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WILL IT COME?

The action of the democratic party in national convention, relative to the further coinage of silver, will be eagerly watched. All the forces of the gold standard press are at work trying to shape matters so the issue will not be brought forth, or that a majority may see fit to overlook the important question of the hour. All the national banking houses are fighting silver, with but here and there an isolated exception, for free coinage would do much to eventually stamp out the demand for national bank currency which now forms a no mean part of our circulating medium, and be the cause of its virtual retirement. THE ARGUS is disposed not to be irrational and has no desire to enter companionship with many people who look at both good and evil in national practices, alike, through a nightmare of magnifying glasses, yet there are grave reasons why silver should receive recognition that it may tend to enhance the welfare of our whole people. When it is an established fact that the great majority of the national banks are vigorously fighting the silver movement it naturally behooves those interested in public policy to look for the motive which prompts this extreme antagonism.

Under our present laws, \$50,000 worth of U. S. bonds, drawing 4 per cent., can be deposited with the comptroller of the currency, who will then issue thereon, \$45,000 in national bank notes, with which the owner of the bonds can start in the banking business, having to pay but a trifle for the printing of the bill. Taking into consideration the fact that bonds are generally above par, it is but the matter of a very few years until the party is working with nearly double the capital he started with—in other words, he is drawing interest regularly on the bonds so deposited, besides receiving interest on the 90 per cent. for which his bonds are in a sort of escrow, to be redeemed when he returns the banknotes. Relative to the premium on bonds, of course, it fluctuates, running at this date, so one dollar face of the bond costs \$1.17, so in case one desired to buy at present prices, to start banking, it would be a trifle over four years before he would receive to realize on both the deposit and the draw-down.

The government should at once be divorced from this sort of union with individuals, and the most reasonable way to consummate this and not hurt national interests is to at once commence the coinage of both gold and silver, unrestricted, so far as the home output is concerned.

The democratic party will more than likely declare for free coinage for the majority of Americans are heartily in favor of monetary law giving to silver equal rights with gold and doing away with the legislation favorable only to those who are its promulgators and defenders. Such a declaration will meet with a hearty American support and the party cannot afford to ignore that which has for its only recommendation, the welfare of the nation's body politic, the common people.

REPUBLICAN members of the last legislative assembly of Oregon who voted to pass the appropriation bill should not lay the flattering unction to their soul that asserting "I had to vote for it or the state treasury would have had no funds to pay officials and current expenses" will still the voices of disapproval. Legislators who have the welfare of taxpayers at heart can generally anticipate such conditions as those which characterize the closing hours of legislative bodies and thwart the "riders" by pushing a bill for such expenses early in the session.

If Representative Gates comes out with an explanation relative to House Bill No. 14 which gave mileage to sheriffs in certain counties, doubtless the good people of Oregon will find out just where the

bill was from the time it was signed by the executive officers of both houses, until the time it was never found, yet enrolled. Mr. Gates was chairman of the enrolling committee, and should have had charge of the bill from the time it left the legislative councils.

It will now be in order for the republican legislators to commence explaining their actions in the last session. That is to say, those members who are up for re-election. There is, however, an old saying touching upon this proposition and it is a trite one: "When a man has to explain public acts he is doing for."

HAPPY is the man in public life who is never called upon to explain to the people his actions in any matter, and thrice happy is the man whose actions speak for themselves, so he does not need resort to the last expedient, that of self praise.

If Corbett would only go into training in the halls of congress, there is no doubt but he would soon be able to out-talk Fitzsimmons.

Dead Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Hillsboro post office unclaimed:
Morris, M. D. Noake, Mrs. May Robinson, Fred
All letters not called for by Mar. 7, 1896, will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.
MARY A. BROWN, P. M.

COUNTY NEWS

CENTERVILLE.

L. E. Wilkes surveyed 100 acres of land for M. Wren Saturday, which was sold. Price not known.

Sam Moon, road supervisor, is grubbing out the stumps on the hill by the sawmill in order to widen the road.

W. B. Corum was down from his ranch on the Nehalem the last of the week.

John Fisher made a trip up Gales Creek last Friday after a load of lumber and reports the roads very bad.

M. Wren and his grand-daughter, Francis Wilson, went to Portland Wednesday evening.

Fish and Game Protector Bagley and E. B. Tongue arrested one of our local fishermen Monday morning for having caught trout out of season. The party was taken before Judge Knight, who imposed a fine of \$25, which was promptly paid. This is the death knell to Portland sportsmen, for that matter, any sportsmen, not purely local, for our farmers all declare that, in or out of season, they will cause the arrest of all trespassers on their places.

The writing school is progressing nicely under the tutelage of Wm. Gordon.

J. C. Townsend is superintending the sowing of tobacco seed for a number of our farmers. He recently put out seed for Robert Imbrie, Sr.; enough to plant five acres.

The annual school meeting for district No. 4 is called for Monday, March 2nd, at 1:30 o'clock to elect a director for three years and clerk for one year.

Prayer meeting at the school house every Thursday evening.

The Rev. Hunt, of Punkin Ridge, a rising young theologian preached a very interesting sermon at the school house Sunday afternoon.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. C. P. Blanchard challenged G. W. Marsh to debate the woman suffrage question, debate to take place on Wednesday, February 26th. Will give full particulars next week.

VERBOORT AND VICINITY.

Born. To the wife of J. Van Dyke, on Monday last, a child destined to be a brick maker.

Martin Van De Brook and Peter Van Berg left this place Tuesday for Seattle where they will take the boat for the Aleaskan gold fields. They are accompanied by Henry Herkus who has had considerable experience in that country and spent this winter in California.

An entertainment was given at the hall last Saturday by the debating society and the band in honor of the anniversary of George Washington's birth day. An enjoyable time was had.

CORNELIUS.

Berst, the Hillsboro butcher, was in our berg last Tuesday.

J. R. Miller did business in Hillsboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Young visited with Jaquots Tuesday.

Tom Talbot made a trip to Portland Tuesday on business.

Henry Hart returned Monday from California where he has been working.

Hugh Miller was in our city Tuesday.

Protracted meeting this week at the M. E. church by Rev. Dunlap.

H. C. Tripp lectured at the church last Saturday evening.

Robt. McNutt left here Saturday for Vancouver where he has a position in a store.

Victor Brown and lady were visiting in this city last Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. McNutt.

Pate Wells did business in Forest Grove Monday.

Wm. Reiling was in our town from Verboort Saturday.

Walt Marsh, of Centerville, went to Clackamas county Saturday on business.

A. H. Hawkins and family left Monday for Nebraska.

C. S. McNutt is freighting from Portland this week.

Prof. Curtis will move with his family to Nappa, Washington, where he has secured a school. Mr. Curtis is one of the best educators in Washington county

and we think our directors made a great mistake when they did not keep him.

Ham Stowell, of Buxton, was in Cornelius on business Saturday.

Dode Thing is in town from Reedville.

Pete Jacquot is suffering with neuralgia in his face.

Jasper Keffer, of Gaston, was in this place Wednesday.

Robt. Chrisinger

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Feb. 21, 1896.
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 Washington county, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on May 6, 1896, viz:
Gust Engstrom.

H. E. No. 8862, for the E 1/2 N W 1/4, and lots 1 and 2 Sec. 30 T 3 N, R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Baker, S. S. Reed, Charles Wedberg and Olof Sundberg, all of Glenwood, Oregon.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington county.

G. Melvin Thurn, Plaintiff,

Alice M. Thurn, Defendant.

To Alice M. Thurn, the above named defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon, you are hereby commanded and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court in the above entitled suit, on or before Monday the 26th day of July, A. D. 1896, the same being on the first day of the next regular term of said court after following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order of publication of this summons and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein prayed for and demanded, to-wit: That the marriage and marriage contract now existing between you and the plaintiff be dissolved forever, and that such other and further decree be made as may be equitable and for his costs.

This summons is published against you by order of Hon. Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the above named court made in Chambers this 26th day of February, 1896.

G. W. C. Foster, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Feb. 20, 1896.

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 Washington county, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on March 20, 1896, viz:

Miles S. Collins.

H. E. No. 7889, for the E 1/2 S W 1/4 and W 1/2 S E 1/4 Sec. 22 T 2 N, R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Otis Haycock, of E. Oregon, Charles Hicks, S. S. Hansen, W. H. Lyda.

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Olof Sundberg.

H. E. No. 8388, for the N E 1/4, N W 1/4, and lots 1, 2 and 3, Sec. 31, T 3 N, Range 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Henry Baker, S. S. Reed, Charles Wedberg and Gust Engstrom, all of Glenwood, Oregon.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Jan. 16, 1896.

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 Washington county at Hillsboro, Oregon, on Feb. 23, 1896, viz:

John R. Greenwood.

H. E. No. 7094, for the N W 1/4, Sec. 25, T 1 N, R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

George Orphow, Walter R. Lilly, James Churchill, Antipas Thomas, all of Gales Creek, Oregon.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Jan. 20, 1896.

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 Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, on March 11, 1896, viz:

Frederick Cozens.

H. E. No. 8212 for the N 1/2 of S W 1/4 and S 1/2 N W 1/4 Sec. 32 Twp. 1 S, R. 1 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Caldwell of Progress, Ore. Abner T. Fanno James Hite Joseph Floyd of Portland, Ore.

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