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FREE-SILVER INDIA.

A paragraph in the Morning Oregonian of a recent date, dated at Calcutta, reads: "Money is daily becoming scarcer. The 4 per cent discount rate of the bank of Bengal is no criterion of the situation, as the bank artificially maintains a note bazaar. The rate of discount is really 8 per cent. English newspapers advocate a gold loan of £5,000,000 and say the necessity is absolute in order to avoid a panic." All of which shows what a gold basis will do for a country. It is now less than six months since India, at the dictation of the bank of England, closed its mints to silver, and in these few weeks that country is engulfed in a financial maelstrom the like of which was never known there nor in any other part of the civilized world, and in order to avoid a worse convulsion and ease the situation for a short time, certain Englishmen, who are undoubtedly the representatives of the English money power, are advocating a gold loan of nearly \$25,000,000. Of course the money will be borrowed from the bank of England and that institution will have a still greater hold upon the already sorely oppressed people of India. We have a parallel case right here at home. The gold bugs are doing all in their power to kill silver as money and put the country on a single gold basis and a gold standard, and already we hear talk of making a loan not of \$25,000,000 but \$100,000,000, in order to strengthen our gold reserve and keep up our credit. It has not been said that we will borrow this money from England nor that English influence is being exerted to secure such legislation, but of course English capital favors the proposition, and English capitalists will furnish the money. For the common interest we would like to have some gold bugs explain why the destruction of silver in India can cause such fatal results to that country, and the manifest intention of destroying it here can produce such disastrous results in this country.

The gold standard advocate assumes that silver is simply a commodity and that its price is regulated by the supply and demand, the same as wheat and cotton, and attempts to say that gold is the unit of value and the only standard of value which does not fluctuate. If this is true, how was it that in 1873 gold advanced from 16 points to 22 points, and almost in a single hour added six-sixteenths, or 37 1/2 per cent to the value of the gold dollar, and many millions to the national debt, and caused the famous panic of that year, while silver remained stationary? The same is true of the present year. Within a few months gold has made a second advance of six points and is now twelve points ahead of silver and manifestly worth one-third more in the market than at that time, without one grain of gold having been added to its weight, while silver remains stationary, and the country is passing through a panic such as it has not known since the identical causes forced the same effects twenty years ago. It occurs to us that it is gold and not silver that fluctuates. If silver agitation is going to have the effect of advancing the price of gold without adding anything to its real value, and at the same time plunge the country into a financial panic, then the sooner this silver business is dropped, the sooner will monetary conditions assume normal proportions, and the country return to the old-time prosperity which it enjoyed before all this agitation was heard of.

THE SUPREME HONOR.

Senator Sherman truly represented the position of the republican senators when he said in the great speech he made this week: "In times past we never shrunk from responsibility. We were republicans because we believed in republican principles and men and measures. But whenever a question came up that had to be decided, we never pleaded the baby act, or said that we could not agree. We met together in conclave and there agreed, and in that way we passed all the great laws which have marked American history in the last thirty years. Of course democrats opposed us. I think that if the republicans were to offer the Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer, the democrats would oppose them. Now we do not stand in that attitude. We ask our brother senators on the other side to meet together and consult with each other. If they do not like the president's plans let them give us some other, in God's name, and let us settle this important question, and then we will take it into our consideration. If we can agree with you we will do so. If we cannot agree with you we will not follow your example,

but will give you a manly "No." We must decide this silver question one way or other. If you cannot do it and will retire from the senate chamber we will fix it on this side of the chamber, and do the best we can with our silver friends who belong to us and who are blood of our blood and bone of our bone. but yours is the proper duty; and, therefore, I beg of you, not in reproach or anger, to perform it. You have the supreme honor of being able to settle this question now; and you ought to do it. That is all that I can say."

The silver democratic senators thought that Senator Sherman's advice to "meet together," good, and prepared a call for a democratic caucus binding every signer to abide by the caucus decision. The administration senators mostly refused to sign, knowing that a majority of the democratic senators are opposed to the Vorhees bill and that the caucus decision would consequently be against that bill, but a sufficient number of signatures were secured to compel Senator Gorman, who is chairman of the caucus committee, to call a caucus. But there can be nothing definite about its action because the democrats who do not attend will not be bound. It may, however, result in getting the silver democrats to agree upon some sort of compromise, which they have not yet done.

REAL estate sales aggregating \$59,744 have been made in Columbia county within the past fifty days, and the deeds are now on record in the clerk's office. This fact is a strange commentary on the hard times. To our mind it is conclusive evidence that the country is alright and will continue to be so, notwithstanding the prediction that we are a ruined community. It cannot be denied that money is scarce and the attendant consequences very inconvenient, but the fact that people continue to buy land, build homes and make every kind of improvement, is satisfactory evidence that they yet have faith in the future of this country and are not afraid that the dire calamity so vividly predicted will be realized very soon, else why would people persist in hazarding their little fortunes, labor and future happiness on a commodity that they are told is soon to become part of a bankrupt, insolvent and rotten government? People have not lost confidence in this country, nor will they ever do so; but the wheels of progress have been clogged for a short season and the steady march of advancement retarded, but let us be assured, for stagnation will not last, and when the certain reaction comes we will be more prosperous than ever, and come smiling out of all our tribulations with colors flying and success straight ahead of us.

WALTER BURRELL, a wealthy wholesale merchant of Portland, last Sunday morning, earned the gratitude of his neighbors and administered summary and well-merited punishment by promptly shooting a burglar who had entered the Burrell home for the purpose of robbing its occupants. The burglar, whose name is Frank Stevens, had burglarized the house twice before within the previous three weeks and had become so annoying that Mr. Burrell decided to stop him. The police had been notified of Stevens' operations but had not been successful in their efforts to stop him. On Sunday morning Stevens entered the house and supposing that Mr. Burrell had gone duck shooting the night before, he expected to frighten the ladies half to death and have things his own way. He was not very careful in his movements and had been in the house but a few minutes when he heard the click of a shotgun trigger and quickly bolted for the window through which he had entered. He had just reached the ground when Mr. Burrell appeared at the window and saluted him good with a load of coarse bird shot. Stevens fell on his face perhaps fatally injured and was taken to the police station where he confessed to the two former burglaries and told where he had hidden a valuable watch under a sidewalk which he had stolen from Mr. Burrell.

SLOWLY but surely the democrats are carrying out the threat of Senator Blackburn, to repeal every vestige of war legislation. The house this week passed a bill amending the revised statutes so that proof of loyalty shall not be necessary in any application for bounty land where the proof otherwise shows that the applicant is entitled thereto.

GROVER CLEVELAND has sent his ultimatum to congress. It is no compromise.

Mr. Cleveland had not called off the administration senators a compromise would have been reached early this week. How this affected the silver democrats may be judged by Senator Morgan's criticism of him in a speech. He said: "I am not disposed to say to the president: When you leave the executive mansion and come here to guide us in legislation, you must not feel at all affronted if we take up the veto power and use it on you. You shall not interfere with us." How the two wings of the democratic party can be got together is not at this time apparent.

THE democratic members of the House Ways and Means committee say that the imposition of an income tax has been decided upon that it only remains to determine where it shall be taxed—the lowest income that shall be taxed—what the rate of taxation shall be and how it shall be collected.

Circuit Court Notes. In the matter of bills allowed, C. M. White, experting books of various county officials, \$125. State vs. Wm. Wilson, continued for term and bail fixed at \$1,000. In the matter of the State vs. Wm. Wilson, continued for term and bail fixed at \$1,000. In the matter of the State vs. Wm. Wilson, continued for term and bail fixed at \$1,000.

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They Give Their Reasons. Perhaps some of our readers would like to know in what respect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better than any other. When this remedy is taken as soon as a cold has been contracted, it has not become settled in the system, it will counteract the effect of the cold and greatly lessen its severity, and it is the only remedy that will do this. It is a cough remedy with nature and aids nature in relieving the lungs, opening the secretions, liquefying the mucous and causing the expulsion from the air cells of the lungs and restoring the system to a healthier and strong condition. No other remedy in the market possesses these remarkable properties. No other will cure a cold so quickly. For sale by Edwin Ross.

MOONMOUTH. Mr. Hunt has organized a class in stenography and typewriting. There has been a committee of the faculty appointed to have supervision of the society work. B. F. Mulkey, county clerk of Polk county, addressed the students in the chapel on Sunday afternoon, October 22. This is the first of a series of lectures that is to be given in the chapel on Sunday afternoons during the winter months.

Misses Bruce and Ayers, professors in the musical department, have arranged for a recital once a month. They intend to take up the work of an author and study his life and character, his music. The programme will be made of selections from the author they are studying.

An Old Soldier Made Happy. "During my term of service in the army I contracted chronic diarrhoea," says A. E. Bending, of Halsey, Oregon. "Since then I have used a great deal of medicine, but found no relief. I then used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured. I have since used it and it has cured me several times." For sale by Edwin Ross.

SPECIAL NOTICES. Fruit Trees Can be had cheap for cash by applying to A. H. Holiday, Scappoose, Oregon. A. H. Holiday, Scappoose, Oregon. Apply at W. W. West's place, Scappoose, Oregon. Shropshire Sheep A few full-blooded Shropshire sheep for sale. Apply at W. W. West's place, Scappoose, Oregon. The County Treasurer St. Helens on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week. Job Printing Executed at this office in a stylish manner, and at prices to suit the times. Envelopes, bill heads, letter heads, business and visiting cards, blanks, and in general the office is better equipped than ever before to turn out all classes of commercial job printing. Persons Knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Foster & Foster, of Reuben, Oregon, either by note or book account, contracted prior to June 1, 1899, will save costs and trouble by settling the same with me at once, at my office in St. Helens. C. WATTS, administrator of the estate of E. G. Foster, deceased. nov24 Cemetery Lots Notice is hereby given that the officers and members of the St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., of St. Helens, Oregon, are pleased to inform the public that they are now offering lots for sale at a reasonable price, in their burial ground. The price on lots 10x20 is \$100.00, and on lots 10x30 is \$150.00. The larger lots can be obtained from the board of trustees, who are C. R. Hart, M. F. Hazen and G. A. Massey. Now being the time to procure choice lots, first come first served. The south one-half of the cemetery has been set aside for the public while the north one-half has been reserved for the members of the order. Any one desiring information or wishing to procure one of these lots should apply to the board of trustees. By order of the Lodge. A Specific for Croup. "I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a specific for croup. It is very pleasant to take, which is one of the most important requisites where a cough remedy is intended for use among children. I have known of cases of croup where I know the life of the little one was saved by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." J. J. LaGrange, druggist, Avon, Nebraska. 50 cent bottles for sale by Edwin Ross.

Notice for Publication. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, October 4, 1903. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on December 1st, 1903. LEWIS L. GRIFFIN. Homestead entry No. 3023, for the southeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 and 7, sections 8 and 9, and the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 and lot 1, of section 7, township 7 north, range 3 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: Martin White, R. A. Lillich, H. S. Glenn and A. J. Quigley, all of Quincy, Columbia county, Oregon. WIT: ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

TREASURER'S NOTICE. COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. HELENS, OREGON, OCT. 27, 1903. NOTICE is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," up to November 30, 1903, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Late payment will not be allowed after date of this notice. E. M. WHARTON, Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

Teachers' Examination. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the County School Superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at St. Helens, Oregon, commencing at 1 o'clock, P. M. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1903. T. J. CLEETON, County School Superintendent, Co. County. Dated this 25th day of October, 1903.

Notice of Final Settlement. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia county. In the matter of the estate of Charles Jasper, deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that the administrator of said estate has filed his final account in the above-entitled court, and by virtue of an order of the Hon. Dean Blanchard, Judge thereof, a final hearing will be had thereon before said court at St. Helens, at the county court house, on Monday, November 9th, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. D. J. SWITZER, Administrator, Etc. Dated Sept. 23, 1903.

Petition for Liquor License. To the Honorable County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon. We, the undersigned, legal residents in Deer Island precinct, Columbia county, State of Oregon, would respectfully petition your honorable body at its next regular term of court to be held in the court house in the city of St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon, on Wednesday, November 11th, A. D. 1903, that a license be granted to Fred Nussbaumer to sell spirituous, wine and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in Deer Island precinct, Columbia county, State of Oregon, and that said license be issued for the period of one year. For all of which your petitioners will ever pray: Frank Berger, Jacob Farrer, William Vanover, Thomas Tompson, F. Farrer, David Ballantyne, G. Kratzke, Fred Monachies, D. Link, G. S. Foster, W. E. Bellen, O. A. Wood, F. Ed. H. Black, Jean Huser, Henry Black, Jacob Langsager, L. T. Vanover, John Lamott, Samuel Mann, John Demeuer, Fred Hedford, Walter H. Devered, Jac Nussbaumer, Thomas Kinney, John W. Fair, S. A. Fowler, Wm. Dowd, F. W. Fowler, J. M. Fowler, C. J. Farr, J. P. Farr, Joseph Both, B. Havard, O. O'Brien, J. Severance, J. P. Batson, J. M. Spencer, H. C. Brown, Jas. Kennedy, Fred Nussbaumer, John T. Clark, Charles Clark, Charles A. Link, R. W. Neer, John Farr, G. P. Cross, B. H. Neer, A. Neer, Bouly Reed, G. H. Gilmore, Foster Crowley, Ben Erickson, C. Anderson, J. A. King, Joe Stark, F. H. Swager, J. B. Haley, Jacob Zwingli, M. W. Brauner, E. R. Foster, F. P. Banachow, Fr. Buecher, Joe Lawrence, R. Anliker, Fred Cochran, Christian Feiben, John Heri, Edward Black, Gabriel Feiben, Wm. Clark, Chas. Clark, F. L. Clark, John R. Ziller, Geo. Nuser, Gottlieb Andler, W. W. Cole, G. G. Jaqui, A. A. Horn, John Carlson, E. Vicker, Carl Harrison, John Moline, W. P. McDonald, W. F. Foley, W. Lewis, Geo. M. Haney, Viktor Farrer.

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