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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.

DENY LAWS OF TRADE.

The gold press is working hard to drive the ignorant to vote for their money system and to compass this the usual tactics are practiced. It looks away from commercial law as operating upon money; it does not admit, it even ignores—the fact so plainly evident to all observers of history that law giving greater use must naturally give greater values. The very laws of trade, if silver were admitted to coinage and full legal tender qualities, would naturally cause no one to sell silver bullion for less than its debasing and coinage value, less the transportation, of course, to the mint. The gold cult never questions but what ignorance will save them the power stolen upon a shameful deception—the bimetallic plank—the thimble rigger play—and permit the further contraction of the money volume. Gold papers of ability admit that the international bimetallic plank was a fraud and this open confession should be sufficient to disabuse looking for pure water from a sewer's flow.

No one contends for a minute that independent bimetalism would make the silver dollar buy as much as the gold dollar now buys. But we do contend that the silver dollar under bimetalism independent, would buy as much and pay as much debt as the gold dollar then would. That the price of money would go down goes without saying; that prices of things other than dollars, would rise, must naturally follow. The commonwealth, then, must decide whether it shall have product more and more debased, or elevated. It is the power of the dollar that the goldites do not want impaired. All things being normal then, can the price of products universal be bettered, without money becoming cheaper? In other words, if it take less product to buy a dollar, the dollar must become cheaper. If it take more product to buy the same dollar, all things being normal, the dollar is dearer. Vice versa, your opposite poles become dearer or cheaper. Plainly speaking, dear dollars mean cheap product; dear product means cheap dollars. You cannot have good prices for products generally without having that "debased dollar" over which our goldite friends are crying.

Let the dear product supporters stand for independent bimetalism and not be caught working for conditions which mean lower prices for them. Let them remember, even if they were defeated in 1896, that a majority of the American caucasians voted with them. Let farmers once understand that money commercialism always seeks to make the dollar measure more product and more property and they will stand a unit against a government by money brokers. When it is once realized that it is not the "parity," not the "free coinage" proposition which is hurting the moneycrats, but the fear of higher product and property values, or its result, cheaper money, the farmers and laborers will stand together and vote to break the back of the security associations' power in our national legislation.

MORE ABOUT THAT DECISION.

Not a few of the daily press are upholding the recent Supreme Court decision relative to the right of a state to fix maximum freight rates for railways to charge, on the ground that judicial inquiry is proper to ascertain whether or not such a law would work loss to the common carrier. This, as a matter of fact, brings the matter to that point where it must bear analysis as to correctness of conclusion. A railway company waters stock as it please; if it have no restriction it

will charge as it please when it has a monopoly; it will go into court equipped to knock out its customers and then bleed them. The decision practically nullifies state legislation on affairs of transportation and fares.

But this decision is in touch with the common instincts of the heads of the last two administrations and is but paving the way to a further curtailing of the rights of the many as favoring the demands of the few. We shall, perhaps, live to see the same Supreme Court decide that bimetallic law shall not obtain! Shades of General Jackson! Do the farmers and laborers realize whether we are drifting?

LIBEL SUITS AND A CHANGE.

The Oregonian has editorially charged a Clackamas county Mitchell politician, Mr. Brownell, with being a liar and Mr. Brownell has not filed a lawsuit. The Portland Tribune, the Mitchell organ, alleges that the Simon management kept a "harem" at Salem; bought legislators at so much per buy; and many other things. The state has been dominated by one or the other of these factions for many years, by legislative control at least, and this disgraceful fight has excessively bled taxpayers. When a governor was elected who had backbone enough to tell an officious president to mind his own business the g. o. p. organs of both clans jumped with both feet on the poor old gubernatorial head and induced the people to elect a man of whom it is charged that he sold the state,—and this charge by a republican paper. Are the people not getting tired of this? Will they vote for a change, a change for the better.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Irresponsible papers are eternally and forever shouting about going to war. This is a very pleasant state, indeed, in which to work one's imagination. There will be no war unless the dollar interests, the dollarcrats, say so, and then we shall have war, but only for future profit for them. For a newspaper to prate about bloodshed in this age of commercialism is largely like accepting faith in the Schlatters, or a fatuous belief in the gold standard by those whose throat it eventually must pinch. The men who can turn loose the dogs of war are those whom war will most injure, in all but exceptional cases. If Spain shall deny responsibility in case responsibility shall obtain, as a result of findings, we may be compelled to entertain a few naval skirmishes, occupy Cuba, lose a few lives, and then settle down to routine work. But Spain will have to pay.

MR TONGUE AND THE COUNTRY PRESS.

Ninety and nine country editors out of every hundred, after a careful scrutiny of the Loud bill, have recognized that its intents and purposes are to cripple the country press to the profit of metropolitan dailies. This recognition obtained amongst republican editors full as freely as amongst others. Tongue voted favorably to the Loud bill. Let the country press of this district remember that Mr. Tongue, fearing to create the di favor of the Oregon metropolitan press, voted against country newspaperdom, republican and silver alike. The bill is a blow at the country press—the first step at crushing freedom of independent opinion. The country press will be true to itself and true to the people if it seek to keep Mr. Tongue at his law practice.

A "ROTTEN BOROUGH."

It has often been said that the silver states of the west were "rotten boroughs." What is the matter with Oregon? Read its history, emblazoned on a scroll of shame! Where in the devil can you find a more "rotten borough" than Oregon—a sound money state—rotten to the core? The state is controlled by men who look upon legislators as mere purchasable merchandise. Infamy, damnable, unblushing, is upheld in the name of "national honor and an honest dollar," and the state is overriden by a gang of political tricksters. The election machinery is perverted for partisan purpose; road supervisors are appointed for political pulls; and so

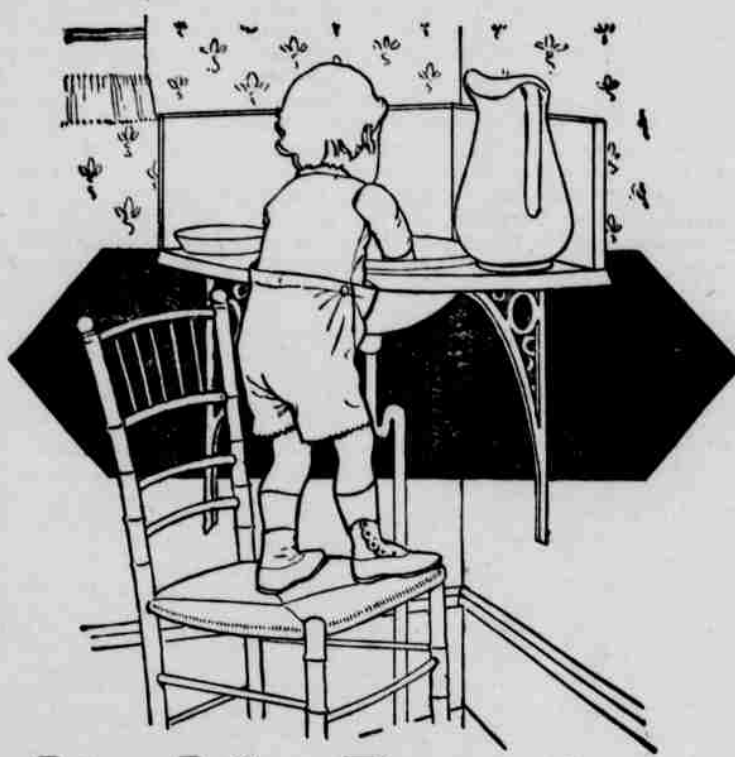
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on ad infinitum through all the ramifications of public administration. Let us have an end to such rottenness. There are hundreds of republicans, even here in this boss-ridden county, who will help us clarify the stagnant pool.

THE LIVING ISSUE

As this paper has frequently stated the money question is one simple enough to understand and it should not be shrouded in words and phrases of obscurity. There are two sides of this great question and each side has a right to respectful hearing. It is a momentous matter, this great issue and the statesman who seeks to deter its arbitrament by a sovereign people; who tries to haze and beg the public mind; who seeks to put it off until after election, will, and should, receive the public condemnation. Without the producing classes there can be no commerce and without commerce and production there could be no dollar wealth. The producers and the commercial interests are, of course, largely interdependent, one class upon the other, and yet we should not lose sight of the important fact that the farmer comes first of these three factors, the producers, the commercialists and the dollar holders for fixed incomes, are all interested in the final settlement of this great public question. The first wants a money system which will restore living prices for farm products; the latter wants law which will fertilize its dollar holdings. The first wants bimetalism, that great equalizer put into law; the latter wants the gold standard. That which gives the latter, the security holder, the greatest return, must give the farmer lesser returns for his sales. This is the whole question and is recognized by all who attempt an earnest analysis of the subject.

Let straddlers get out of the way and farmers and laborers will vote as conscience and common sense dictates. Let no trimmer make it appear that the republican party stands for what it does not; let the people openly see that party's upholding of gold monometallism and currency contraction and men of

intelligence will recognize what evil agency has control of the once grand old party, and seek a guide to direct their ballot.

COURT OF SUPERIOR CLAY.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, declaring invalid the Nebraska state law prescribing a maximum rate for freight charges, goes far to show that it is useless for a commonwealth to fix the limit of charges for transportation or for travel. The Supreme Court is the bulwark of strength for the corporations—witness its decision on the income tax, reversing the Court itself, declaring it unconstitutional! There is but little use in practicing the average supposed rights of a citizenship so long as we have a Supreme Court standing ready to reverse the will of a state's people or a nation's decision. The environment of the Court is such that it lives and breathes in atmosphere of wealth, imbibes its ideas from a level it unwisely imagines to be above the "common herd," and makes its decrees accordingly. It undoes Congress, undoes the country and it is therefore expected that it loves a corporation better than a state. No one would accuse the court of "selling." It simply is the creature of its soil.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

The Independent will not come to the point relative to its 1895 fight against the gold standard, which it now loves and suckles. THE ARGUS will give \$10 dollars-reward if the Independent will publish its editor's affidavit that the Independent never editorially contained these statements, speaking of Ex-Senator Dolph's policy—the gold standard policy:

He represents Wall street and London, not the producing classes of the state of Oregon. He is the representative of the east and Europe, not of the great west. Oregon, as well as the entire western part of the U. S., has been built up largely on borrowed capital, and owes large sums to the east and Europe. We are willing to pay these debts fairly in the money of the value in which they were contracted. But the policy urged by Mr. Dolph, of the contraction of the currency, making it scarce and high, would double and treble the indebtedness of every man in the state.

The west sells food products and

has no other way of paying its indebtedness, either principal or interest. The policy of Senator Dolph would decrease, and IS DECREASING from one-half to TWO-THIRDS the price of everything Oregon has to sell.

"R." REAL CUNNING.

Mr. Clarno's Forest Grove speech was criticized by "R." in the Independent and the use of the nom de plume was the only real cunning and wisdom with which the article was pregnant. When a writer enters the public prints and speaks of the "coinage value" of silver as 64 cents per ounce, there is grave evidence that some one is making a painful exhibition of ignorance on the subject matter of discussion. We do not insult the intelligence of the thinking republicans of the county with assuming they felt no pity for "R." for his asinine yet doubtless honest intentioned article, or for the editor who would permit such total ignorance of threadbare issues to creep in a paper's columns.

It is somewhat amusing to watch our political opponents who have flirted with the money question. Personally Brother Tongue is an admirable man, but as a statesman willing to straddle on the money question in order to be elected and then vote for the gold standard; it reminds us that once he wrote these words of the gold standard, which, being true then, are now true, altho' Brother Tongue is now at sea:

"It (the present system of finance) will make the United States a paradise to the class of people who are exclusive creditors, but it will make it a hell for everybody else. Even the most generous and less exacting creditors will suffer with the rest. Having loaned his money on property with only a fair margin of old time values, when the power of the debtor to pay is taken away, he finds himself compelled to take property robbed of its value. That it would be downright dishonesty to legislate to enable the debtor to repudiate just financial obligations, is not disputed but it is equally dishonest, and productive of much more hardship, to increase by legislation the obligations and burdens of the debtor for the benefit of the creditor."

The Portland Tribune, once asking the support of the silver people upon grounds of common interest, now howls more lustily for the gold standard than any of its republican contemporaries. It was the support of silver people which put this little Ananias of a sheet upon its feet, and when it had received sufficient support to warrant a morning edition, it shed its skin and launched boldly forth to revile those who had made its life possible. The newspaper which is always selling to the highest bidder; which becomes a personal organ; which like a stallion, enters the stud only to kick at the cover of the foal, at relief, can never expect to gain or hold the confidence of the people. This is because it can't even respect itself.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The yellow journals seem to be printing very red news these days.

It is suspected that this is Mr. McKinley's chance to get even with Mr. De Lome for writing that letter.

Mr. H. W. Corbett evidently believes that the senate will again vote on his credentials—after the next election.

The fight is between H. W. Corbett and J. H. Mitchell. "Charley" and "Pompador Jim" are on good terms.

The trouble is all over, apparently, and there will be no war. This paper has said there would be no war but it did look at one time as though it would have to crawl.

Russel Sage says he will save the country in case of war. Russel saved his neck once by throwing a clerk in front of him to take the shock of a bomb explosion. Russel would be the joy of substitutes—only he is not of military age.

The Independent says THE ARGUS "assaulted Mr. Tongue when he was back at Washington and could not defend himself." That is nothing. Mr. Tongue assaulted the Independent when it was 3,000 miles away! That was when Mr. Tongue voted in favor of the Loud bill!

Real Estate Transactions.

O C Thornburg and wife to Ambrose Thornburg, power of attorney, \$100. S B Gilpin to Lucy A Gilpin and 1/2 int in w 1/2 blk 6 Forest Grove, \$100. A B Mulloy and wife to Robert Mulloy 23 a sec 12 t 2 s r 3 w, \$100. Anna and Sophie Backus to Rodney I. Gilson lots 1 to 18 inclusive, 37, 38 and 39 Tualatin Gardens, \$1. Edw Dalton and wife to James K Kelley 16 1/2 a sec 1 t 1 r 1 w, \$1. Mary E Pike and hd to Stephen A How ell lot 1 Steele's ad Beaverton, \$135. Aug Roth to Peter and Sophia Stuckel 1 a sec 26 t 1 s r 4 w, \$1. Lelah B Smith and hd to Benj Schofield lot 3 blk 23 Forest Grove, \$200. C T Hall and w to Silas and E A Featy 5 a sec 29 t 2 s r 1 w, \$200. H T Ulrick to Jacob Schmidt s 1/2 s e 1/4 sec 10 t 2 s r 3 w, \$200. Joseph Stephenson to Fred W Sager s e 1/4 n e 1/4 and n e 1/4 s e 1/4 sec 10 t 2 s r 3 w, \$200.

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F. G. MITCHELL, City Treasurer

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of S. F. Smith, deceased, by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. All persons having claims against said estate are 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 S. F. Smith

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Jane Patterson, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me at the office of W. D. Hare at Hillsboro, County and State aforesaid, within six months from the date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro this 10th, 1898.

F. A. PATTERSON,

Administrator of the estate of Jane Patterson, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Geo. E. Groner, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and that said County Court has fixed Monday, the 21st day of March, 1898, at the Court room in Hillsboro county and state aforesaid, at time and place of hearing objections to said final account, if any there be, and the final settlement of said estate. Dated at Hillsboro, this February 17, 1898.

W. H. WEHRUNG,

Administrator of the estate of Geo. E. Groner, deceased.

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