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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.

SOME IRREFUTABLE TRUTHS.

W. J. Bryan has recently remarked that the republican program embraces three pernicious doctrines:

1. Foreign con rol of our primary money.
2. National bank control of our paper money.
3. Trust control of the taxing power.

These are three great truths and each proposition is interdependent with the other. Mr. McKinley's action in sending abroad the bimetallic commission, which is equivalent to asking England if we may have the temerity to co-operate with her in a bimetallic system or if we shall continue to pay her tribute under the present or a more contracted money system, was proof positive that our money is today under control of powers foreign to home character. It was a tacit acknowledgement that we should not legislate contrary to what aliens desired and that we should, per se, legislate only as the foreign bondholders wish; this last, because the bondholders control all foreign countries to the extent of all legislation. We are to bend our desires of legislation to confer what is willed by the great creditor nation of the world—a nation interested in the contraction of the world's money; a nation which tries to control the world and which is, by its own subtle monetary dictation, commercially more powerful than was ever her magnificent armies sent against us when we were in our infancy. We are to have no possible independence of legislation; we are to have no spirit of self government; we are to supinely acquiesce in what ever aliens say we shall do, even when such action robs that which makes our government a possibility, to give to those who are dictating. England wants the primary money volume restricted to gold alone because this makes each unit returned to her through interest or principal of loans with more in measuring capacity; because that policy means practical confiscation of our natural and artificial resources—and in all this, and in the face of this, the republican policy says this is the correct and enlightened method, and that to assume and put in force a home policy would be "anarchy" and "dishonor."

THE UNION MOVEMENT.

There seems to be an irresistible demand coming from the people of Oregon who oppose gold standardism that, irrespective of party name, they get together under one force and fight for the principles of Jefferson. They are willing that the goldites shall call cheaper money by the name of "base" money and will remain contented in fighting a system which means base labor and products. The union movement, started by the bimetallists of all parties, is gaining ground each day, not because one or two want it so, but because there is spontaneous desire amongst all classes who are interested in dearer product rather than dearer money. Of course from the democratic and populist ranks occasionally is heard the voice of some politician opposing Union—but in either case it is from some one who is seeking official benefit. The people are not in a mood to be divided on this great question It is a matter broader than politics. It is a matter concerning the future of our country and the husbandmen of Oregon are determined that the state shall be wrested from the baleful influences of a party which knows no principles save politics for spoils. The farming interests of Oregon should know no division. The majority want no gold standard policy, advocated by those who have dollars simply to loan and sell. This movement appeals to all the latent patriotism in those who favor government by the people and not government by trusts and monopolies. It is for this reason that a union of all opposed to gold standardism, will succeed. It will mean a battle royal, for it will mean a question of government, not a question of candidates.

THE REAL KERNEL.

There are times when even our best gold standard magizines ruthlessly shatter the foundation of their anti-bimetallic argument and a recent issue of "Money" contained an example. A correspondent asks "Money" why the silver certificate is worth a dollar in gold. The editor promptly responded, in an unguarded moment, that it was because the government accepted it as worth as much as the gold dollar in payment of any kind of government due. The silver certificate is as good in European exchange as the gold, and for the identical reason, towit: because it is as good a legal tender to our government as is the yellow coin. Therefore, the mere gravitation of three hundred and fifty million dollar expectancy the usual annual income of the government, fixes the price of paper and silver to the extent of several hundred millions—all of a half billion—on a parity with gold, when at the same time, by law, gold has a legal tender endowment worth to it over a thousand times that of silver! That some of our gold standard advocates were worried about fifty cent dollars when the campaign was on seems to have been an index to the page of knowledge hidden within disclosing that they knew what they were talking about, and that they must work hard to create ingenious enough defense to keep the present standard intact.

As a matter of fact, a study of the question from a position of mathematics would rather tend to substantiate their cry of "fifty cent dollars," that is to say, dollars would not, under the bimetallic system, buy much more than half the labor, product of labor, etc, than it now buys, which, turned over, means that the same merchandise would be doubled in value. It is not yet clear to the writer that the multiple would be "two" and he is rather inclined to think that somewhat large, but not enough so as to make any material difference. The answer of Money fully covers the great doubt concerning independent bimetallism—and independent bimetallism means universal coinage and current passing of gold with silver the world over.

STILL GAINING STRENGTH.

The issue of free coinage of both metals at the time honored ratio is each day gaining strength. The tariff question is out of the way for the present and bimetallists are receiving a perfect deluge of ridicule and bombast from the gold forces. Nothing is so creative of strength to an issue as reasonably and moderately prepared argument answered by epithet and villification. The bimetallists advance history and cause and effect to maintain their position, while the gold forces reply by calling them "fanatics, fools and fillibusters." Of course, the great consolidated money loaning syndicates of the world are with the goldites and they are in power. The great creditor nation of the world, England, stands with them. In fact they set the example in 1816 and many with like interests in our own country have tried and are still trying to get us to follow her and commit our financial suicide. England's wealth and its counterpart in this country are not to be blamed if the people vote to increase the measuring value of the dollars of their bond coupons, and it does no good to call the wealthy "Shylocks." The proper thing to do is to vote against that which is most zealously supported by such wealth. That is all there is to it and it is and should be plain enough for an ordinary mortal. People are beginning to realize what is desired by those who "are surrounded by huge blocks of interest bearing obligations." The present measure recommended by Secretary Gage uncovers the secret. Last fall the republicans kept away from such ideas and had their campaign speakers and press declared for such procedure—the retiracy of the greenbacks and other representative money—Mr. Bryan would have received at least two and half millions more votes. But the mask of duplicity has fallen and the goldites will now have to face the battle. Recruits are being made every day to the cause of bimetallism by nothing more nor less than the very argument and measures advanced by the party of Henry Clews et al.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT.

One of the county officials takes the pains to tell people that THE ARGUS complains that the new county jail costs too much money THE ARGUS has made no such complaint. But this paper did publish, as a matter of news, the fact that the cells and corridors of the new jail had been contracted for in violation of the law, and quoted the statute to prove its position and the board's dereliction. The statement made was no guess; no opinion; no complaint. It was a cold fact, published as news, with no editorial comment. The contract for the cells and corridor was made contrary to both law and public policy. The law required advertisement and the letting of the contract to the lowest bidder. This was not done and competition was in Europe for a vacation. Why this was not done in this matter is as much the people's business as the court's for the people foot the bills.

In cases where legitimate competition can be secured for public service it would appear that public officers should do so; but when it is mandatory, even ignorance of the law,—that wornout and abused creature,—is no excuse. Profuse signing of contracts in violation to the law and neglect of signing when society would be protected seem to be "twins" in this age of enlightment.

THE Oregonian is naming candidates for the Union ticket and has placed Hon. W. D. Hare in nomination for governor. While this is by far one of the best nominations ever made by the Oregonian, it will be remembered that the Unionists have no candidates and no slate. The people will decide who they want when they get together in convention. Judge Hare is not seeking after nominations; he is simply a private citizen who for several years -as soon as his party left the old bimetallic idea—has been lending his voice and his efforts for better government and better conditions.

NEVER MIND THE INTENT

E Plubius Unum! Holy Grail! Gee Whillikens! The Oregonian Thursday had the following sarcasm, or streak of patriotism, or something or whatever it may be, because corpulent Judge Caples—well here is what it says and you can read it to suit yourself:

"Consul Caples was hooted at Valparaiso because he appeared on the streets carrying packages under his arm. He had visited the postoffice and obtained his own mail. In Chili only menials and lackeys carry bundles, and he was jeered by the urchins of the street. We ought to make an international matter of this insult. Let us send a fleet there, and two army corps and teach these upstarts the principles of democracy."

This is one way of catching both those who will take it for what it says and those who will take it for what it means.

SENATOR CHANDLER

A Good Republican, does'nt Like the Plutocratic Scheme.

Senator Chandler, the able republican New England statesman, is not enamoured of the financial policy of the administration and in these words takes it to task:

"If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during the session, and there will be an adjourn in May. Business will revive, the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the republican party will in November 1898, elect a majority of the house in the 56th congress. On the other hand if Secretary Gage continues to press upon congress a bill, the object of which, he says, is, first, to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, and the immediate result of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declaration in favor of efforts to secure bimetalism a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united republican party into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes, or authorizing bonds payable in gold. It will also probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin, in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government, and not for the advantage of the creditors. With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create, with certain congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by secretary Gage, under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase and the republicans will lose the congressional elections in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890, and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time therefore, a Bryan president and congress will be chosen. Whether we are to have one of these results—political safety or political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by secretary Gage and those who are pushing him forward, namely, the Gold Standard League of New York and the self-constituted monetary conference. How much secretary Gage cares for the republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith is coming to a test as towards bimetalism, will stop his secretary, is not known It is to be hoped he will. But no political situation has been clearer than the present one is to sound eyes since the republican party began its marvelous career 42 years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to so keep. It is simply absurd for the republican party in this congress to affirmatively open the disussion of the question and the bringing of yea and nay votes on currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bimetalism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the treasury by the normal workings soon to be seen, of the new tariff law. Shall we await these things or rush on to self destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or the plutocrats? Upon his anwser will depend the events of 1898."

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Real Estate Transactions.

W G Walker to Maggie A Walker 20 a lot Walker d l c, $1. M Walker the same to same, $300.
John Landers to Wm Brown trac adjoin Humphrey ad Hbo, $450.
D C Stewart to B F Purdy 42.20 a Horace Parsons d l c $1800.
Mtdale Lbr Co to M M Delaney 40.20 a William Bronson d l c, $1100.
C B Pitney to B Granich etal Und ½ int s ½ s e ¼ sec 24 t 2 n r 3 w, $250.
Ella F Mead and hd to W V Wiley part lot 2 blk 5 and fractional parts 1 and 4 in block 5 Hbo, $75.
A C Brown and wife to Victor Brown 20 a Wm Stokes d l c, $200.
C Byers and wife to B Granich Und ½ int 45 a sec 24 t 2 n r 2 w, $600.
Wm Connel to Joseph Connel 641.45 a in t 1 n r 2 w, $1.
J. Alfred to J Breck lot 2 blk 20 Hbo $1
Breck same to J M Greear, $659.
uella Davis to Caroline Wagner 15 a and other land sec 16 t 1 s r 3 w, $800.
Above grantees to above grantor part of block 10 Forest Grove, $800.
John E Bailey and wife to E W Haines 6 a near Forest Grove, $1200.
Above grantee to above grantor part blk 3 Forest Grove, $1200.
Oregon R E Co to Mamie Cady blk 29 in Beaverton, $300.
O C R R to James Miller s e ¼ s e ¼ sec 19 t 2 s r 2 w, $120.
Warren Miller to E C Miller Und ¼ e ½ s w ¼ sec 20 and s e ¼ s e ¼ sec 19 t 2 s r 2 w, $400.

Bank Clearings.

The clearings at the Hillsboro bank for the week ending last night were very fair, footing $42,876.90. This is holiday week and it is expected that the new year will not show so heavy a business.

Dead Letter

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Hillsboro post office unclaimed:

Mr. J. Bouch,
Mrs. Jennie E. Bagley.

All letters not called for by Dec. 25, 1897, will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.

H. SCHULMERICH, P. M.

The hops on the Imbrie farm have been sold to Portland buyers.

Calvin Jack Jr. attended the Simpson-Johnson marriage last evening

Dr. A. B. Bailey is again in his office in the Morgan block and has again resumed his practice.

Ira Haynam was down from Greenville yesterday and says that a number of farmers up his way are plowing for fall grain.

Mr. John Tvacke and Miss Katherine Schleicht were married at St. Anthony Church, Cedar Mill, December 17th, Rev. Father Gibney officiating.

The Delta' "b an new coon" has a word to say to you

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brown will spend the holidays at Salem.

Marriage license was issued this afternoon to Benjamin F. DeFord, of Yamhill county, and Celinda M. Haynes, of Laurel.

George Dooley, of Greenville, one of that sections ardent silver men, was in the city yesterday. George says his precinct is all right.

Christmas trade seems to be fairly good this week, those institutions dealing in holiday goods having all employed extra help as usual.

All persons indebted to the firm of H. Wehrung & Sons, by note or account, are requested to make settlement by December 1st, 1897.

To cure a cold in one day take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. For sale at the Delta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hay received their Christmas present just three days ahead of time It is another girl and was born Tuesday, December 21st.

Call at Brocks for Celluloid goods consisting of photograph and autograph albums, dressing cases, cuff and collar boxes, glove and handkerchief cases, etc.

Dr. Large, F. T. Kane of the late Forest Grove Bank and now clerk for the assignees, were down from the Grove Saturday on business before the circuit court.

Hillsboro went up to Forest Grove and played the return football game with Dilley last Saturday. The boys came home victors by a score of twelve to six.

Christian Carstens and Miss Amelia L Showers were married, December 21st, at the residence of W. H. H. Myers, Forest Grove, Rev. Staver being the officiating clergyman.

Marriage licenses have been issued to W. A. Burt Campbell, of Wasco county, and Mary A. Northrop; Barney Freudenthal and Mindella Harwood; Orren A. Battin, of Clackamas county, and Alice Donaldson; James E. Burk and Elizabeth Ellen Williams.

At the Congregational Church next Sunday will be preached a special Christmas sermon on "The Star of Bethlehem"—Mathew II:1-2; in the evening will be continued the series of addresses on Remarkable Achievements of Christianity, the sub-topic next Sunday night being: "The 'Wild Men' of Burmah."

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.

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned farmers and residents at Mountaindale 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.

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 Wirtz, W. A. Montgomery and W. N. Haynam.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of J. F. Schock and against Anton Pfanner, Samuel Hughes and A. Hinman, Assignees of Anton Pfanner and Claus Jesse for the sum of $15.00 costs, and for the further sum of $3043.50, U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 22nd day of November, 1897 and the further sum of $100.00, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 22nd day of November, 1897, Attorneys' fees and for the costs and expenses of said sale and of said writ.

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday the 24th day of January, 1898, 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, the following described real property, to-wit:

Commencing at the center post of Section 29, running thence west on half section line 140 rods; thence north 80 rods; thence east 140 rods to ¼ section line; thence south 80 rods to place of beginning containing 70 acres all in section 29 T. 2 N R. 3 W. of Will. Mer. Also the following Commencing at quarter section post between sections 29 and 30 running thence east on half section line 40 chains to center of section 29; thence south 40 chains to quarter section corner between sections 29 and 32; thence west on section line 10 chains to a point at south east corner of a tract of land sold by J. Bush and wife to A. Ennis. thence north westerly to place of beginning containing 100 acres all of said land being in section 29 T. 2 N. R 3 W of Will Mer., all situate in Washington County and State of Oregon; this decree is for the sale of the 170 acres herein described to satisfy the hereinbefore named sums, and for the costs and expenses of said sale.

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

Witness my hand this 22nd day of December, 1897.

W. D. BRADFORD.
Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon
LANGLEY & SON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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