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ST. HELENS, OREGON, AUG. 13.

WITHIN the past ten days the price of silver has dropped about ten per cent., yet the price of wheat remains about the same as reported one week ago. How, then, does the price of silver have anything to do with the price of wheat, as our populist friends would make believe.

LAST fall Mark Hanna was accused of having bought up all the wheat in the country in order to raise the price for political purposes. Well, Mark seems to be still "buying wheat" and maintaining the price. On the same line of reasoning Mark might now be accused of having organized a corner on silver and bought it all up in order to reduce the price. How about that? Or he may have ordered the discovery of the Alaska gold fields for "political purposes." How about that??

THE supreme court has decided that claims against the state must be audited and warrants drawn just the same as if an appropriation had been made for that purpose by the legislature last winter. Aside from the letter of the law, the decision is one of justice to the whole people of the state, and in a considerable degree rescues the state from the great loss which would be sustained were it not possible to use the money collected as taxes during the two years which would elapse between the attempted session of 1897 and the session to be held in 1899. The machinery of state government may once more run along smoothly and its bills paid out of money already in the treasury.

THE people of the United States have evidently profited by the lessons of the hard times during the past four years. The New York Sun (democratic) published, a few days since, a large number of telegrams from various parts of the country, especially the farming communities of the West, indicating that the farmers in every locality are taking advantage of the good prices which they are getting for their crops to pay off their mortgages. In every part of the country farm mortgages and other obligations of that character are being rapidly reduced in number and size, and, with the splendid prospects and prices in sight, the coming year will doubtless see a large reduction in the indebtedness about which the calamity shriekers have indicated such distress.

MUCH is being said of late ament the Portland Savings bank which closed its doors some four years ago. The Oregonian is frantic in its efforts to fasten the blame for the suspension of the bank, by which many people were practically robbed, upon D. P. Thompson. While, no doubt, Mr. Thompson shared in the earnings of the defunct concern while it was in operation, there are others who are as deep in the mire as he. It now transpires that the editor of the Oregonian was also a stockholder in the bank, and also shared in its profits. The manner in which the depositors were looted by the manipulators of the rotten establishment was shameful, and yet it has taken the Oregonian four years to discover the rottenness of a concern to which the editor of that paper was a party. The fact of the matter is the Oregonian has always had an inclination to cover up the shady transactions of a certain gang of hoodlums in Portland, through whose manipulations the public has repeatedly been fleeced.

IT seems a little strange that the congressional delegation from Oregon cannot agree upon persons to recommend for the various appointive offices of the state, as reports from Washington would indicate. Some of the official terms of federal office-holders have already expired, and others will expire soon, yet no agreement has been reached whereby the places may be filled by men in sympathy with the administration's policy. While Cleveland was president no republican was allowed to serve longer than his official term, and in many instances the change was made upon some pretext before the end of the term. This was true in the case of the register of the land office at Oregon City. If the congressional delegation cannot agree in this matter it might be well for the Republican Editorial Association to get together and see if it can come to some agreement, and if so make some recommendations and send to Washington. The republican newspapers of Oregon can dictate many of the appointments if they will stand together;

and since they bear the brunt of the battle in every campaign there is no reason why they should not be heard in the matter of federal appointments. We believe the president of the Republican Editorial Association should call a meeting for the purpose of taking some action in this matter.

QUICKLY and among themselves officers of the army and navy are said to be discussing the international possibilities of a few months hence. That kind of preparation which does not show itself to the world is going on. It contemplates no immediate emergency. It is of the character which will be appreciated if the need of it shall appear later in the year. If the occasion shall not arise, then the people will not be the wiser for much that is now transpiring. If a war scare shall come it will be discovered that the administration has not been neglectful in time of peace. Officers of the army and navy have no doubt that this government will be actively engaged with the Cuban situation before many weeks have passed. There is entertained the same confidence that this is not an administration to take a step backward in regard to Hawaii. Unless the senate shall fail to develop the two thirds vote for ratification, the annexation policy will go on, regardless of the views of other nations. Recognizing that the president is to pursue a progressive policy, both in regard to Cuba and Hawaii, the army and navy people are looking forward to a situation which may easily become serious. They have seen enough to satisfy them that this is to be an administration with a robust American policy.

Some Large Nuggets.

No discoveries of large nuggets of gold have yet been reported from the Clondyke. In this respect at least, the Alaska fields, as undiscovered to date, are inferior to those of early California and Australia. The largest nugget of solid gold which the world has record, was found at Mount Moliagul, Australia, in 1869. It weighed 190 pounds, and its value was \$45,000. A nugget from Balarat, weighing 12 1/2 pounds, 8 ounces, and was worth over \$41,000. The Blanche Barkley nugget, also found in Australia, weighed 146 pounds. The greatest mass of gold ever known to have been taken from a vein came from a New South Wales mine in 1872. It weighed 640 pounds, and was worth \$148,000.

A mass of 160 pounds, partly quartz, was taken from a vein on Carson hill, California. In 1865 a highly crystalline mass of 17 pounds was dug up near Georgetown, Cal. It was worth \$4000. This precious metal is everywhere—in the soil, in the rocks and even in the waters of old ocean, it having been demonstrated that a ton of sea water carries about 4 cents worth of the metal.

Some have thought that placer gold was largely of meteoric origin, but this is fanciful, as no meteoric stone has ever been found that carried gold. The more plausible and generally accepted theory is that it all came from the deeper caverns of the earth, and was thrown up in a vaporous form in the distant ages when the earth was in convulsions. When this phenomenon was in progress much of the precious metal was caught by quartz and other rocks for which it has an affinity; some of it was probably precipitated as placer gold—a veritable golden shower descending from the dark, mineralized clouds which floated over the feverish earth.

Crop and Weather Report.

Portland, Oregon, Aug. 9, '97. The warm, dry weather was of no injury, but on the other hand, was of great benefit to the hops. Hop lice thrive in warm, moist weather and are killed by hot, dry weather, hence the great benefit to the hops in the killing of the lice. The reports from the hoppyards indicate a great improvement in conditions and prospects. The hop disease continues to be very numerous, but at present no wholesale destruction is imminent; but on the other hand, hopgrowers are expecting a crop greatly in excess of the total product of 1896, and fully as large as the largest output heretofore made. The harvesting of fall and winter sown wheat continues. Threshing has commenced in some localities. The excellent reports heretofore made concerning the fall and winter sown grain continue; the yield, where threshed, is fully an average one, and the berry is very plump and heavy. Oats is a heavy crop, also. The warm weather is ripening spring wheat and oats very rapidly, and they offer prospects for excellent returns. Peaches are ripening rapidly. A heavy crop is reported from all sections. Shipments of apples, pears, and plums continue. The fruit crop is one of the largest ever had in the State. Garden produce is doing well and is very plentiful. Corn and late potatoes would be benefited by rain likewise, late or the second hay crop. The potato crop is a very heavy one.

The current weather is favorable to every thing, and it is keeping with the conditions which have made such bounteous crops possible.

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FROM KEASEY.

"Speech is silver; silence is golden." Having stood for quite a while on the gold base we propose (with the sanction of The Mist) to adopt the free silver for, at least, one week.

Mrs. George Driver and her sister, Miss Tilla Cheldelin, have returned to Portland to spend the winter. Mrs. Taylor, of Vancouver, Wash., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. M. P. Smith, of Rock creek. Mr. and Mrs. Abel Reed, who have resided for the last eight years near Keasey, are now visiting their daughter, Mrs. T. J. Brown, at Forest Grove. Mr. Reed has been needing medical treatment for a long time, and it is said that it will be necessary for him to remain where he can have the attention of a physician.

Grain cutting has begun along Rock creek and Nehalem, and a bountiful harvest is reported by most farmers. Although Clondyke is engaging the attention of very many people, yet there are a few that are interested in the gold mines of Upper Rock creek—so much so that a small party consisting of Mrs. Frankel, Misses Keasey and Detrick, Mrs. C. C. and Dow Keasey, equipped with camping outfit, wended their way down into ravines and up steep hills—sometimes on foot and again on horseback—about twelve miles to the mines on Rock creek. To the ladies it was truly a novel experience, but Mr. Dow Keasey declares most ungalantly that he will never go camping again with a lot of women. "They are too much trouble." He says "they called him back from the land of dreams regularly every three-quarters of an hour to reweave the fire, fearing the wild beasts might attack them, and they are too slow anyway." Don't call on him, girls, when you want to go camping. Several fine views were taken on the excursion by Mrs. Frankel with her kodak.

Songs from the attendants at camp meeting will resound through the groves of Rock creek by the time this in print, and the next in order will be the outgoing of most of the people, young and old, to the hop fields in Willamette valley—unless, per chance, some of the camp meeting sermons arouse the hop pickers to a change of purpose, if not of heart.

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James Muckle was in Portland Tuesday on business.

Jack Pringle, of Vernonia, was seen in town Tuesday evening.

U. M. Beeghly, of Vernonia, was on our streets Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. Plank was a passenger for Portland on the early steamer Tuesday.

W. H. Braden passed through town Tuesday on his way to Portland. He had been visiting relatives near Vernonia for several days.

Rev. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at the new schoolhouse at Bachelor Flat at 11 o'clock and at Scappoose in the evening.

Attorney C. W. Avery, of Portland, was in this city Tuesday night, and while here was a welcome visitor at the K. of P. lodge.

Miss Dell Butler and Mrs. C. W. Knowles, of Portland, were passengers from this city on the Foster Wednesday for Caples, from where they proceeded to Mount St. Helens on their bicycles.

Mr. A. B. Little has been appointed special examiner of government surveys for Utah, where he expects to go not later than next week. His appointment came from Commissioner Hermann and is for a period of ninety days.

It is said that crops were never better in the Nehalem valley than at the present, the grain being especially good. With two flour mills in the valley it will not be necessary to haul flour across the mountain this year to supply local demand.

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My temperature is going up, The fever's in my veins; The gold cure is the thing I need, I'll take it in large grains.

Quite long enough I've walked the hills, To save the cable fare; Too long the grindstone's done its work, My nose won't stand the wear.

The frozen North is getting warm, With nuggets thick as flies; A man now has a chance to win A fortune ere he dies.

I've pan and shovel, lots of grub, Warm clothing, rubber boots; So wake and call me early When the Clondyke steamer toots.

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Equalization Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Equalization for Columbia county, Oregon, will meet in the courthouse in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, on Monday, August 24th, 1897, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of 1897. All claims for correction must be made before the Board.

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