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A SHAMELESS DECEPTION.

The associated banking interests of the east are still endeavoring to control the money of the nation and are in a fair way to succeed. Last fall they put up to the campaign fund with much assurance that they stood for the "national honor," "honest money," and that they did not want to pay depositors a dishonest dollar for an honest dollar by them received. All this abnegation was applauded by many of our humble citizens who really thought their action was inspired by patriotic motives. Not so. These interests put up for a selfish motive. They had in view the retirement of pearly a billion of paper money, comprising the greenbacks, treasury notes and silver certificates. They want the government to sell bonds to the extent sufficient to retire this paper, in lieu of which the banks are to issue paper money. In other words they ask the people to pay four per cent annual interest on millions of money—the legal tender of the people for the benefit of the money trust. This money is not now nor has it been, costing the people any hardship. The treasury raids were uncalled for and unnecessary and had we had a Daniel Manning, instead of a John G. Carlisle, at the national treasury, such studious outrages would never have taken place.

This, then, is what the people voted for! They voted it blindly. They were warned by bimetallicists all over the country and the assertions were laughed at. It is now developing that the rumormongers were correct. Subtle deception carried the day. The gold standard, as it does always, fought in the dark. Our country is laboring under a manacle that drowns in Russia, India and Argentina, giving us a better price for grain, can not alleviate. A full crop abroad and we shall get down to the gold standard European basis. It seems that our government is in the complete control of the associated money power. Will Mr. McKinley meet them with firmness, or must he fill campaign pledges made to Henry Clews et al. It is very safe to say that had these things been anticipated by our rank and file of republicanism Mr. McKinley would never have elected. But these men trusted implicitly their leaders. They will never be again deceived.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

The great drawback to popular government is the muchly asserted fact that every citizen is a sovereign. Every man is led to believe this; he knows it; he takes great pride in the supposed knowledge—but forgets that, unless eternal vigilance is exercised that he is more times a mere agency for self harm. He votes for tariff reform and plunged into debt where there is no need or necessity. He votes a bimetallic platform and elects a gold standard president who signs a gold bearing bond for said citizens and his fellows. He votes for increase of wages and confidence, promised at once; confidence he can have at any time but to get the other he starts for Clondyke. He votes to start the mills then suddenly happens to find out that the mills have been running and exporting more under the Wilson law than ever before and now finds that more mills are to close. He votes for protection and prosperity in Oregon and finds the state not represented in the United States Senate. He votes for reduction of state expenses and discovers such must not be had because two men, both born of women, wanted the senatorship and no legislation must be accomplished till one or the other was defeated. And so on—ad infinitum.

The American citizen is a sovereign—but a poor one. His vigilance is awakened to a sense of danger only about the time of a primary election, when some fellow who doesn't care a piayune for him, comes around and tells him that such and such a schemer is making a slate and that it must be smashed. He straightway helps to smash another, and the country has been saved! His vigilance is removed by his being drawn on the jury and the crown of American sovereignty has to him a greater brightness. He more than repays it by paying into a state treasury a state tax which lays idle for over a year paying some fellow interest dividends! Isn't it about time for people to wake up?

like period in many years. Europe is expected to import one hundred millions more bushels than last year, and neither Russia Australia, India, or the Argentine is expected to be able to supply its usual share.

Query: If the Dingley bill will do all the above things what would the proposed Hanna bill to regulate the currency and retire the paper money do?

Candor is good for the soul, and therefore it is always well to be candid. It is a wellknown fact that Mr. Bryan, on his recent visit to the northwest, disappointed more people than has any other man occupying a similar position before the American republic, and coming to the coast on a tour of any kind.

Mr. Bryan disappointed—this is written advisedly—every one who supported that which is known to support. He disappointed those who were opposed to the monetary principles by him advocated. He disappointed those who last fall felt at heart that he should receive their vote and then went and voted for Mr. McKinley.

It was, however, a very agreeable disappointment to those who support Mr. Bryan's idea of national finance. They had read Hanna Associated Press descriptions until they expected to see and hear an idiot—a man with a mind diseased. Instead, they saw and heard a great commoner, with brain and brawn and not extensively given to enlargement of the abdomen; a man of the people; a man who has human sense enough to give billingsgate and bile the silent reception it should receive and mule instinct enough to stay right regardless of abuse and threats when he knows he is right. Therefore those who supported him were disappointed—but very agreeably so.

Mr. Bryan disappointed his enemies because he said nothing to give them an opportunity to felicitate or ridicule. They were disappointed because his statements were irrefutable and because he confined himself to fact instead of virulent abuse, an apostasy from Hannacratia idea. Now is the "winter of their discontent."

THE foreign price of wheat fixes the local price. It begins to look as though our farmers shall receive a fair quotation this fall, as the Argentine crop is short and the Indian crop is again suffering from shortage. Our republican friends, who are holding theories that the once prospective Dingley bill forced the price of wheat up, should be rather reserved about their calculations—the Dingley bill is now a law and if while it were simply a lubberly bill it was capable of bringing a famine in Asia and a shortage in South America and Russia—for God's sake what will it do now that it has become an adult law? It may knock out our own wheat crop next year.

Benjamin Harrison has not made himself famous by asking congress for an increase of the House bill rates on paregoric. Considering he is in the kinder garden business, his reasons for not doing so are obvious.

Now that Mark has had one deal in congress it is expected, and confidently, that he will soon write a book entitled "The first battle"—that is to say, as soon as he gets through the Ohio election battle now confronting him.

Gold standard Spain, Italy and Portugal, with enlightened money systems are going down, down, down. Benighted Mexico, Japan and China, notwithstanding they had insufficient exports to utilize silver at a parity with gold, have for years been climbing the industrial scale.

Perhaps, after all, the Wilson bill caused last year's failure of the wheat crop in India. If the national police discover this to be a fact Mr. Wilson's name may yet go down to history along with the latest foreign crop shortage producer! Then Maine can shake with Virginia.

Having exhausted the field for the betrayal of Eve's wisdom, Willie Breckenridge is not looking for more women to conquer, but like a Spartan, has ascended a mountain, and is now looking for his name in the form of a Kentucky constituency. Think of it! A whole nation will be succeeded?

Notice To Bridge Builders.

There will be let at the county court's office in Hillsboro, Ore., on Wednesday, August 4th, 1897, at 2:30 p. m., contracts for the building of bridges, viz: A bridge near Garden Home in District No. 9, and a bridge near the Darling Smith place in District No. 30, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be seen on and after August 4th at the office of county clerk.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Showing the Expenditures for two Consecutive Years in Washington County.

Table with columns: Payments, 1896, 1897, Excess 1896 and 1897. Rows include Assessing & Collecting, Bridges & roads, Bounty, wild animals, County court, Circuit court, County surveyor, School superintendent & ass'ts, County Judge salary, Treasurer, Stock inspector, Elections, Fuel, light & janitor, Insane & inquest, Jurors in justice court, Paupers and prisoners, Refunded and remitted, Recorder and deputy, State cases and witnesses, Stationery, Sheriff & deputy, Sheriff's office, Bull Bill, Institute, Excess.

To make the matter plainer; it will be seen that by force of circumstance (exclusive of the Assessor's office) that the county saved for the year of 1897 over that of 1896, on four items viz: Less bridge and road work, saved. Assessors office saving. County Court—by less road and bridge inspection. Postage etc. November election expense less June election expense.

In this amount then, there is no "economy" (the assessor's office excepted) unless the same amount of work was done in those headings last year—if the same amount of work was done for the greater amount expended in 1896 for the work, as there was no material difference in the price of labor and material. The fact is, THE ARGUS gave the county administration credit for saving some sixty dollars more than did last week's Independent, but it seems that paper must have a tilt even if it should have to be shown up as very inconsequential in the matter of comparative statements.

Notice For Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., July 21, 1897. 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, Or., on Sept. 4, 1897, viz: Nathaniel Francisco H. E. 8728 for the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 17, T. 2 N. R. 1 West.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Martin Manning, deceased, and has duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties as such administrator de bonis non of said estate. Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate heretofore presented or not presented are required to present said claims to the undersigned at the law office of Bagley & Brown, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, together with duly sworn vouchers, within six months from this date.

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NOTICE OF EXECUTOR. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly confirmed and appointed by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County executor of the will and testament of Edward L. Schieffelin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly certified to me at the residence of the undersigned, or at the law office of Bagley & Brown, in Hillsboro, county and state aforesaid, within six months from the date of this notice.

SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION. By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, on the 28th day of July, 1897, in favor of G. P. Cornelius, and against Uriah Trumbo, for the sum of \$9.70 costs, and the sum of \$8.00 in U. S. Gold Coins, with interest thereon from the 3rd day of March, 1896, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, upon a judgment rendered in the Justice Court for Hillsboro, Justice of Peace and Constable District, Washington County, Oregon, on the 3rd day of March, 1896, and which judgment was duly docketed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, on the 10th day of March, 1896, I did on the 13th day of July, 1897, for want of sufficient property, property out of which to make the amount of said judgment and costs, levy upon the premises hereinafter described, and by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment and execution, I will on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1897, at the south door of the Court House in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest of the above named Uriah Trumbo, in and to the following described real property lying, being and situate in Washington County, Oregon, and more particularly described as the Southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian. Also that certain lot described as commencing at a point 60 rods West of the Southeast corner of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence North 40 rods; thence West 40 rods to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres, to satisfy the hereinbefore mentioned sums, and for the costs and expenses of said sale.

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Notice of Time. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day granted to J. G. Klineham, son of said undersigned, his time, and the said J. G. Klineham, now 19 years of age, will hereafter be free to do business upon his own responsibility. The undersigned will in no way be responsible for any debts contracted by the said J. G. Klineham after this 17th day of July, 1897.

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