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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.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

The republican party seeks to advise its adherents that we must have "sound money," and to get "sound money" it must have the gold standard—gold monometallism. The party made the greatest use of these assertions last summer, during the presidential campaign, and it was at that time frequently pointed out by the opposition that its very position was contradictory. It held for gold and said we must have an unchanging dollar. It wanted, in other words, values to remain the same as they then were! And yet, men voted the ticket for fear of a "cheaper dollar," or higher product, as measured in dollars.

Speaking by the card, the republican party seeks to have a financial system which means a larger measuring power of dollars when applied to the farmers' product, while putting into effect laws which make the farmers pay more of these same dollars, for which they must fight hard, to the manufacturer for the manufactured article! This is rich, indeed, and who is there who has not common sense enough to recognize that such laws strike the farmer both front and rear? How long can a party live which holds out such a policy to those who are the makers of all wealth? It is a solely and simply a question of measure. Will we have a dollar measure more property, or property measure more dollars?

SOMETHING ABOUT LAW.

The Oregonian is, beyond doubt, one of the most able papers published on the continent, but this does not preclude its getting badly mixed on more than one question of vast importance. Its opposition to the democratic income tax is well remembered. Its assertions that men have the same opportunities but that many do not avail themselves of chance are indeed questionable. It is a fact incontrovertible that even on the Pacific coast, the opportunity to build a home, as in years ago, has passed away. The public domain has been taken up; a new generation has come into existence and it must seek avenues of labor wherewith to get money to buy a home. Conditions have changed in the last twelve years. Twelve years ago an able-bodied man could make fair wages in Oregon or Washington, even on a farm. Today the farm laborer can get no more than half the then wage. Farmers cannot afford to pay the old time prices. It is only when crop conditions abroad create an abnormal demand for American wheat that American growers can farm with any degree of profit. Mindful of the fact that farmers must necessarily thrive before business men in cities can thrive, it is nonsense to talk of opportunity! A man with \$10,000 in cash can make an opportunity. A man with an annual income of over \$3000 can create opportunities for the wholesale. His chance to financially thrive is a thousand times better than he who reaches his majority with a capital stock of nothing but brain and muscle.

The Oregonian reiterates that law cannot help the impecunious. Very true! But equality to all before our law-making bodies can prevent much speculation and this will prevent impecuniousness in many instances. If law were but for the creation of order it would be different. But corporations are before each and every meet of our legislature and Congresses asking for special privileges—and they get them where the poor can not, and do not. Laws create conditions, and where conditions force much from the many for the few, laws are forceful, forcible instruments.

SPASMODIC VIRTUE.

Portland Simon papers and Portland pastors are making a great howl about the disreputable North End, as allowed to exist under the Penneyer administration. The truth of the matter is Portland's Whitechapel district flourished under every anterior administration, and blackmail has been indiscriminately levied under the regimes preceding Mr. Penneyer's occupancy. All at once the gold cult has become very virtuous. This is hypocrisy for you! Ten years ago dens of infamy were everywhere interspersed over Portland's business sections. Today they are said to be more isolated than under the Frank administration. Vice was blackmailed at every opportunity to provide Simon with campaign funds. The complainants seem to have forgotten these things, but the Portland public certainly has not. The Penneyer regime is no worse than the others—and economically considered is doubtless better. The whole trouble is summed up in the desire of the Simonites to gain control of the municipality.

POSITIVE MEN AND MEASURES.

The state of Oregon should next year send two congressmen and one senator to Washington who are positive, one way or the other, on the money question. Straddlers should be left at home. Bimetallists want silver men, but they would prefer gold monometallists to men who are anything before election, in order to be elected, and then anything which strikes their fancy after being seated. To this end men should be put up who are clearly arranged on distinct lines of money standards—men who are not political weathercocks, preaching gold standard one year and against it another. The people of Oregon want either one or the other. Let them not be forced to vote for or against a straddler. Let the issue be clear and inevitable. It must not be obscured by the personality of politicians who are anything for the five thousand dollars per year and "perquisites." Let us have positive men on positive platforms and then the result will not be negative and half-baked. This line of policy, followed everywhere, will soon put an end to strife and give us positive results.

EASY TO ANALYZE.

The New York Tribune insists gaily that Mr. McKinley will do what he will do when Congress meets, and it stands ready to say "amen!" to what that may be. It is needless to say that a public officer generally consults his closest friends when he is about to enter a public function. He generally goes to those from whom he has received the most help and what they advise is generally heeded. If those interests which wielded the public press in his behalf shall decree a message urging currency reform, Mr. McKinley will doubtless coincide; if they fear next fall's elections and urge a non-committal policy, Mr. McKinley will non-commit. If they urge a currency contraction he will urge it. If they would urge independent bimetalism Mr. McKinley will send in such a message.

We know that a commission was sent abroad seeking international co-operation on the money question. We know when that commission was abroad Mr. McKinley sent in a message to Congress which plainly read between the lines to the effect that we didn't want any international agreement or anything else but a follow in the wake of the English financial system. He stabbed his own commission in the back. This he did at the instigation of his "friends"—the agencies of corporate wealth here and abroad. With this history fresh in our minds, the New York Tribune takes good ground when it intimates that Mr. McKinley will write "some kind of a message."

FAITH, OR FALSITY.

Since England has refused to enter into a bimetallic agreement, and it is conceded by the brains of the republican party that the administration will preserve the gold standard until such agreement be affected, it is time for so-called republican journals to either support one or the other financial system. There is no middle ground. International agreement by mediation has fallen by the wayside. It can no more fool the foolish or worry the wise. The presidential commission sent

abroad has fully established the "corpus delicti" and no one except a fulsome fanatic or an furtherer of falsity will hold out hopes for a resurrection.

There are, no doubt, a few fanatics who believe it can be accomplished. It is rather amusing to yet witness this demonstration of faith in a number of so-called republican papers of Oregon; reminds one that "Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast. To some dear fashood, hugs it to the last."

But if it be not faith which moves these scribblers, then must it be deliberate falsity. Either will undo the republican party. The silverites, in all their platforms, contend for something tangible. They have built a structure which no architect of political economy can mistake. It cannot be deemed at one and the same time as mosque or its opposite. It is a positive platform and he who reads understands its intents and purposes. Unlike the republican platform—which is construed to stand for both gold standardism and bimetalism—it stands for something, and that something must be possible before international bimetalism can ensue,—to wit: independent bimetalism. Blind faith or studied falsity can no longer govern the public mind.

RELIEF FOR GOLD HUNTERS.

There is considerable agitation over the asking the government to send a relief expedition to the Klondike. The government, perhaps, could do worse than to send in supplies to the starving prospectors and adventurers, but it should be remembered that here in plenteous America there are many times many thousands in our populous cities struggling penniless, cold and hungry, to find a prospect that will yield a color of that yellow medium, with which to feed little ones. The administration may answer that it has legislated for those at home, but it should also be borne in mind that it has legislated for those, as well, who have started in the quest of gold, in the making of gold more valuable. There can be found plenty of destitution in the eastern cities, and if we are to have relief work let us at least treat all suffering on an equality. It will not cost as much to relieve ten times the suffering at home as in the Arctic Circle.

LAYING HIS GROUNDWORK.

It is known that John H. Mitchell is quietly at work to gain control of the next republican state convention and this he bids fair to do in almost every county in the state—Multnomah excepting. Here in Washington county the majority of republicans are his firm defenders, while many who support him chuckle over the way the genial senator capers on the money question. They seem to think it a huge joke that Mr. Mitchell can hold so many to the g. o. p. on the money question. As it now looks, Mr. Mitchell will go to the state convention firmly entrenched, where he will probably "endorse the St. Louis platform" and then bend his energies towards whipping the recalcitrant "Corbett crowd" into line for the bloodless fray.

THE POOR, dear, antique Independent says the silver papers gloat over wheat falling. Let us grant it be so, just for argument! Didn't the Independent, say, two years or such a matter ago, that Dolph's financial policy "would decrease from one-half to two-thirds the price of everything Oregon has to sell!" No, No! The silver papers want a policy that will give old time wheat values.

THE administration bimetallic commission must feel heartily pleased to know that subtle diplomacy was used by the power appointing it to defeat their work abroad. This has the effect of making the republican platform read, "We are in favor of the existing gold standard, and will defeat international bimetalism, if possible." And it seems to have been possible.

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS.

Uncle Sam can't even have the gold basis without help from the bondholders to begin with. O! "chased" system!



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plaining to Spain that his understrappers are only joshing about Uncle Sam's love for Cuba.

With large delinquent tax lists running in the Independent and Oregonian, it is no wonder that the glamour of "prosperity" has taken possession of their editors. Congress will soon assemble, but it is not expected that Mr. Dingley is prepared to explain that forty million deficit which is eating into the body politic of his cherished measure.

So Mr. McKinley is to have a gold bust representation for the Paris Exposition. That's nothing. By 1900 Uncle Sam will have gold "bust" which will make Mr. McKinley's turn green.

Perhaps Mr. Mitchell has discovered that there is a vast similitude between a cross section on the Moon and Mars R. R., and a like survey of political paths in Oregon—"damned hard to find the stakes."

The president should not lose a chance of a lifetime in office to touch up the nation in a blaze of glory. The Machete dislikes to anticipate executive functions but the president will certainly lose caste in Oregon, if he fail to send Benton Kilfer to Cuba on a geodetic commission.—Buxton Machete (rep.).

John Bull loses no sleep bewailing the two good drubblings received from Uncle Sam. He quietly sleeps, serenely content, happy in the thought that his only and enlightened gold standard is better for than bullets, and that through it he makes us pay a tribute which annually would pay for an empire. His Royal Nibs will let us whip him every ten years if he can continue to control our financial legislation. Jolly John Bull!

IS IT CORBETT?

Legend of Oregon: Many, full many moons ago the Chief of the countless tribes of Oregon, at the behest of close tillicumms sent one of his medicine men who was swift in the chase of wampum back to the rising sun to sit in a council to deliberate and inveigh against cultus chickamin in company with medicine men of great fame. The Sachem, chief river and mountain and lake and plain, never resting nor breaking a twig-day and night he travelled sleeping not except with but one eye that he might better serve his tribes and at the same time watch cultus chickamin warriors, bravest and most treacherous of whom was him called Chief Who-Lost-His-Robe. But Lo poor Sachem! Those of the big white Ilihe knew him not and offered him no pipe nor no skin to seat himself upon except that which the great Spirit had given him. Faithful Indian that he is, mindful that the Siletz braves were with him in spirit, he returned not to the Chinook nor Tualatin nor Clackamas but remained day after day in front of the Lodge which made him welcome. And there he sat. Moon upon moon passed and still he sat, and sate, and sate, and spat upon the earth, making no plaint as becomes a true skookum chickamin brave. His eye faded, his hair grew whiter and yet the warrior sate. The string of wampum grew lighter and lighter while his heart grew heavier and heavier in the knowledge that his people were not represented. Meantime an evil Chieftain named Klondike sent him a message intimating ere many Chinooks had blown it would take a whole moose skin full of hon-skookum chickamin to buy a cunin with cropped ears from the Linton emporium, and the soul of the warrior grew yet more sad and he still sate but not where he was wont, inside the council. The Oregon flows on in his faraway home, but he lets it flow. He waits and sighs not. The Chinook whistles across his hunting grounds near to the western sea but the medicine man whistles not back the sweet refrain for his soul is full of sadness and he cannot—pucker.—Chemawa Wa Wa. [Ind.]

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE. Citation ordered issued to heirs of Wm Guthrie, deceased, to appear Jan 2, 1898, to show cause why order should not be made granting

position to sell real estate. J. A. Inbrie has been appointed guardian of R. F. Inbrie in the matter of the estates of Robert Campbell, deceased, and David Inbrie, deceased. Ordered that Clerk of Court have for one year (or less) \$175.00, at eight per cent, said money belonging to two heirs of the Alois Handwerker estate [Residence unknown]. The administration of the Preston Handwerker estate has been ordered closed of record.

Real Estate Transactions.

Lyda A. Young and husband to Doughty part Andrew Harper d. l. c. \$2000. J. W. Shute to Cecilia Ferris tract 5 in 1st red ad to Hillsboro, \$300. Alfred Davies to James M. Smith 40 a in sec 22 T. 1 S. R. W. \$2400. T. J. Wallan and wife to Wm Edwards 44 1/2 a sec 16 T. 2 S. R. W. \$80. Wm Carter to Mrs. Belle Vandehy n. e. 1/4 sec 14 T. 3 N. R. W. \$100. Frank A. Stockwell to Joseph J. Hartley Stockwell creanery tract, \$500. D. C. Miller and wife to Elizabeth Thompson part of lot in Erwinvale ad Forest Grove and other lands \$500. Wm R. Smith and others (deced) to Hannah B. Smith n. e. 1/4 sec 17 T. 2 S. R. W. \$1. August Gebhart and wife to Chas. Wall 5 1/2 a n. w. 1/4 sec 14 T. 3 S. R. W. \$500. Joshua Clark to John P. Kiddle and wife part blk 11 Forest Grove, \$1000. N. B. Wells and wife to E. A. Hyde tract in sec 26 T. 1 S. R. W. \$1366. P. J. Schmitz and wife to C. P. Wunderlich 40 a sec 17 T. 1 S. R. W. \$723. Wm Vanderzander et al to John Verboet 87.66 a Wm Wilson d. l. c. \$1000. W. H. G. sons to Edward J. O'Dea s. w. 1/4 sec 34 T. 2 N. R. W. \$1. W. H. Rucker to Mary Smith 1.80 Humpreys ad to Hillsboro, \$675.

Notice to Bridge Builders. A contract will be let at the county court room, at Hillsboro, Oregon, Washington county, on Wednesday December 8, 1897 at one o'clock p. m. to the lowest bidder for building a bridge over a creek and canyon near the house of Knox on the county road leading from Box 4 to the residence of J. N. Bailey, in said county, all bids to be sealed. The commissioners court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Specifications may be seen at the Clerk's office on and after this week. By order of commissioners court. E. P. Cornelius, Judge.

Notice to Public. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned farmers and residents at Mountaineer and vicinity will prosecute to the full extent of the law, for such offenses prescribed, all persons who hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon the farms of said undersigned.

Notice of Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, ORE., Oct. 20th, 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 Dec. 4th, 1897, viz:

Grant Bacon H. E. No. 877 for the E 1/2 S W 1/4, and lots 3 and 4 of Sec. 7 T. 1 S. R. 3 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas G. Melman, John Q. Johnson and Dan B. Roe, of Bacona Ore., and William Newes, of Forest Grove, Oregon. 2-7 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as executor of the last will and testament of Emma Stark, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, and that said Court has appointed Monday, December 20th, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. as the time for hearing objections to such final account and for the settlement thereof.

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in the matter of the estate of Lyman L. Williams, deceased, and that said Court has set Monday, the 6th day of December, 1897, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Court room, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement of said estate. Dated at Hillsboro, on this 1st day of November, 1897.

Notice of Final Settlement. SARAH J. WILLIAMS, Administratrix of the Estate of Lyman L. Williams, Deceased. BAGLEY & BROWN, Attorneys for Administratrix.

Notice of Final Settlement. J. Q. A. Young, now serving on the Circuit Court petit jury, is quoted as one of the survivors of the Whitman massacre.

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