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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.

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE IT

England has held a commercial supremacy over all the world since the nation's incipiency, and this has largely been due to the fact that at the time such supremacy became an important factor in international life, she was the home of the world's greatest business men. Commerce was fostered by the government. Colonial expeditions and marine traders could seek and secure protection under the British flag in every conceivable latitude. This condition naturally led to the upbuilding of a great commercial and money getting class. Great financial institutions were the result and the British government fell under the control of wealth and titled nobility, the latter often made possible by financial favors to the crown. The nation became creditor to the whole world before many years, and she suffered but one rival—feared but one competitor. That competitor was the United States. In 1816 England legislated for the benefit of her creditor class and commenced to lay the ground work to force the whole world to a financial basis by which her large money holders would each year receive a return of principal more valuable than in the past. How well she has succeeded history can vouch. London millionares not only direct the crown but they direct financial legislation everywhere! What do they care for the boasted freedom of other lands so long as they know the world pays them ransom and tribute, a trifle more, each succeeding year? The wealth of England simply laughs at our vaunted independence of government, and it is not unreasonable to suppose it will relinquish its commercial hold so long as we are not only prone to follow but seemingly eager for our own financial suicide. American citizens, as a rule, do not look at these great questions with any degree of seriousness. The rank and file seem to think our liberty a great thing and glory in the Fourth of July oration and the boast that "we licked John Bull," when the truth of the matter is we have been whipped to a standstill and have paid for the whipping.

England's money is pawned on our farms, on our railways, on our government and on our cities. As she says, so must we say—and so do we say. She no longer fears us as a commercial rival—as she sets the value of the dollar of payment and trade. She cares not for a tariff—bother the thing—for her money is invested in our manufactories and she transplants labor where she wants to use it. The little island has doubled her credits in a very few years and we help to pay her tribute, voting to sustain those who would make the United States a thing of reproach. What she could not do by force of arms she has done by commercial shrewdness—and in this she has ever found many here to give her substantial aid It appears, however, that we have not yet seen the worst We must put our own free and independent citizenship on a parity with England's own. Therefore, we must have more gold basis, and in it our ancient enemy is working a magnificent revenge.

HOW IT IS TAKEN.

The comments of the gold press on the president's message are rather amusing. London papers do not take kindly to the horseplay about the double standard, but they seem to forget that humbuggery obtains amongst our high politicians, and an ounce of such deception is here worth more than a "£" of real old British gold cure. Or, perhaps the Britishers do not like "smuggery" preferring, rather, a bold champion instead of a clumsy dodger who fools not even himself as trick mule to to the gold circus.

But one finds the chiefest index to the implied character of the document in the home gold press that lauds the gold recommendations, while either characterizing vaporings on internat. bimet as a real cute joke to fool the fools, or a genuine ebullition of a "cap and bells" product. Some, of course, take it seriously, as enthusiasts entertain a world's end prediction, but these thus credulous generally edit "obituaries" where cow ordinances are but dreams of youth to old age. These little self-deemed economists are expected to "hallelujy" like an Alabama coon patting Juba to an old fashioned camp meeting in earnest—as soon as their eagle eyes absorb the presidential buffoonery on this bell-genet of financial economy.

Why does the president keep up this nonsense when he knows we can get international through first opening our own mints and tendering J. Bull our coin debt in coin? The England will either co-operate or attempt to chastise. He certainly will gain nor hold no votes in a future election by pretending for that which his every official action repudiates.

HOW WE PLAY PUFFERY.

If natural forces and improved machinery are the causes of cheap products, the same deductions should apply to money. But it seems that this idea gives some of our "monos" great pain. They are, however, kind enough to admit that these agencies have some connection with cheapened silver. They ignore the fact that silver's uses as a legal tender money have been curtailed more and more each year, and this curtailment has thrown its force upon gold, making it dearer and dearer.

Financial legislation has retarded our growth and will continue to retard it,—if the present system is continued. Why ask England to cooperate? She naturally will favor a system that will make our dollars of payment on her credits worth more and more each year, will she not? Why not have an American system of finance? We owe, nationally, and through long time municipal debt, enough to force England to our system for self protection if we pay them in the coin of the bond! And to listen to the cry of "dishonest money" is to listen to a system that means more for our cousins, while at the worst under free coinage, our money of payment would be equivalent to the dollar of the loan of years ago. We would no sooner go to the double standard than all Europe must follow. But of one thing, at least, we may rest assured; if we wait for those who most profit by the present system, to cooperate with us, we shall wait for a long time. What is now our loss is their gain, and, unlike our own people, they work for their own interests. We can whistle. After all, they are wise, while we are helping them at our own cost.

WHERE THE FIGHT LIES.

While our gold monometallists generally deny the quantitive theory of money as having any bearing on prices of properties by it measured, it is a positive fact that they insistently fight that which will give a larger volume of money. It is to be supposed that large money holders will always fight for a smallest possible volume of money for they innately feel that money is subject to the same law of supply and demand as is any other article of exchange. So, in contending for the gold standard, they are simply working for their own welfare—they seek to make their money property more valuable,—that it may measure more of property and labor. It is not at all unreasonable to suppose that such people earnestly seek to enhance the value of their holdings with a vigor parallel to that of a farmer who works to keep up the price of farm realty and farm product. The most important question is as to which class holds the majority, and another important matter is that of merit as between the two. Without the farmer the man of monied wealth would have a wealth which would avail him nothing. The farmer must create enough, not only to pay tribute to the money class, but he must also support the middle class, and ordinary, and the laboring element. Yet, this same farmer is considered by the average bondholder and politician as a dung hill fowl, fitting only to scratch out wheat that the wealth-holders may eat bread. Some of these days the farmer is going to realize his own importance, but he never will so long as he listens to those who act as leeches upon his efforts.

THE CUBAN CAUSE.

So we are to have a continuation of the old dilatory tactics on the Cuban question. What did the St. Louis platform mean? What is mere sympathy for Cuba? Is the administration passing with a lie on its lips?

The great trouble with the president is the fact that he is altogether too prone to listen to what H. W. Scott would designate as the "concert of bondholders." Cuba can "go to." The president's attitude reminds one of the old Gasto farmer who sat on the fence watching his little scrubby two year old bull attempt to buck the Independence express off the track. "Go it, you little cuss," said he; "I admire your pluck, but to h—ll with your judgment; you can't buck a corporation like the S. P."

THE PRESIDENT'S MANIFESTO.

President McKinley's message is a gold monometallic document, sugared with a feeble attempt to mislead the people on the bare bones of the skeleton of international bimetallism. It should deceive no one. The whole tenor of the first part of his message holds for gold monometallism—and then it switches and holds out a delusion as dishonest as it is transparent.

Greenbacks are to be retired; a gold redemption is pledged, it says! Nine hundred millions of our currency must be held by a gold reserve. The president ignores the law which makes silver equally applicable to the redemption of our credit currency, barring the small percentage of our gold demand notes. He advises gold monometallism and a system which is diametrically opposed to the least step towards bimetallism and then jiggles with "international bimetallism." The whole message, if republicans take time enough to consider it from the standpoint of business, is very inconsistent in itself; yet consistent to the administration; consistent with a platform which stood for one thing and asked for votes on false pretenses; consistent with the desires of the power behind the republican party, but not in touch with the business interests of agriculture and labor.

Bank notes are to be our money, if the message is followed. The president wishes these little banks to supply a currency for agricultural people. This seems to be a tactic acknowledgement that there is not gold enough with which to do the business of the country. In this suggestion he advises that which he was too wise to do last fall, for it is a direct blow to the gold financial policy.

Mr. McKinley wants to revise the currency so it will work no injury to any one. He is very solicitous of his people! But of which part of his people? The whole tenor of the document is palpably against the dollar buying interests and postively for the dollar selling classes. The single standard assurance is given to show the syndicate interests that he is their staunch friend and then the bimetallic standard is juggled with to prove to the farmers that he is their friend. Off all that can be said against Mr. Cleveland, it cannot be charged that he "cogged the dice." Cleveland was direct, unambiguous, positive; Mr. McKinley is the direct antithesis. Cleveland was monometallic and said so; McKinley is monometallic, yet seeks to deceive by paltering to the "international" plea of finance, and "hopes something may yet be done."

The message, as touching on finance, is what vested money interests desire, and, as this is the class to which he owes his election, there is at least one gleam of consistency present.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The president does not seem to be pleased with "prosperity."

The president's message is somewhat indicative of the attitude of an "unwilling witness."

There is no doubt but what Mr. Hanna thinks his own name would look better appended to a presidential message.

The Cuban question annually permeating the pages of the president's message is becoming about as tiresome as a two year old roan heifer, with a white stripe across the forehead. Finder please notify this office.

Remember the B. L. and O. festival at the Grange Hall, December 22nd.

The Endeavorers will give a B. L. and O. Festival on December 22nd, at the Grange Hall. The Cantata which was at first contemplated will not materialize.

The young friends of Jennie M. Greer celebrated her 15th birthday Saturday evening last at the home of her parents on First street. Lack of space prevents the mention of guests present.

Conrad Schulmerich has purchased the Jabez Wilkes' Greenville farm and Jos. Schulmerich will take charge of it in the spring. The sale was made yesterday, not last week as formerly stated.

A team of six bowlers from Forest Grove Friday night rolled a contest with six local bowlers on the new alley. The home team walked away with the honor by four points. The Hillsboro team was A. C. Shute, J. M. Wall, Will Siegrist, Geo. Merryman, Dorr Waggener and Cal Jack Jr.

From Cornelius.—A hoodoo by the name of Leabo arrived in our town this Wednesday morning from Salem. Mr. Leabo once was a resident of this county. He says that hops are dull at present.—Lawrence Bailey made a business trip to Portland Monday.—Amos McCurdy, of Centerville, was in the city Wednesday.—A. B. Lewis has been on the sick list for several days but is now improving.

N. F. Smith, an old veteran, who for many years held the respect of entire Hillsboro, died Monday morning from a stroke of heart paralysis, after having been down town at the Saturday before. Mr. Smith was one of California early miners, later on coming to Oregon to spend the rest of his days. Several years ago he suffered an amputation of one of his legs, and since then has been enjoying moderately good health. The G. A. R. escorted his remains to the depot on Tuesday, and the evening train carried the body to Portland for burial. He was a good man and a man whom almost everybody respected and loved—a man who tried to do right because it was right.

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the mentioning of the old Washington county jail in past grand jury reports.

Of the two messages published in this week's paper Mayor Barrett's should receive the heartiest support by our townsmen.

From the tone of the press dispatches it is to be inferred that Hon. Thomas B. Reed and Hon. Mark Hanna have convened in Washington, D. C.

Sheridan, town went silver the other day. Hon. C. P. Yates should be commended for the good work he is doing. The silver people should vote him a medal.

In his message to Congress Mr. McKinley evidentally forgot to mention to his admiring constituents just how Mark saved the great state of Ohio from suicide.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE.

The final account of the John Foerster estate has been set for 10 a. m. Jan 10, 1898.

H. F. Gordon has been appointed administrator of the estate of Anna S. Baker, deceased.

O. M. Godfrey has been appointed administrator of the estate of Ellen Godfrey, deceased.

Petition of administrator of John D. Ledrick estate asking permission to procure counsel to assist in the prosecution of the accused murderer was granted.

Final account of L. L. Williams estate will be heard on Dec. 13th.

Appraisers appointed in William Twigg estate: Herman Collier, E C Miller and James S Miller; To appraise in Multnomah county: Thomas Walker, Alvin Wilkes and George Gordon.

Upon petition sworn to by W. D. Graham before the county judge, Dr. S. T. Linklater examined Mrs. R. E. Graham for insanity yesterday. The patient was ordered committed to the asylum for the insane at Salem. W. B. Graham accompanied the Deputy Sheriff in taking the unfortunate woman to her destination. The Grahams live at Mountaindale.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Hillsboro Light & Water Co vs Dr J P Tamiesie, disagreement. Honeyman vs Bradford suit for recovery of horse or its value, and for damages. Verdict for plaintiff. Horse valued at $37.50. Damages awarded, $25. State vs Biggs, charged with larceny of liquor. Verdict of guilty and sentence set for Friday morning. State vs Geo Seidler. Entered plea of guilty and trial set for Dec. 11th. State vs. Pabe, verdict of not guilty. Will be heard on second indictment Dec. 13th. Cottage, Gamble. Non-suit granted. Divorces granted: Constantine vs. Constantine; Latimier vs. Latimier; Grimes vs. Grimes. Decree of divorce granted defendant in case of Meyer vs. Meyer. Motion argued and under advisement for the granting of a new trial for Jas. Lee, Jr., and defendant admitted to bail.

Bank Clearings.

The clearings at the Shute & Foote bank, Hillsboro, for the three weeks ending Dec. 8th, amounted to $84,999.81. This is an average of over $28,000 per week and speaks very well for business.

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There will be Cummunion services at the Evangelical Church next Sunday morning. Rev. M. Balantyne, of Lafayette, will preach both morning and evening.

Strayed—From the John S Jackson place, about two months ago, a two year old roan heifer, with a

Real Estate Transactions.

Rexies and Jos Courtney to C M Johnson 44.79 a J H Wallace d l c, $500.

J H Voight to W K Smith Jr a ½ sec 9 t 2 s r 4 w, $600.

Thos E Cornell and wife to C Bailey lot 10 blk 11 Cornell's, $80.

Assignees Plummer to J A Thornburg 98 a sec 14 t 2 s r 4 w, $2500.

A P Tupper and wife to Wm Thompson 6 a t sec 1 s r 4 w, $800.

Joseph Brannan to Jas A Anderson 2 a H Donation c, $500.

W K Smith Jr to Frank T Johnson s ½ sec 2 t 2 s r 4 w, $600.

M M Bloch to Melissa Noland 2½ a sec 3 t 2 s r 3 w, $[illegible].

Wm Leach and wife to Andrew and Lorina Storey lot 3 blk 6 Forest G, $200.

Fred P Ritchie and wife to Edw Stark 7 a sec 10 t 2 s r 3 w, $100.

Fred Reed to Alexander Bruce n w ¼ of n w ¼ sec 31 t 2 s r 4 w, $2500.

The same to Jas M Reeves e ½ n w ¼ sec 34 t 2 s r 4 w, $2500.

Nick Kramer and wife to John Neuman 10 a sec 30 t 1 s r 1 w, $350.

F H Miller to E C Miller undivided ¼ e ½ s ½ sec 20 and s e ½ s e ¼ sec 19 t 2 s r 2 w, $500.

John Armstrong to John C Armstrong part block 25 Forest Grove, $5.

The same to John Armstrong 1¼ a Ellernell Walker d l c, $5.

Administratrix Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned administratrix of the Estate of John Foerster, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, my final account as executrix of said estate. And that said Court has set Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day, as the time of hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1897.

LINA FOERSTER,
Administratrix of the estate of John Foerster, deceased.

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Dated at Mountaindale, Washington Co. Ore., this 26th day of September, 1897. H. Taylor Hill, C. E. Shorey, John Smith Geo. Harms, I. I. Northrup, J. C. Crocker, M. M. Rowell, M. W. Hahn, J. C. Lafferty, S. J. Rafferty, C. B. Taylor, Geo. B. Armentrout, John Ibach, A. C. Wirts, W. A. Montgomery and W. N. Haynam.

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.

CHRISTOPH HELMOLD
Executor of the last will and testament of Emma Stark, deceased.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 18th day of November, 1897.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., 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. 8373 for the E ½ S W ¼, and lots 3 and 4 of Sec. 7 Tp 3 N R 3 west.

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

Thomas G. Meacham, John Q. Johnson and Dan B. Roe, of Bacona Ore., and William Neeves, of Forest Grove, Oregon.

21-7 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register

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