of them fell by Swan, who was old and feeble. Some met the men found, frozen roosebuds and leaves and ate them ravenously. Swan gave out when near the top of the Continental divide, and fell from the devil work trail. Several stories are told, but the one most generally believed is that each agreed to climb the mountain and look for signs of the agency, leaving Swan in camp in the morning. When they returned, Swan returned and struck the old man a blow on the head with a hatchet and killed the others as they came in.

Heil, it seems, was bent on murder, and had about made up his mind that some one else would be the victim. He returned to camp and Parker assaulted him. A fight took place and Heil was unbed. All that winter Parker, ghoul-like, remained with the dead and ate a meal on the choice cuts from their bodies.

The tale is a fearful one. He was arrested at the agency, but escaped and was not again captured until 1883, in Cheyenne. In 1886 he was sentenced to five years in the State Prison, each sentence to commence when the other expired. He is an ex-Union soldier.

NO PRIZES WERE GIVEN. Victims of Bogus Lottery Tickets in This Country and Canada. According to the statements of Chicago detectives who have been engaged for over four months in hunting the manufacturers of bogus lottery tickets, a stupendous scheme for defrauding lottery ticket purchasers has been discovered. In every city, town and village in Canada, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and the Northwest, the number of bogus lottery tickets they sold were for drawings that never took place.

The end of the business came when a plant for the manufacture of lottery tickets was discovered at 281 and 283 Clark street and on the 15th of January, the proprietor was arrested and charged with forgery. The arrest is the outcome of the work of four months by the detectives, who took up the case after W. Henderson, of Baltimore, attorney for the Reading Railroad, had done some work in the hope of detecting the defrauders. It is believed by officers of the Louisiana company the first issue of counterfeit tickets was made a year ago, and since then and up to the last, at every change of territory of States, the West, and Canada have been flooded with these tickets.

The men interested in this scheme have not confined their talents to the Louisiana company, but have issued tickets, it is claimed, on a number of companies that do not exist. The defrauders contracted with the Stanger to have a fine lithographic press, about 16,000 Mantanza tickets, December issue, 40,000 Vera Cruz tickets of December and January issue, several large sheets of lithographic plates for the numbers and twenty engraving stones and several numbering machines. The plant is valued at \$5,000. The Vera Cruz tickets were sold largely in the northwestern part of Chicago, the Mantanza tickets were sold in the country towns of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, while the Louisiana tickets went into Canada, Michigan, Illinois, and the Northwest.

COUNT NEN SENATORS. Democratic Claims to Nebraska, Kansas, and North Dakota Vigorously Disputed. The Republican Senatorial caucus met in Washington and further discussed the program and the caucus of Michigan and twenty engraving stones and several numbering machines. The plant is valued at \$5,000. The Vera Cruz tickets were sold largely in the northwestern part of Chicago, the Mantanza tickets were sold in the country towns of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, while the Louisiana tickets went into Canada, Michigan, Illinois, and the Northwest.

It was shown to the satisfaction of the caucus, so a dispatch says, that the Democratic steering committee had no ground to stand on that it gave out the authorized interview in New York, and in corroboration of this some figures were produced. In Nebraska it was said by the speakers that the Democrats had had four members in the entire Legislature, and in Kansas but seventeen. In North Dakota the Republicans had a clear majority of nine in both branches, and in Wyoming five. In California and Montana the vote is close, with the Republicans holding the balance of power. One of the active members of the caucus said it was not the intention of the Republicans to appoint any so-called steering committee, but to stand that the only purpose of such a committee would be to exercise an improper influence upon the Legislatures in the States in question.

Information has been received from Conshatka, O. T., of the death of Gen. Henry Gray, one of the few surviving members of the Confederate Congress and Brigadier General of the Confederate army. A Negro woman is under arrest at Edgefield, S. C., for murdering her two-year-old babe and then sewing it cooked to her friends at a quilting party as roast pig. It is probable that she will be lynched.

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