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FREE SILVER COINAGE.

In an article on "Bank Circulation and Free Coinage," in the February Forum, Mr. John Jay Knox, who was for years Comptroller of the Currency makes it very clear why free coinage of silver is not desirable. He says:

"Not far distant is our neighbor the Republic of Mexico. It issues a silver dollar. A few years ago it was in circulation here. Every bank in the country held these coins during the war and before the resumption of gold payments. Have we any of them now? The silver dollar of Mexico is a full legal-tender in all payments in the Republic of Mexico. The silver dollar of Mexico is worth more intrinsically than the four-hundred-and-twelve-and-a-half-grain dollar of the United States. Why is it not worth a gold dollar, less the cost of transportation to Mexico? Mexico is enjoying the blessings of the free and unlimited coinage of silver! Why then do we not receive this Mexican dollar at par over our counters? How long after we have had the benefits of the free coinage of silver will our silver dollar of four hundred twelve and a half grains be received in the capitals of the Old World at its face value in gold, at one hundred cents on the dollar, less the cost of transportation? How long will it be received at our bank counters at par in gold after free coinage has been authorized? I need not reply to that question. All financial men know that when free coinage is authorized, our silver dollars here and abroad will be worth only its intrinsic value. They know what a credit this great United States has built up; they know what credit the great Republic of France enjoys; they know what credit the German Empire, the Empire of Great Britain, and the Bank of England has. Back of their one-cent pieces, back of their centimes, back of their pennings, back of their half-crowns, and of their subsidiary silver coinage, is the credit of the country, the promise to redeem these coins in gold. That is the answer to the question why the silver dollar today is worth more than its intrinsic value in the hands of foreign dealers in bullion. It is because these coins are redeemable in gold, it is because we are upon the gold, not upon the silver standard. When free coinage of silver comes, the promise of this country, with its great credit unsurpassed anywhere in the world is withdrawn, and our silver dollar, like the Mexican dollar, becomes worth its intrinsic value only at home and abroad."

The silver men have eight or ten petitions in circulation on the democratic side of the house urging that the silver bill be made a special continuing order, and they have secured about 100 signers. There are doubts entertained as to the expediency of the movement, but the silver men mostly believe it may advance the consideration of the bill, and are doing what they can do to bring the matter to an issue early in the session. The anti-silver men are urging delay, and working to that end in the hope that there may be developments which will aid their cause and enable them to find some way out of the difficulty. The free-coinage men are in favor of speedy action, and say that on political grounds alone, aside from monetary principles, the sooner the issue is met the better. The rules committee has not yet taken up the subject. The people's party in the house have joined with the free-coinage people in demanding prompt consideration of the Bland bill.

The democratic members of the ways and means committee held another conference yesterday on the Springer wool bill, but, like the previous conference ended without an agreement being reached. Members of the committee now in the city are nearly evenly divided on the question as to whether or not there should be a further reduction made in the duties than that proposed by the special committee. The arrival of Shively, of Indiana, is awaited. Members of the committee believe then a conclusion will be speedily arrived at, as the views of Whiting, the only other absent member, are known.

The Portland Telegram, commenting upon the statement that a portage road at The Dalles, on the Oregon side, "would benefit the town of The Dalles only," very significantly inquires: "Why would not a road on the Oregon side serve the country above as well as on the Washington side? It is immaterial to the people above or below, which side of the river the road is built on, but we do know that in all probability the state will have to do the work, and it can make no appropriation for work in Washington."

Country papers that have not been able to secure the county printing under the new law that grants it to the one in each county having the largest circulation are nearly all engaged in denouncing the law as a needless expense to the taxpayers. They forget to say however that there is far more glory, than profit, in being the "official county paper," and very little profit.

We have it on the very best authority that a lobbyist working in the interest of Paul Mohr, is doing his best with the committee that has charge of the dalles portage bill to defeat that measure. The committee has been assured that the Paul Mohr road will be built during the coming summer. Of course in that case, the committee will say the people don't need another road.

Following the announcements of Blaine and Stanford that that they will not be candidates for the presidency comes John Sherman who says "I have been bought and sold in convention till I am sick of it. Senator Sherman's name has therefore been marked off the list of presidential candidates. Next!"

During a recent drouth in Maine there was such a scarcity of water, it is said, that one farmer was obliged to give his cattle cider to drink. Guess they must keep a supply on hand larger than they have in Oregon, where a good, pure glass of cider is a luxury seldom found.

The Dispatch says we shall be "in it" next year. Farmers from all sections report the fall-sown grain and the grass in good condition. There are no signs of any being winter-killed, and the prospect for good crops will never be better.

Tygh Hill Grade--No Veto this Time.

The citizens of Dufur, Kingsley, Tygh, Wamic and Wapinitia held a very enthusiastic and numerous attended meeting at Wamic last Saturday afternoon to consider matters relating to the building of a new grade up Tygh Hill, now that such an undertaking has come within the range of possibility through the action of the county court in adding two mills to the tax levy for the improvement of our public high ways. Promptly at 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by M. J. Anderson, who, in a few appropriate words, stated the object for which they were gathered together, and earnestly urged concerted action and harmony in the one main object of procuring a grade, wherever it might be judged wise to put it. The meeting then unanimously elected Hon. W. McD. Lewis as chairman and M. J. Anderson secretary.

A motion was then carried to select a committee of five, one from each precinct represented at the meeting, to select the most feasible route for the new grade. After a recess of 15 minutes while the representatives of each precinct selected its committee man the following names were presented to the meeting and unanimously chosen: for Dufur, L. J. Klinger; for Kingsley, F. C. Sexton; for Tygh, John M. Mode; for Wapinitia, Frank Gabel; for Wamic, T. J. Driver.

It was then moved and carried that the county court be requested to select three of the five members of the committee just chosen, to act as viewers at the time of making the survey of the route which the committee of five shall select. Another committee was then chosen to attend the March term of the county court and lay before that body the necessity for the largest possible appropriation and confer with it as to plans for the most economical and speedy construction of the road. The following resolution was then offered and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That this meeting earnestly urges the county court of Wasco county to take all possible steps to have the work on the new grade commenced at the earliest possible moment so that the road may be ready for traffic by next fall.

The following petition to the Wasco county court was submitted to the approval of the meeting and having received a unanimous and hearty endorsement it received the signatures of more than a hundred persons.

Whereas, the construction of the Tygh hill grade is such as to make it almost impossible for those living south of it in this county to get to market with produce and it is also dangerous for very light vehicles.

Whereas, the nature of the grade in its present location is such that it cannot be made safe or even passible to heavy travel.

Whereas, it will take considerable money to build a new grade, and in view of the fact that prompt action is absolutely necessary, we ask your honorable body that the proportion of money due our sections through the two mill tax levied for road improvements, be all expended in making a new grade on Tygh hill.

The following resolution was then submitted and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, by the citizens of Dufur, Kingsley, Tygh, Wamic and Wapinitia, in mass meeting assembled, that we most cordially approve of the action of the commissioners court of Wasco county and heartily thank them for adding a two mill tax to the annual levy for the improvement of our public highways.

A subscription list was then submi-

ted to the meeting and in a very few minutes the sum of \$445 in cash \$200 in work--making a total of \$705--was subscribed. The meeting then adjourned after a session of about three hours in which every minute was occupied. The people seemed terribly in earnest and while it was well known that considerable differences of opinion existed as to the best location for the proposed grade all minor differences disappeared before the one absorbing desire to procure a road. At one part of the meeting there was a long discussion about the best method to adopt in building the grade--whether by contract or otherwise. All finally agreed that the matter could be safely left to the wisdom of the county court and the committee appointed to confer with it. The opening of this road will be of immense benefit to the citizens of the three precincts of Tygh, Wamic and Wapinitia. What the new grade may cost it is of course impossible to tell at present. We are persuaded the people, more nearly interested, will help the work to the full extent of their ability but if the work should prove more expensive than is anticipated and the county court should err in the matter of extra liberality we take it upon us to say that the sin will be one that shall never be laid up against it, neither in this world nor in the world that is to come. The people are intensely delightful at the assured prospect of an appropriation that, as more than one of them observed to the writer, "Governor Pennoyer cannot veto."

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Dispatch says la grippe has lost its hold on Dufur.

J. Hudsaker of White Salmon, has in cultivation forty acres or less. He has made 4000 pounds of bacon which will bring \$500; 500 pounds of lard, will bring \$62.50; has sold fresh pork amounting to \$75; \$210 worth of beef; \$300 worth of dried fruit; \$250 worth of green fruit, and other little odds and ends, amounting to \$135--making a total of \$1532.50--from a cultivation of forty acres; and the orchard is only in its infancy. When all of our bench land is in fruit, as it should be, a nice little town at this point will be the result.--Golden-dale Sentinel.

There is an effort being made by the U. P. Company to get our merchants to sign a freight contract for the coming year, and thereby prevent all competition and opposition on the river. A number of merchants were talking the matter over this morning, and all were pronounced in their determination to sign no agreement to give all freight to any one company, especially the U. P. The experience of the past with that company is no incentive to further arrangements of an exclusive character, and the scheme now is to form a merchants' protective union and handle freight matters as a unit with any carrier. It is a good scheme and should be attended to at once.--Astoria Talk.

Wool "Futures" Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.--The house committee on agriculture waved half an hour today for President Lavionese, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, to put in an appearance, and then adjourned the anti-option hearing until Monday. Vice-President Goss, of the New York cotton exchange, while the committee was waiting, said the exchange had some time ago received a request from the woolgrowers' association of Texas, asking the exchange to deal in wool, the same as it did in cotton. The request said the woolgrowers were in the hands of a few men, and wanted wool "futures" dealt in on the exchange, so as to give them a wider market. He mentioned this as another indication of the advantage of dealing in futures and as an evidence also that producers were not, all of them at all events, clamoring for the abolition of the system of "futures" on the theory that this was detrimental to them.

Wholesale Poisoning.

SALEM, Ill., Feb. 13.--Last night after eating supper James Morton and his two daughters were taken suddenly ill. The indications point to poisoning. A physician was sent for, but despite his efforts, Morton died this morning. The two girls, though still alive, are very ill. Breakfast was prepared for the doctor and the friend who were aiding the sick, and within a few moments after eating, the doctor and three neighbors were writhing in agony. County officials are investigating the case. It is thought all will recover. It is believed one Parkinson, a young man of the vicinity, became angered because one of the girls refused to receive his attentions since his release from the penitentiary, where he served a term for theft, and that he put poison in the family flour barrel.

For the Children.

"In buying a cough medicine for children," says H. A. Walker, a prominent druggist of Ogden, Utah, "never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is always sure to follow. I particularly recommend Chamberlain's because I have found it to be safe and reliable. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists. dw--"

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Wholesale Poisoning--A Deplorable Tragedy--Robbers Captured--Other News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.--The president has transmitted to congress the letter of the secretary of the interior with the report of thy Puyallup Indian commission. The report is a bulky affair and touches all the principal features of the matter. Secretary Noble says the title of each Indian is the land allotted to him is subject to a restriction contained in the patent upon his right to alienate or lease his land for more than two years. The state of Washington having already removed the restriction on its part, the title of each patentee will be perfect when congress shall also consent to such removal. The value of land is fixed by the commission at \$275.50 per acre, and the whole value of the allotted lands is \$4,766,130. Some of the lands near the city are deemed worth \$6,000 per acre. The water front alone has been estimated to be worth some millions of dollars. The commission holds that the agency tract of unallotted lands is still the property of the United States and not of the Indians. The secretary is of the opinion that under the treaty this agency tract should be treated as the common property of the trib, and if sold should be sold as such. As to whether the reservation embraces the land between high and low water mark the secretary gives his opinion in the negative. As to the restraining power of allination by Indians of their allotted lands, the secretary says: "It would seem to be the duty of the government to supervise any disposition that might be made of allotted lands, to the end that the Indians might not in any way be defrauded." Then follow many suggestions for protections of the Indians against fraud, and providing for any emergencies that may arise in their dealings with white men, as well as fixing methods for ascertaining who are heirs of the allottees.

The Most Formidable.

LONDON, Feb. 13.--In the course of a long article the Spectator says the retirement of Blaine from the position of a candidate for nomination for president of the United States has brought the presidency into special prominence. The Spectator thinks Blaine's friends in the republican convention will not allow Mr. Harrison to be renominated. The republicans have an ideal dark horse in Robert T. Lincoln, minister to Great Britain, who would prove the most formidable candidate they could choose. It adds this fact is already widely recognized. The Spectator deprecates the annoyance Americans often show because of England's interest in the presidency, and says the English have no desire to interfere; but in the case of so near a relation they cannot help taking an interest. The Spectator concludes: "The American succession is really of much importance to us. The people of this county, despite their shyness and consequent churliness, are sincerely proud of America, and they are anxious she should choose well. They do not desire, as Americans imagine, a president who will buckle down to England."

Train Robbers Captured.

DALLES, Tex., Feb. 13.--This morning five officers surrounded Warden's gun store, and captured Bill Burns, of Honey Grove; Ed. Miller, of Kansas City; Charley Smith and Bill Barnum, of Austin. They shot down Burns before he would surrender. One of the quartette confessed they entered the store for the purpose of getting at least one Winchester and a pistol each, and that the plan was to rob the Texas & Pacific train tonight.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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Unnecessary Sufferings.

There is little doubt but that many persons suffer for years with ailments that could easily be cured by the use of some simple remedy. The following incident is an illustration of this fact: My wife was troubled with a pain in her side the greater part of the time for three years, until cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It has, I think, permanently cured her. We also have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy whenever needed and believe it to be the best in the world. P. M. Boston, Pennville, Sullivan Co., Missouri. For sale by Snipes & Kinnersly Druggists.

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