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Opposed to Gold Mono-metallism. Believes in the Bimetallic Standard. Thinks we Ought to Take Care of our own People Before Annexing Hawaii. Has no use for Marcus A. Hanna

WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?

There are those of ability who are ever asking "just what good bimetallic would do, should it become a law and prove practical in its working, relative to parity itself." It seems that this question is so absurd and the answer so plain that a cessation of such interrogation is imminent. In the first place, all things have value and this value is due to the utility on one hand and supply on the other. Money has utility. Coin money, therefore, gives utility for metal, out of which it is made. Use and demand of either metal are largely determined by use and demand made or unmade by statute, where such statute has behind it a powerful nation or nations. Bimetallic would, therefore, give us: first, use of both gold and silver metallic substance and consequent development of one of our great productions. Second: It would constantly put into the business life of the nation a gradual supply of money—a new crop, as it were—which, while having its effect on trade, would give also the effect of working that which is already extant, but now sluggish—sluggish because it for years has been growing more and more powerful in the measuring power of each unit. Third: money being subject to the law of supply and demand (it has no "intrinsic value—intrinsic value doesn't exist) a constantly increasing output, in parallel with the increase of population and demands of commerce, would stimulate business and create improvements that cannot endure thought depression. Fourth: it would give us stability of price which is always conducive of improvement—no one can afford to build or improve with prices falling. Fifth: it would lower the rate of interest more uniformly than direct statutory edict because it would remove the cause that makes interest high, that is to say, it would make it much easier to pay a like per cent interest which is virtually the same thing. Sixth: bimetallic is desirable because it is the antithesis of gold monometallism. Gold monometallism means, and has always given us, dear money and cheap labor and product. Bimetallic will give us the other extreme, which is more acceptable to the bone and sinew of government—dear labor and product.

DENY CONTRACTION

There are occasionally republicans who will tell us that the administration will not retire our paper money and allow banks to issue a substitute. Then why a Gage in the portfolio of the treasury? Then why a message from the president on "monetary reform?" If there is to be no change, why is one contemplated? Of what good will it do to take out of circulation one and two dollar bills and replace them with that which is their superior in the treasury? No sir, the administration intends a contractive system. Why? Because it must pay its political debts; because it must return, in some manner, the immense sums contributed by the allied trust interests; because it must live up to its ante-election promises to its contributors; because the money syndicates want contraction; and, lastly, because these are the powers behind the throne.

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

It is opined that State Treasurer Metcalf has a very poor opinion of the recent supreme court decision. Isn't it about time that Mammy England send us little boys, Stevenson, Fine and Wolcott, home? Only Lord knows whether or not Oregon shall have an extra session of the legislature and he will not tell us. The Oregonian says the Oregon congressional delegation can't agree upon whom to have appointed to office. The delegation might make an assignment

THE OREGONIAN BECOMES ENLIGHTENED

Admits that Legislation Destroyed Commercial Value in Silver but Force of Habit Enters the Denial - - A Little More Scrutiny of Law of Commercial Supply and Demand will Take Scott Into the Bi-metallic Column, a Power.

The Morning Oregonian, always very forcible, whether or not it is always honest, occasionally tells a truth, sometimes accidentally, and sometimes we believe, from the effect of accumen which will not always be subordinated to gross dictation. Last Friday morning there appeared two short editorials, one actually following the other, the which are produced below, side by side, being perfect copies, punctuation, and all. Here are the statements:

NO. 1.

Probably there is small connection between the talk of an international conference and the fall in price of silver, though private information of speculators that there is no hope of an agreement may have led to heavy selling orders. It is more probable, however, that the effect of Japan's rejection of silver as a standard has reached the market. The last great slump, it will be remembered, followed a similar cause—the closing of the Indian mints. Movements of price always have commercial causes, affecting demand or supply. While mining enterprises has increased supply of silver, rejection by one nation or another has limited demand.

NO. 2.

The silver slump seems bottomless. Price has fallen 14 cents in a month, and now is less than 56 cents per ounce. This makes the silver in our standard dollar worth only about 43 cents. Such wide variations as this remove silver still farther from the category of money metals. It has become a mere article of merchandise, like copper or zinc. In a year or two more, it will be measured and sold by the pound. It is less valuable now than many metals and other articles so sold, and the price of hardly any other has been so variable in the last twenty years; has fallen so persistently and so far.

In editorial number one it is acknowledged as true that which silver men have ever maintained as founded upon basic principle. It concedes that the fall in silver is more likely to have been the result of Japan's intent to go to the gold standard, and, to prove the correctness of the position quotes the slump following the closing of the Indian mints to the white metal. This is very correct and is nothing if not a logical deduction upon the correlative position utility bears to value. The writer concedes, in closing, that "rejection by one nation or another has limited demand." It is to be noticed that the Oregonian has never before conceded that legislation created demand or utility where a money metal is concerned. The first article, therefore, but substantiates bimetallic contention—and if proposed closing of mints to silver by Japan, and a borough or two in South America, will cause silver to slump fourteen cents in a very few months—if the law of supply and demand is so easily effected and so delicate to national legislation what would silver do were it given its old rights and legal tender prerogatives by a great government like ours? Simple enough! Automatic parity would obtain inside of twenty-four hours. In one article, the Oregonian admits the soundness of bimetallic economics; shows advanced thought asserting itself in spite of an atmosphere of prejudice. In the other article, number two, which followed in the same column, and immediately after number one, the writer gets back to the gold monometallic, faulty groove in which the paper has so long been kept. THE ARGUS can clearly see that one who reads the articles must ascertain: first: that legislation has decreased the value of silver, and, as well, that proposed legislation has caused the same result. In article number two it will be observed that the writer keeps entirely away from the causes leading up to the cheapening of silver as compared to gold, or to the more recent governmental actions causing disparity between silver and commodities at large (which, wheat excepted, however, is not materially distinct) and tries to lend the impression that silver was discarded as a monetary metal because of its sinking value! Was there ever more glaring contradiction than shown by the two articles quoted? One is directly contradictory to the other in every essence of fact and logic. In the first, bimetallic contention is corroborated. In the second, appears the old "dear dollar" argument against a money system which is equitable. THE ARGUS has too much faith in the people of Oregon, no matter of what political faith they may be, to believe they are so ignorant as to be caught by a charlatan like the above and support gold standardism, and simply publishes the above with proper remarks because many do not take the great gold organ of Oregon.

Again, the article says the silver supply has increased. This is true. So has trade; so have wants of the people; so has population; so has volume of properties; commerce of all kinds; so has the demand for money, proper. Silver has declined, they say. True, it has—but in what manner and when? Decreased only as measured in gold, until practically its commodity value has been destroyed by legislation, both actual and in the perspective. So give it its old use; its old demand; its old honored place as a money metal and it will not descend to the level of copper and zinc. This,—all of this—not for the benefit of silver—but for the benefit of farmers and laborers, who have dollars to buy and are crippled by a constantly growing dearer dollar.

of this special contract to Mr. Walter Toose, who now is convalescing at Woodburn, and will be pleased to help them out as he is now out of danger and is cancelling stamps with a trip hammer like precision.

When England wants to change a boundary line in a gold bearing district she knows no such words as the United States—only Klondike! But England is our "mother country" and the old lady should be allowed certain little freedoms with her minor children. Besides Marcus doesn't care.

Secretary of State Kincaid must draw warrants for state salaries not provided for by want of organization of the legislature last winter. The Supreme court is the king of Oregon and why not dispense with a legislative body here at home, and allow our court to run things to suit itself?

State Treasurer Metschan is out for the republican nomination for governor. After having pocketed thousands of interest on public money he should be a valuable contributor to the republican state campaign fund.

It is not to be supposed that President Dole, of Hawaii, is in a very great sweat about a new "deal." But if he is, he certainly wants the "deal" spelled in the good, old fashioned, backwoods way, to wit: "D-o-l-e."

John Sherman still takes an occasional peep against Great Britain just to momentarily feel how it feels to feel like a patriot. But John never "feels" that way when it comes to a direct show down.

Mr. Scott, of the Oregonian, is wasting a great deal of ammunition on what he tells the people is a "dead duck." But Mr. Scott knows the silver "sense" isn't dead. Therefore, his shooting.

It is suspected that England is endeavoring to establish a protectorate over the American monetary system. This will relieve Americans of a mighty responsibility.

If good crops in America and famine

COINAGE OF GOLD AND SILVER AT THE RATE OF 16 TO 1 INDEPENDENT OF THE ACTION OF ANY OTHER NATION.

The government shall issue all money without the intervention of banks and in quantity adequate for the needs of the people; that all money issued by the government, whether gold silver or paper, shall be a full legal tender for all debts, public or private.

We are opposed to the issue of United States interest bearing bonds in time of peace.

We demand the redemption of Oregon from rings, commissions and corrupt methods and demand honest elections and election laws, including a stringent registration law.

We demand that the people shall have a veto power over all legislative enactments by the use of the referendum and "we believe the constitution of our state should be amended so as to include the initiative and imperative mandate." (In quotations amendment above noted.)

We demand the election of all officers by direct vote of the people.

We favor and advise that all nominations for municipal and county officers, including members of the legislature, shall be made by primary elections.

We recommend that the party shall be known as the Union party; and we invite all the reform forces of this state to unite with us in focalizing those principles by a united effort, and we pledge ourselves to unite with such reform forces in carrying out this Union. Union is strength and strength is victory.

The very best of good feeling prevailed and it was an earnest set of men—men who have advanced ideas of government.

THE GREAT PAPER Has Poor Idea of a Republican Legislature.

(Morning Oregonian) The result of no organization of the legislature last January will be a saving to the state of a very large sum of money.

Some interest will have to be paid, but the amount saved through avoidance of various acts of extravagance and profligacy will be greater, five times over.

CORNELIUS. Mrs. Wilson Wilcox was taken very sick last Monday morning but is now on the mend.

George Graham, who has been visiting his son in Yamhill county for some weeks, came home Monday eve looking well.

C. M. Johnson, who recently moved from Cornelius onto a farm near Gaston, came down to our burg today to see after business interests.

For laundry work call at the store of Fred Mathies.

Real Estate Transactions. Annie A Bier and husband to Fred Spiegel n w 1/4 s w 1/4 sec 3 t 2 s 1 w \$800

Wm Owen and wife to R L Sabbin trustees n e 1/4 s e 1/4 sec 19 t 1 n 4 w \$1

W S Sutherland by shff to Henry Baur s 1/4 w 1/4 of n w 1/4 of the s e 1/4 sec 4 t 2 s r 1 w \$550

A Uglow and wife to H Haase e 1/4 n w 1/4 sec 35 t 1 s r 3 w \$825

Julia A Edwards to John M Edwards lot 1 blk 18 Forest Grove \$200

N Skow and wife to Ada Gran 7 s sec 28 t 2 s r 1 w \$280

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Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, Ore. August 10, 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, Oregon, on Sept. 25, 1897, viz:

William Feldt, H. E. No. 8511 for the S 1/4 of N E 1/4, N W 1/4 of S E 1/4 and N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 of Sec. 19 T 3 S R 4 W.

Notice For Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, Ore. 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, Ore., on Sept. 4, 1897, viz:

Nathaniel Francisco, H. E. No. 8728 for the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 17, Tp. 2 N. R. 5 West.

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

Ed Smith, M. S. D. Hayes, Chris Ross, and B. M. Collins, all of Fir, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Annual Teachers' Institute.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Teachers' Institute for Washington County will be held at Forest Grove, beginning on Tuesday, August 24, 1897, 10:00 a.m., continuing for four days. Those holding certificates from this county are required to attend at least three days, as are holders of state papers employed in the county.

Directors of schools in session at this time must grant two days' time of actual school service to their teachers to attend the Institute, during which said time their pay as teachers shall continue. Attention is called to sub-division 23 of section 25, Title III, Oregon School Laws, which provides that the County School Laws, for the authority for holding the above Institute and the penalty for non-attendance.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1897. AUSTIN CRAIG, County School Superintendent of Washington County, Oregon. 19-22

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, Ore. August 9th, 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 Oregon on Sept. 25, 1897, viz:

Dan Roe, U. S. No. 944 for the S E 1/4 of sec 12 Tp 3 N R 4 W.

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

J. Q. Johnson, T. G. Meacham, Sherman Bacon and Grant Bacon all of Bacon, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Teachers' Quarterly Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer for certificates as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the County School Superintendent thereof, will hold a public examination at Forest Grove, Oregon, on Wednesday, August 11, 1897, at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Candidates for state papers may present themselves on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1897. AUSTIN CRAIG, County School Superintendent of Washington County, Oregon. 19-20

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 8th day of July, 1897, in favor of C. P. Cornelius, and against Uriah Trumbo, for the sum of \$9.50 costs, and the sum of \$88.00 in U. S. Gold Coin, with interest thereon from the 3rd day of March, 1897, 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, 1897, and the following described real property lying in and situated in Washington County, Oregon, and more particularly described as the Southeast quarter of section 10, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, of the Willamette Meridian; thence North 40 rods; thence East 40 rods; thence South 40 rods; thence West 40 rods to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres, to said lot, hereinbefore mentioned sums, and for the costs and expenses of said sale, and for the costs and expenses of said sale.

Said property will be sold subject to redemption as per statute of Oregon.

Witness my hand this 11th day of July, 1897. W. D. BRADFORD, Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon

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