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THE GREAT FIGHT IS ON.

There is very much said and done these days in the advocacy of the gold standard; much that is very foolish; much that is misleading and venal and directed in such a manner that foolish and undecided minds may be taken by surprise. While the Oregonian and its brother advocates (the Oregonian is put first because its ranks first of all gold journals) constantly harp about the cheapness of silver and allude to its great production as its cause of decline, they all forget to inform readers that silver was, when first steps were taken against it, on commercial parity with gold. Again they forget to acknowledge that supply and demand apply to money as well as to all other things.

Here is the whole situation in a nutshell. Silver was not demonetized because of its cheapness—because said cheapness did not exist; it was not demonetized because of expected cheapness because no such fears were apprehended, much less talked of, at that time. The trend of commercialism has taken possession of the world's governments and has steadily been forging to a gold basis, because other than a gold basis gave the farmer and laborers equal rights before the law and society and a gold basis would respond in greater returns to the few as against the many. Today we have the gold basis influences working all over the world. These gold agencies own and control over twenty-five billion dollars in non-taxable bonds, coming due tomorrow and tomorrow for thirty years. Interest must be paid on these. The holder of these bonds are looking forward to get the world's legal tender reduced solely to gold. They want to reduce the volume of primary money. They realize that money is perhaps more delicately responsive to supply and demand than the very commodities it is supposed to measure. They want each dollar of principal and interest to return to them cultivated and improved, worth more than the dollar of yesterday. It will be remembered that those bonds are not held by the poorer or intermediate classes to the extent of over ten per cent, but that they are held by the richer elements and whose sole business and interests have been to husband dollar resources relative to their unit worth. They control parties and buy individual leaders as conscienceless as thugs. When they are met by argument the retort of "fool," "anarchist" and "repudiator" is used.

There is no sectional matter in this question and the efforts of the gold press to so make it appear are extremely childish and insane. When a man raves about the south and west wanting "repudiation" write him down as an ass and let it go at that. The fact of the matter is, the farmers of the north and south have identical interests and the farmers of the world as well—interests which are the embodiment of living prices for production. There are now a little over four billion in gold and four billion in silver, all of the former full legal tender and part of the latter applicable to the payment of the twenty-seven billions of bonds. Strike entirely down the silver and you make primary money still more "sound"—still more "honest"—because the dollar will buy more and measure more of commodity or labor's product.

THE DIE IS CAST.

The bond interests have at last forced the president from his ambivalence on the money question, after several months of hard fighting. These interests could not understand why Mr. McKinley should have been so afraid to openly de-

clare just where he stood on issues which were shaking the national sphere from center to circumference. Mr. McKinley had arrived at a point where his own supporters of straddling were pushing him for utterance, to silence the pressure which was locally bearing upon them. The people can now see that the president has done nothing but listen to the very powers which in the past he has abused and reviled. But there is some recompense in knowing that the masses at last may, if they will, thoroughly understand the situation which confronts the nation. The country is more tightly bound up in the meshes of gold monometallism than ever before, and the man who has helped, by a lying, evasive, shuffling platform, to almost irretrievably tie us up to a "dear dollar kingdom" is he who said that Mr. Cleveland (speaking of the financial policy) stood for "dear money and everything else cheap."

The issue is set. The sun of the national republican party has reached the zenith of the power line and it is now setting behind the western slopes of financial betterment for bondholders only. The republican party has been betrayed and with its betrayal several millions of honest men have tasted dead sea fruit. Another congressional election and the president will have discovered his error.

IAGO PERSONIFIED.

The sleek, glib tongue of Iago has its modern parallel in the express utterings of the goldites which for several years have sought to blacken the independent bimetalists by innuendo and insinuation. It has been the cry of "rascality, repudiation and rum" ever since the agitation against the gold basis began, and these cries have evolved into those of "thief" and "anarchist." This lieutenant is exerting these mutterings to catch the ignorant, unthinking or careless voter who is attracted by plenty of noise, a brass band or the party which can use the most billingsgate. Through these methods the Desdemona of government is stabbed by craft put in the hands of honest yet misguided fanaticism. Everything that is vilely Falstaffian; that smacks of smug Polonius and reeks of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern; is brought to bear on what goldites deem the "common herd." It will not succeed—this wholesale damnable virtue howling—for it is altogether too transparent. Their very lies are controverted by other lies and their truths but half truths, sometimes the worst of falsehoods. Methods bombastic will not act as a deterrent upon voters. Citizenship will, if it be sensible, vote against government by banks, and dearer dollars, lower products and all the concomitants of gold monometallism.

THE SALEM HOLD-UP.

The Oregonian strenuously attempts to justify the legislative hold-up by stating that unscrupulous means are sometimes necessary to defeat unscrupulous people and principles, and intimates that it was nothing more nor less than agreeable resistance to a man who sought high preferment in national politics. This may be true—and yet, it was anarchy,—that resistance. That resistance was bought and sold like so much merchandise and the purchase was paid for in dollars and cents beyond a shadow of doubt in the minds of all who have been observant of the situation. There absolutely is no use in trying to disguise the fact that it was anarchy, and anarchy for which the republican party is responsible.

FOOLISH TACTICS.

The big goldite papers are afraid of co-operation between those forces which advocate free coinage and government issue of paper, oppose bank money, etc. They aver that such co-operation is "the death of party principle" and the little, insignificant country "squirts"-of-papers follow their lead. It is with some degree of amusement that in the columns of such paralytic sheets we notice in one place "you will sacrifice your principles if you get together," while in another article is read "they (meaning populists and democrats) have no principles." Isn't such cursed rot placing a premium on fools? Can decent republicans stomach such deception? Can they not see this duplicity—

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this foolishness so clearly manifested in such argument as the above? Why the sheet in this county should be afraid is very strange. Is it the people or is it afraid that the election machinery "can't be worked?"

LET THE PEOPLE RULE.

The question of direct legislation is not so much one of politics as it is of importance. The whole gist of such a condition of economics lies in the fact that it is beyond party—beyond political platforms, and will give us only rule by the people, by the majority. No one questions but what a majority of our people would have voted for independent bimetalism; against the proposed making of banks the nation's dictators; against the reckless presidential pardons of property pilferers witnessed in late months—it is safe to say had all voters been compelled to have answered questions on their ballots, affirmative or negative, as to the above, affirmative would have been in a large majority.

Monopoly will fight direct legislation, because under such a system they can not buy representatives and laws. They are afraid of what they deem the "ignorant majority," the "vulgar herd." It is easier for them to buy one or two men than several. He who opposes direct legislation is opposed to popular government and popular will, and a republic for him should be no abiding place. There is no debating ground on this subject whatever.

THRESTATE LEAGUE.

The State League of Republican Clubs has met and adjourned and the world and history are no richer than before. There was, however, a very fine showing made for the adroit politicians who are seeking to manipulate republican politics in Oregon. Mr. Gatch, a professed Simon man, was elected president, and C. W. Fulton, an anti-Simon man (Mitchell man) was given the vice. To the casual observer harmony was secured, yet the reports and conditions belie the harmony. Here is the point: If the Simon-Corbett faction wins out at the state convention (and the fight is no one's yet) and election, Mr. Corbett, or his selection, will be the logical senatorial candidate. On the other hand, if the anti-Simon people win out, Mitchell is the logical candidate. Very true, the convention voted for Messrs. Gage and McKinley, but that goes for nothing. The Simonites won first blood but no one must think that the others will not win out in the state convention if they try their strength there. The little country papers, of course, will bellyfumble for harmony, but this will be for the sake of policy. Mitchell is yet on top!

HERE is your sound money honor for you! Multnomah county east but a grand total for McKinley and Bryan in 1896 of 18,287. The clubs which met in Portland to have selected delegates for every twenty-five members. Portland had 958, which should represent a total of membership reaching in round numbers, 23,950! Of course, any sort of swindle is charitably overlooked when such patriots are laboring for "sound money and national honor." Ye Gods! And how long can this outrage upon decency and last—this dissembling and stealing under a false pretense? It is a wonder that people can't understand such ruses of vested rights can't be undertaken in an honest cause.

The Dingley bill still fails in its purpose. Its January deficit was \$7,091,484. How poor, old, superannuated Grover must chuckle—he who, according to the republican platform engineered a "record of unparalleled dishonor, disaster and incapacity."

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 Larkin Reynolds, and against John Eckert, Kath. Eckert, John Yost and Catherine Sellmeier, for the sum of \$350.00 costs, and for the further sum of \$423.00, United States gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 14th day of February, 1888, and the further sum of sixty dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 23rd day of November, 1887, as attorney's fees and for the costs and expenses of 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 7th day of March, 1888, 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:

Situated, lying and being in Washington County, State of Oregon, and described as follows: Ten acres off the South end of a tract of land commencing at the quarter section corner on the line between Sections Seven (7) and Eighteen (18) in Township One (1) North of Range One (1) West, Willamette Meridian; thence east on said section line 12.50 chains; thence south 5 chains; thence west 2 chains; thence south 14 chains and 5 links; thence west 10.20 chains; thence 19.05 chains to place of beginning, containing in the tract hereby conveyed Ten (10) acres 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 statute of Oregon.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February, 1888.

W. D. BRADFORD, Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon. By C. E. Deichman, Deputy. BAGLEY & BROWN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution, decree and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Washington County, in favor of J. W. Shute and against Allen Parent and Emma Parent, for the sum of \$15.00 costs, and for the further sum of \$14.28 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 15th day of January, 1887, and for the costs and expenses of 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 7th day of March, 1888, 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 a point 5.71½ chains from the Southeast corner of Block "C," thence North 7.00 chains to the south line of Block "J," thence east 2.85½ chains; thence south 7.00 chains to the south line of Block "K," thence west 2.65½ chains along said south line to the place of beginning containing two acres in Block "K" and in Fairview Addition to the town of Hillsboro, Washington Co., Oregon, 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 statute of Oregon.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February, 1888.

W. D. BRADFORD, Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon. By C. E. Deichman, Deputy. BAGLEY & BROWN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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 Clark L. Parker and against J. W. Peterson, U. M. Peterson, B. E. Lamb, H. Prager and L. M. Prager partners as Frager Brothers, for the sum of \$30.25 costs, and for the further sum of \$221.15 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 23rd day of November, 1887, and for the cost and expenses of 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 7th day of March, 1888, 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: The West half of the North-east quarter of Section 31, Township 3, North Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 80 acres, 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 statute of Oregon.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February, 1888.

W. D. BRADFORD, Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon. By C. E. Deichman, Deputy. H. T. BAGLEY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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 a suit where in Peter Nelson was plaintiff, and Elizabeth J. Conklin, C. T. Conklin, Hannah A. Freeman, Johnston Freeman and Elizabeth Freeman, his wife, Mary Graham, Charles Mc. Graham, her husband, Hannah A. Freeman as Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John H. Freeman, deceased, the Alliance Trust Company, (limited) a foreign corporation, Isaac Al-

len, G. W. Patterson, E. C. Brown and George Schulmerich, were defendants, said execution being in favor of Peter Nelson against Elizabeth J. Conklin and C. T. Conklin for the sum of \$24.15, with interest thereon from the 18th day of July, 1887, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and \$10.00 costs, and in favor of the defendant, Isaac Allen, against Johnston Freeman, Hannah A. Freeman, Elizabeth J. Conklin, and Hannah A. Freeman as Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John H. Freeman, deceased, and as devisee under said will, for the sum of \$180.43, with interest thereon from the 18th day of July, 1887, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and in favor of the defendant, H. W. Patterson, and against Hannah A. Freeman, Hannah A. Freeman, as Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John H. Freeman, deceased, and as devisee under said will of said John H. Freeman, deceased, for the sum of \$380.55, with interest thereon from the 18th day of July, 1887, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and \$10.00 costs, and for the costs and expenses of sale and of said writ.

Now, therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgments, decree and order of sale, I will, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1888, at the south door of the court house, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest of the defendants, Johnston Freeman, Elizabeth J. Conklin, C. T. Conklin, Hannah A. Freeman, Hannah A. Freeman, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John H. Freeman, deceased, and as devisee under the last Will of John H. Freeman, deceased, of, in and to the following described real property described in said decree and execution, and described as follows, to-wit:

Being the Donation Land Claim of John S. White and Elizabeth White, his wife, and designated as Notification Number 245, and Claim Number 51, being parts of Sections 22 and 24, Township 1, North Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 530 acres, all in Washington County, Oregon.

Said interests of said defendants will be sold separate, and as follows: First—All of the right, title and interest of Elizabeth J. Conklin, and C. T. Conklin, to satisfy the judgment in favor of Peter Nelson.

Second—All of the right, title and interest of Elizabeth J. Conklin, C. T. Conklin, Johnston Freeman and Hannah A. Freeman, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John H. Freeman, deceased, and as devisee under said will, to satisfy the judgment in favor of Isaac Allen, and—

Third—I will sell all the right, title and interest of Hannah A. Freeman, deceased, and as devisee under the Will of John H. Freeman, deceased, of, in and to all the real property above described to satisfy the hereinbefore named sums in favor of the hereinbefore named persons, and for the costs and expenses of said sale.

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

Witness my hand hereunto set this 2nd day of February, 1888.

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Dated Jan. 20, 1888.

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, 1888.

CHARLES A. SMITH, Administrator of the estate of N. F. Smith

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned farmers and residents at Mountlake 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 Mountlake, Washington Co. Ore., this 20th day of September, 1887.

H. Taylor Hill, C. E. Storey, John Smith, Geo. Hays, L. L. Northrup, J. C. Crocker, M. M. Rowell, M. W. Hahn, J. C. Laferly, S. J. Raftery, C. B. Taylor, Geo. B. Armentrout, John Dinch, A. C. Wirtz, W. A. Montgomery and W. N. Hayman.

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