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A FLIRTATIOUS EXECUTIVE.

All the world, more or less, loves a female flirt, provided that she is reasonably good looking and vivacious—and then, it is, as well, more or less excusable in a woman. But a flirt is not so fortunate; he is despised by his sex, and the sex, alike. Flirtatious males, alike in society, business or politics are not lovable creatures. An honest change of heart in politics is commendable, but a man who politically seeks to befool and mislead his political associates on great questions is a subject of pity and opprobrium. Look at our chief executive! Throwing eyes lovingly at the silver republicans while he is sharing his political couch with the gold bugs in private! Is not this a prostitution and lewdness of political morality of which we, as Americans, are universally proud?

Most certainly this is a liaison worthy of an attack from the gifted Oregonian's editor, who, with all his prejudices, recognizes political lewdness as involving moral turpitude.

THE BOSSES ARE PALE.

It is reported that our county republican committeemen are having a hard time to keep their voters in line. It is currently stated that this trouble has arisen in the independent younger element and it seems to be giving the "bosses" plenty of work. This young element, it appears, has been watching the attitude of republicanism both in-state and county—and national—affairs and as a result has some ideas of its own. This, as a matter of fact, is to the Hillsboro bosses, a grievous, shameful, crime. That anyone should have an idea, self-evolved, in treason in the eyes of these two-for-six-bits politicians. We are proud to see citizenship evidencing that independence which should crown every voter of our county and country.

WHO SHALL ISSUE MONEY?

Goldite writers are very fond of their quips about "law creating values" etc. These gentlemen would not be so unbearable were they not so confoundedly impudent in assuming to own all the gray matter this side of Infinity. They ridicule the idea that law can create demand and that demand, a value, and yet at the same time, they ask for a law which will double the property of a class! What class, the farmers? Not by several! The banker class, the broker class, the dollar selling class—these are the boys these goldite writers plead for! They ask that the man who has thousands in bonds, drawing interest, shall be allowed to still use his money by issuing notes on the face of bonds therein doubling his working capital! Two streams of interest coming from the same dollar! These men are to control the money of the nation, that medium which must enter every husbandman's home by his disposal of product or labor! This is aristocracy for you!

Every man who wants to take a full out of government by these fellows should fall in line and vote for bimetallic. The power of contraction upon contraction of the life blood of commerce should not rest in the hands of a few. Let the government issue its own paper money if paper money must be issued by anyone. This is the strongest argument for bimetallic—this admission that we must have paper money wherewith to do business.

THE PROPHECY FULFILLED.

Lewis B. Cox told the sum of the nation's future under a rule like that of the present administration, when, several months ago, he made

an address to a body of his fellow lawyers in Portland. Cox found it very hard to break away from his old legal associates of the Portland bar, and, rather than do this he left the democratic party to go to neutral ground. Before leaving, however, Mr. Cox stated that he was not sure, even if the evils of the Chicago platform were as great as the Cleveland-Carlisle democrats avowed, that it was wise to allow a move to succeed which would gradually undermine the very liberties of the people. Mr. Cox has since had ample time to ascertain that he was right. The interests of husbandry are as naught compared with the present regime. The corporations and trusts receive every consideration at the hands of the government. In fact they own the government. The banks want specific legislation for self interests; the manufacturers have received bounties and in gratitude have cut down the wages of those they advised to vote for "protection." Special privileges to the bone and sinew? Yes, lower wages to eastern laborers; lower prices for cotton; lower prices for wheat than one year back, although now is a shortage greater than for twenty years; and the aristocracy of wealth gains the benefit, while the democratic element loses the aristocratic gain! It is really too bad that a man like Mr. Cox, so positively right on many things, should be so far at sea on the one vital question concerning national law.

TELL TRUTH, SHAME THE DEVIL

The "holier-than-thou" Independent continues to bawl about the legislative "hold up." It thinks to make a great point by telling a half truth, which is very often worse than a falsehood. It says the populists held up the last legislature but it does not say that the republicans, also, held it up. The merits of the hold up are not up for discussion, but the truth is here:

- 1. The republicans could have organized and did not because of a fight between factional forces. Therefore, the republicans are to be blamed for not organizing.
2. The populists, had they gone into the house, could have forced an organization. Therefore they are to blame also, for not organizing.
3. The "Mitchell republicans" stood in this position: Under duress, after county republican legislative candidates had been nominated, Mitchell forced his endorsement, threatening defeat unless candidates lined up for him. This action—this threatening to line up other forces—caused the Simonites to fight organization.
4. Partisanly—the republicans are to blame for the hold up because there would have been none had they all gone in for organization. They are to come in for first blame because they were the majority party.

The Independent should not think its constituency fools. They certainly have intelligence enough to see that the whole thing was a case of "sound money," brought about, and paid for, doubtless, by the very forces which saved Oregon for national honor and national banks. Let the truth be told and the devil shamed.

NEEDLESS WORRY.

The dear republican brothers are worrying considerably about the silver people. "They are happy now, but wait until they divide the offices," they say of the anti-gold standardists. The republican press need not worry about the offices. Schisms will not keep the silverites apart and they should not be unceremoniously judged. With our dear brothers of the opposite it is surprising how their minds run by the ideas of majorities and into "the offices." "The offices"—there you are—are what have brought about many troubles to the republicans of Oregon, full of bringing grief to the Simonites, the Corbettites, the Mitchellites and the Ellisites! This is, in Oregon, the chiefest plank in the past—offices—and republicans have voted "free silver and anarchy" and straddles or any old thing just for office. When Joe hadn't his feet on the platform he bolted—Mitchell, likewise.

For fear that some of our zealous friends of the opposition shall suffer internal derangement they are apprised of the fact that the bimetallics are going to get together on one platform and ticket and the republican bosses had better commence starting a few sideshow tickets—their only chance. They must divide us up some way and perhaps

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WHAT AILS OREGON.

Oregon is all right with one exception and that exception brings the state into disrepute both at home and abroad. Oregon produces as does no other state in the union. Its people are as bright as those of its sister states, if not brighter. The Gods have been good to nature and nature good to man—while man alone is that which gives both the gods and nature "black" eyes. This is the exception that makes capital steer from Oregon and go to Washington where people look not one at the other as if to read the number of ducats in the inside pocket book, and whether they are notes "payable in gold," only. Oregon has built a great city. The state has built this mart in spite of the petty dictators who live there and seek to dominate Oregon. Portland lives and has its being from the profit made of Oregon's toilers. It is the necessary parasite. If this were all, well enough. But Portland's press, stinking with its own importance, from the biggest daily down to the lousiest blackmailing sheet, assuming an intelligence which is warped into authority, presumes to dictate the policy of the state at its governing fount; brazenly advocate national policies which are known to favor wealth with bigger dividends, yet shamelessly denies that anyone must pay such dividends—desiring people to believe they come like a tumor, or are of spontaneous growth like a mushroom. Portland and her press have always controlled our senators and representatives in congress. As soon as one expresses himself in favor of a policy which commercially would help the farming elements, Portland sits upon him. He must favor banking interests only! Portland is the only city in Oregon which can afford "sound money" banquets, conspire against the farmers, in a cunning policy and then have the gall to ask the victims to vote the (mono) ticket in favor of money sharks.

Portland wheat buyers skin the farmer and when he kicks they tell him he is getting "sound money" for his product and that he should be thankful that Portland men were kind enough to buy his d—d product of sweat! Portland should be politically emasculated. It is too greedy; too smart; like "Joe Benson's ox," it knows too much and thinks the people, its rightful driver, know too little. Portland has an idea that she exists only that Oregon might live, when the fact is, Portland only exists because Oregon is and has been. These are facts shown by every day occurrences—not many Portland attorneys when they come to interior courts, how wise they look and how patronizingly they smile at country counsel! But when they go home with their tail feathers pulled and no decree for their client, instead of gaining sense from the lesson, they give the judge the devil and apply for an appointment to a Multnomah judgeship. So is it with Portland editors. They know it all. They get their cue from Portland bankers who fight "flat money" one minute and then beg the government, the next, to allow them to issue rag money by the ton! These smart editors who don't know the difference between an Idaho mule and a Jersey cow are telling country people that they must vote a ticket to give bankers greater returns so country people may better prosper. In other words

they are invited to skin themselves as an experiment and are assured that the skin will grow twice as thick as it originally was.

Oregon is all right only its ailment is Portland. The sore needs an application of iodiform and a bandage. When Oregon proper takes hold of its state government; takes its heritage by the head instead of by the tail; when its farmers, who read and ponder more than the strictly commercial cusses opine, control the state, then push and improvement will be the order of the day. There is a difference, however, between husbandry rule and that rule which Portland editors would have you believe as such. Portland is the only place in the state which can produce candidates for U. S. senators. It can't control both the congressional districts, but it will as soon as it can grow to greater Portland and annex Oregon City. Oregon is all right, only it has a very bad attack of Portland.

This is Brother Gaul's lucid argument: "Sound money, sound money, sound money and honest dollars. Sound money will suffer unless it is saved by the votes of those who believe in unsound money." In about as many words as in the above, the Independent gives its whole knowledge of the money question. It being impossible for it to think in a straight line the Independent ought to buy a steel beam and scratchers and start out with the hens on a barnyard tour.

Finetalism and government issue of all paper money will be the main issue in the 1898 eastern elections. The republicans have forced this by their action in congress. The administration has defeated all hope of international bimetallicism; it seeks to fasten the Portugal money system on us; it seeks to allow the bankers control of our money and every move, directly or indirectly, tends to prove the desire of Mr. McKinley and his masters to get the country on the gold-bank basis without delay. This must not be done—and the treachery of the administration will be rebuked at the polls—and by the very votes that elected McKinley.

Just why God allowed the world to surge in darkness for centuries and centuries before he gave us Marcus A. Hanna is one of his secrets.

The Evening Telegram displays a flash light of intelligence at least once each year. It acknowledges that Bryanism is as strong in the south and west as ever and that New York can't run away with the Bryan democrats.

The New York "democrats" attempted to control the last national convention. Did they do it? Not much! Will they control the next one? Emphatically no! The little "empire" state belies its name. The nation's democracy is for free coinage and will stay there. The eastern labor troubles are not making anti-democratic votes.

If a woman go upon the highway and sing her virtue from the street corner all would question it, as a matter of course. Then what are you going to think of men and editors, and six-bit, simpering politicians who go about throwing "national honor" and "we have brains" bouquets at themselves and contemporaries? A vant, you little maggots of self love!

If the republicans will only get "Marty" L. Pipes to speak in every precinct in the county the people may expect success at the polls next June. The republican county chairman notified the state chairman that Hillsboro's two precincts would go for McKinley and asked "Marty" to come out and swell the vote to go. Marty came out and dressed the patriot, skinned the anarchists, and the vote showed but two for the Apostle of gold monometallism. Marty can get the silver boys together.

Mr. J. D. Lee, of Wisconsin for several months a guest of County Treasurer Cady, left Tuesday morning to take the overland to Los Angeles where he will visit for two or three months.

NOTICE.

City warrants up to Nov. 7, 1894, and inclusive of number 95 endorsed on Nov. 7, 1891, are now payable at the office of city treasurer, Brock's Drug Store, Hillsboro, Oregon, and interest will cease on same after this date.

F. G. MITCHELL, City Treasurer.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of N. F. Smith, deceased, by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to me at the office of W. D. Hare, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1898. CHARLES A. SMITH, Administrator of the estate of N. F. Smith.

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Dated at Mountaineer, Washington Co. Ore., this 20th day of September, 1897. E. Taylor Hill, C. E. Shorey, John Smith Geo. Harms, L. L. Northrup, J. C. Crocker, M. M. Rowell, M. W. Hahn, J. C. Lafferty, S. J. Rafferty, C. B. Taylor, Geo. B. Armentrout, John Inaeh, A. G. Wirtz, W. A. Montgomery and W. N. Haymann.

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