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opposed to Gold Mono-metallism. Be-Neves in the Bimetallic Standard. Think we ought to take care of our own people before annexing Hawaii. Has no use for Marcus A. Hanna

BEFORE AND AFTER.

It is more or less amusing to note with what degree of blindness to the main conditions that our gold monometallists write of present cause and effect. Here in Hillsboro we have a gold organ edited by a good, clean citizen, who now supports a money system of which he has said; in speaking of a man identified with such ideas:

He represents Wall street and London, not the producing classes of the State of Oregon. He is the representative of the east and Europe, not of the west. Oregon, as well as the entire western part of the U. S., has been built up largely on borrowed capital, and owes large sums to the east and Europe. We are willing to pay these debts fairly in money of the value in which they were contracted. But the policy urged by Mr. Dolph of the contraction of the currency, making it scarce and high, would double and treble the indebtedness of every man in the state.

At this time, when foreign shortage has given us a wheat basis price for our production, and silver has fallen in a parallel with its lesser use as a commodity, caused by further legislation against it—this same paper, edited by the same good citizen, uses such facts as argument for the perpetuation of that which it then fought and severely arraigned. The fact is, the demand for wheat has not abated and the supply is shortened—better price results. Silver bullion uses have been diminished while mine owners must operate or throw their property away—and prices of bullion have fallen. There is no argument in this to prove the validity and justice of the gold idea of finance. To the contrary it proves just what bimetallics have always advocated: that right to use gave utility; that utility gave value; that to destroy utility was to destroy value. But the Independent must conform to Hannagratic ideas, so its readers must not blame it for contrariness of assertion. It was the Independent which said:

"THE WEST SELLS FOOD PRODUCTS, AND HAS NO OTHER WAY OF PAYING ITS INDEBTEDNESS, EITHER PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST. THE POLICY OF SENATOR DOLPH WOULD DECREASE, AND IS DECREASING FROM ONE-HALF TO TWO-THIRDS THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING OREGON HAS TO SELL."

Conditions on the money question have not changed since the above was written and published. Because wheat has advanced by virtue of shortage in supply; and silver has fallen from further cutting down its uses and the fact that there is no foreign place to sell our silver with which to buy foreign wheat to buck against our product; has no bearing on the above. The statement of the Independent was then true; is now true; if then false, is now false; if then false was done to misdirect public sentiment; if then true what it now publishes editorially, is false. If then misleading, by what right can it now claim public confidence? What ever may be the case, all agree that Brother Gault wants to do right but his party many times will not allow him to write his true sentiments. This is anti-American policy and justifies citizenship. The public by reading this can equitably judge of just how much consideration to give to the Independent's financial attitude.

IS IT INEVITABLE?

With constant statutory influence working against one of our great money metals, we shall soon have an elephant on our hands. The administration will soon see that in faith there must be works. We cannot support a gold standard without gold redemption. To make gold redemptions we shall be obliged to bond for nearly all our representative money or else make all revenue payable in gold in order to cancel the token money. This will have the effect of making money dear—just what our English cousins and their representatives want. Then no foreign wheat shortage and consequent good price will save us from bankruptcy. Then

we shall see the balloon dollar in all its beauty and sublimity! Then shall we see depraved and debased people and "honest money"—"honest" because it is swelling in value, and while swelling in value all things which it measures shall be declining. This is the program and the sooner it comes the sooner will the bone and sinew of the nation take hold of the reins of government.

THE DEAR DOLLAR IDEA.

The dear dollar advocates have been putting forth a line of theory which indirectly commits them to bimetallic contention. They overlook the main basis of foundation used by silver people for years past in showing that silver held its own with all commodities and simply attack the statement at large. To attempt to refute this they fall back upon the very argument used by bimetallics, who have asserted that, as a commodity silver rose and fell with other commodities with like stability, as measured in gold. Bimetallics have contended, and with history to support it, that silver has, until almost every legislative prop has been taken away, held its own against great odds, as commodity—said it has.

Even much adverse legislation could not kill its use and value as measured in all other commodities, gold excepted. Now that the gold trust has caused more legislation against its uses, it has fallen—the fall doubtless being augmented by the fact that no one with profit could buy our silver to move Indiana and Argentine crops.

Why has gold been so stable, growing in measuring power? There is no more stability in gold than any other metallic substance in proportion to its uses and supply. It has stood the test of time—and why? Because each year it has been given more and more burdens to bear—more and more demand as a commodity through legislative uses as a money metal!

Making gold, only, primary money, and giving it the right to replenish the money crop, keeps up its commodity value. Taking from silver its uses as any kind of money, further destroys its uses as a product. Give silver the right to be used and you increase its commodity use and take from gold its commodity strength just so much as the sum total given to silver. This embodies the whole law of supply and demand, and makes bimetallicism a success, provided our country is big enough to absorb enough silver to give it sufficient use—and it is. Even gold standard people believe this.

The dear dollar advocates however, overlook these things and acknowledge supply and demand only where it fits to their fallacious reasonings. They harp about supply and demand regulating the price of wheat as if that destroyed the fact that the same law of supply and demand affected silver! Apparently oblivious of the fact that legislation has destroyed much value in silver by curtailing its uses, they go on to use the fall in silver and concurrent rise in wheat as evidence against bimetallicism. This is what we want—a restoration of silver to its old uses as commodity by giving it legal tender rights and unrestricted privileges at the mints. The wheat and silver present comparison is no argument against the proposed money system—rather it supports the bimetallic system both in theory and history.

NOTWITHSTANDING the preconcerted howl about prosperity, Griffith was elected to fill the vacancy of Holman, deceased representative from an Indiana district. It was a democratic silver ticket and had two companion tickets, republican and populist. Griffith's majority was 900 and his plurality in respect of party—and the silver craze seems not to be dead. Ohio, next!

THE Oregonian and its country allies are having no small pitched battle these days. The great paper thoroughly understands its echoes and is drilling them so they may put up a good fight next year. It is giving them good drubbings and it reminds one of the old mother-eagles pushing the babies out of the nest in the cliffs in order that they may learn to fly. As a trainer the Portland daily is a success, and notwithstanding its kindergarten

ten occasionally bucks, Scott is doing good work. His school of country school will be with him when the time comes.

The Independent still harps on the silver men holding up the last legislative body. It would appear that our congenial friend forgets that Mr. Corbett, an eminent financier and original gold standard republican—a leading republican—was in control of the republicans last winter and may be repeated as a true exponent—the only one in Oregon—of Hannagratic principles.

GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION.

The metropolitan papers have ever contended that a peaceable strike would not invoke an injunction but the contention is false. The court in the east has made permanent an injunction which practically forbids free speech or peaceable assembly, and this, after weeks of order on the part of the strikers.

This makes it a crime for labor to congregate for their protection—which in these days is a necessity! Courts are for the other side—laws for the other side, and where, then, is the glory of the American laborer citizen? But we forget—"law and order" must be upheld and if courts of the future decide that any ticket shall be a "menace to law and order," an injunction can rout the ticket out of existence. This is exactly the trend of constituted power. Who does not know it?

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS.

It might be proper to suggest that Andree, the north pole enthusiast, has taken a simultaneous slump along with silver.

The State Treasurer in Chambers with Mr. O'Regan Tax Money: "The best of friends ere this have parted, pity 'tis, 'tis true."

The hop raisers of this county will be satisfied if they can even get their 'Cleveland' price of ten cents for their this year's product.

Mr. Scott certainly had a right to sell his bank stock. So did Mr. Altgeld, then, have a right to borrow money from his bank. But Mr. Scott doesn't think so.

The Oregonian thinks the slump in silver has caused the shortening up of the China-Japan trade. "Not so. It is because they can buy rice cheaper—that is all.

How our Hannagratic brothers gloat over the fall of a great American product—brought about by Americans themselves and for the delectation of British money changers.

It is the candid opinion of "Constant Reader" that the Oregonian will get all the county and state republican papers whipped into line with its idea, both of local national banks and national honor."

Sunday was the first time that Mr. Ellis ever saw a month larger than his very own—he was down at the teeth of the Columbia river. Perhaps the gentleman was "over-jawed" for one minute.

Mr. Harvey Scott ought to be gentlemanly enough to admit, that for a genuine political mountebank and prostitute, Mr. Ellis is signally successful in successfully getting a seat in the national capitol.

A dream of years may now be fulfilled. The administration may be induced to put Galling guns on every thoroughfare leading into this state to keep out free silver cranks that the machine inside may hold its job.

The administration is getting afraid of John Sherman in his occasional twisting of the British Lion's tail. Don't be alarmed boys, John will stop as soon as Leo turns his head and growls. One good whisk and John always loses his hold.

Mr. Tongue has not been so publicly free with wheat and silver comparison as has Mr. Ellis, and from the latter's great logic, one is constrained to think it was Mr. Ellis, instead of Mr. Tongue, who collied with that street car in Washington.

It is probable, and more than possible, that federal troops may be called to Forest Grove to quell the assault of the Hatchet upon its gold monometallic contemporary, the Oregonian. But then, a simple injunction might cause a cessation of hostilities.

Now that our republican friends have acknowledged that the law of supply and demand operates upon wheat and silver, the next question should be brought before the curious public. How about the federal offices and office seekers of gold standard Oregon?

Even while Old Sol is boiling each and every mother's son of us, there are those who have the temerity and ambition to wonder which worries Mr. Hanna the most—the rais in wheat and the slump in silver, or the great consolidated coal strike with its attendant destitution and loss of Hannagratic votes.

Should we have to redeem two thirds of our credit money, silver included, we shall have to pay interest on about a billion of what now passes as legal tender! Just think of it! A great nation like ours having only six hundred millions of legal tender and a large part of that to be kept in the gold reserve!

Why hasn't Mr. Hanna's "dupe" Hicate issued a circular stating that short-

age abroad giving us a good price for wheat and more legislation against silver; causing cessation of purchase of our silver product, bringing a decline—it is repeated, why has he not sent out a circular asserting that these two palpable, plain and simply facts are damning evidence against the bimetallic standard?

The editor of this religious paper has never been conspicuous for piety and orthodox devotion, but right here he is going to testify: that he has greater faith in God Almighty, by giving the other side of the globe short crops and empty stomachs, raising the price of wheat, than in Mr. Dingley—and he verily believes that, as well, it is very unholily, unchristian and ungodly for the administration to attempt to steal Jehovah's thunder.

You may tell the people that the law of supply and demand regulates the value of all things; they will admit you tell a great truth; you may tell the people that the same law of supply and demand operates upon silver and many intelligent people deny it! Why? Because the promoters of the St. Louis platform have decided that legislation giving unlimited use to the white metal will have no effect upon its value. And yet—many intelligent people scoffed at first when told that the world was not flat.

EXPERT RASCALITY

And Why Not the Whipping Post?

To THE EDITOR:—

Last week the press dispatches announced, with minuteness of detail, the statement that Senators Stewart and Jones, of Nevada, had renounced their political faith of the free coinage of silver. With the suddenness of a streak of lightning the great dailies gave the statement publicity.

Cards signed by Senators Stewart and Jones denying the truth of the statement were immediately published.

Burning at the stake has been discontinued among civilized people and we are glad of it. Not even a crime against liberty could justify it now.

The whipping post has gone out before the enlightenment of the age. This, too, we are glad of, for it seemed an assurance that the species of crime for which it was peculiarly adapted had also passed away.

But this type of recurring atavism suggests very forcibly the need of reinstating the whipping post as the best way to suit the punishment to the crime. The fellow who would deliberately set such a falsehood going ought to be soundly and publicly whipped.

X-RAYS

When X-Rays understands that the great gold dailies are striving hard to campaign out of existence all opposition to gold monometallicism he will recognize that they will resort to any method, no matter how contemptible, to gain their point. Many people who take these papers take no others. They will never see any denial, for the papers publishing the falsehoods will not correct. That is one method of fooling the people and has always been used by political mountebanks—and always will be.

Our friend Craig must have graduated out of the Tennessee school of journalism—judging from his roster on Scott, of the Oregonian.

Real Estate Transactions.

Martin C Collier and wife to John Collier 7 A 1/2 Sec 24 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. W. L. Skeels and wife to S. Raphael Skeels 1/2 Sec 24 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. F. A. Olds and wife to Frank Baker 37 A Sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. Anna Cox wife to Constance Dakens 22 A Wm Gibson and Win Chapman 4 D Sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. E. S. to Oand CRR Co, sec 12 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. B. G. Olds and wife to Frank Baker, 37 A Sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. Geo W Collins and wife to Albert Epperly, 30 A Sec 34 T 2 S 21 R 1 W. 810. United States to Edward Cabalin, s 1 n e 1/4 sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. Patent. 13 n e 1/4 sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. Patent. 13 n e 1/4 sec 31 T 2 S 22 R 4 W. Patent.

Probate.

S. H. Humphreys has been appointed guardian ad litem to the minor heirs of the Thos J Reed estate.

Will of Mrs Minerva Newton admitted to probate. Mary Vinson and Jennie Chapman act as executrix.

Order of citation granted to administrator of J W Sappington estate to show cause why certain real property should not be sold.

Real estate of Thos J Reed estate allowed to be sold at a private sale.

Notice of Desertion.

Notice is hereby given that my wife, Elizabeth Wilks, has this day left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. The public is hereby warned against giving the said Elizabeth Wilks credit of any kind whatsoever on my account.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 19th day of August, 1897.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

There will be let at the county court's room in Hillsboro, Ore., on Saturday, August 22nd, 1897, at 2:00 p. m., contract for the building of bridges, viz: A bridge near the McPoland place in Road District No. 31, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders. Specifications may be seen on and after Aug. 21st at the office of county clerk.

Dated at Hillsboro, Aug. 19 1897.

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. 14 1897, viz:

Andrews Beree Jensen H. E. No. 8865 for the N 1/4 of S E 1/4 and N 1/4 of S 1/4 of Sec 12 T 3 N R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac B. White, of Greenville, Ore, and Henry Peterson, of Frank Springs, Oregon. E. J. Crabb, all of Buxton, Oregon. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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. 8238 for the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 17, T. 2 N., R. 3 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Eli Smith, M. S. E. Haycock, Chris Ross, and H. 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 requested to attend at least three days, as are holders of state papers employed in the county. Directors of schools in session at this time will be excused from attending. Free certificates to their teachers to attend the Institute, during which said time their pay as teachers shall continue. Attention is called to the fact that said Institute is held at Forest Grove, Oregon, under the provisions of 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

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Dan Roe H. E. No. 9444 for the S E 1/4 of sec 12 T 3 N R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. G. Johnson, T. G. Meacham, Sherman Bacon and Grant Bacon all of Bacon, Oregon. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice to the Public.

For the information of the public, attention is called to the act to prevent forest fires on public lands, which reads as follows: ROBERT A. MILLER, Register U. S. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon. [PUBLIC NO. 88.] AN ACT to prevent forest fires on public lands.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That any person who shall willfully or maliciously set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any timber, underbrush, or grass upon the public domain, or shall carelessly or negligently leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflammable material, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same, shall be fined in sum not more than five thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a term of not more than two years, or both.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall build a camp fire, or other fire, in or near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material upon the public domain, shall, before breaking camp or leaving said fire, totally extinguish the same. Any person failing to do so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same, shall be fined in sum not more than five thousand dollars, or to be imprisoned for a term of not more than five years, or both.

SEC. 3. That in all cases arising under this act the fines collected shall be paid into the public school fund of the county in which the lands where the offense was committed are situate.

Approved, February 24, 1897.

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. 23, 1897, viz:

William Feldt, H. E. No. 8511 for the S 1/2 of N E 1/4, N 1/4 of S E 1/4 and N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 of Sec. 19 T 3 N R 4 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Rausch, Christ Rausch, John Gribner and Andrew Kostur, all of Buxton, Oregon. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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Notice of Execution. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and appointed by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington county, executor of the last will and testament of Edward L. Schiefelin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, properly verified to meet the office of S. B. Hutton in Hillsboro, county and state aforesaid within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 21st day of July, 1897.

CHAS. L. SCYER, Executor of the last will and testament of Edward L. Schiefelin, deceased.

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George Bodayla H. E. No. 10168 for the N E 1/4 of Sec 24 T 3 N R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Max Burgholzer, Frank Burgholzer, John Rousch and Christ Rousch all of Buxton, Oregon. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.