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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.

SOLID FOR "NATIONAL HONOR."

The fear of a war with Spain over the recent complications has shown us a united country. The cry of the gold standard agitators to the effect that bimetallics were standing for national dishonor and the tearing down of American institutions, has been proven a prejudicial and narrow political rant, emitted only because no argument could be produced which would be sufficiently strong to keep American people from voting for American industrial betterment instead of a premium upon the unit of our currency.

The disgraceful charges against an American people, representing more than half our Caucasian citizens, has fallen flat by the united and earnest support given the country in its hour of peril. This should be an object lesson to those narrow minded and prejudicial people who constantly assert that the reformers are enemies to their country. That a man opposes a monetary system which means better prices for money is no proof of treason. Where he opposes such a system he stands for one which means better prices for product of the field and the results of good old farm muscle, without the which, the "dollar" would not be worth a "inker's damn."

Just why a man who holds large amounts in national or other securities, does not want a financial policy which will give a volume of money constantly enlarging in volume in order to meet the increasing demand for dollars, is very easy to be seen; he wants to improve his dollars; they are his sole property; his desire is to "manure" his field of dollars, to use a homely expression; he wants each dollar to buy more of our produce; it increases his interest and makes him richer. But how the man on the farm can vote for lower product, for a system which must give him less each year as it conversely makes the dollar richer, is hard to understand. But as our wealthy security and money holders generally look upon farmers as mere cattle, although their words are honored, we must expect them to make the farmer contribute more and more each year to their support.

When farmers learn that the great syndicate money jobbers are working to get more and more away from them, they will turn away from their support and vote as patriotically, and for national honor—the honor of the farmer—as earnestly, as vigorously and as cheerfully as they now sustain the country in its hour of travail.

A PARTISAN JURY SYSTEM

The judiciary should be far removed from partisan politics and no jury should be drawn showing a partiality for any political organization. There is, however, in this county, either such partiality, or else the Fates are uncommonly kind to those who are firm in the faith of republicanism. THE ARGUS may be wrong in the premises, but it does look as though chance has many times struck tradition in the end of the nose sufficiently hard to outrage the proprietries. You have a partisan grand jury; you have a partisan petit jury. Is it any wonder that the district attorney has a hard time to convict, especially where the defendant is a republican or possessed of a large-sized, over-grown, hearty pull for which he endeavors to give voting support.

The fact is, for every four republicans in Washington county, we have three of opposite politics. The property interests of the four do not overshadow the property interests of the three above the ratio—and yet, instead of our jury system being based upon the ratio 4 to 3, republicans insist upon giving

ing their opposition the ratio of "16 to 1" just where the opposition would least have it.

Is it any wonder that the people complained last fall that the district attorney could not make a conviction under the circumstances, how could he?

It is only human nature that men will have more faith in the story of him who has like political beliefs. It is very natural—especially in Washington county—that sympathy should be extended to those who oil, brush and feed the political machine. But it is about time that our "powers that be" took recognition of the fact that courts must soon tumble if based upon political machinery, and as well, the extra burden on the machine may break it.

MR. TOWNE'S DOLLAR.

There has been very much said about Mr. Towne wanting a "dollar of lowest purchasing power." Begging the pardon of our exacting gold standard friends: Mr. Towne has contended for the dollar we once had; the dollar we had under bimetallicism; the dollar which practically causes the man who is forced to discount the future by borrowing, to pay no more than legitimate interest; for the dollar which grows not at the expense of the farmer who makes the dollar worth something in the first place; the dollar and the system of dollars which shall make product less debased; the dollar which shall not take from the farmer of Washington county to give to the mortgage company; the dollar and the dollar system we once had and will again have—and that by the grace of men who have voted the republican ticket only because they had not believed it possible for their party's surrender to the money trust. Mr. Towne contends for the dollar supported by the republican party in 1890, and which will receive American votes—not partisan votes in this campaign. Mr. Towne is a republican and contends for the dollar of the constitution.

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 reward if the Independent will publish its editor's affidavit that the said 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. From ARGUS of March 10th.

And this is the way our brainy contemporary meets the show-down! This is the way our republican "king pin" gets in his deadly work on facing concrete propositions:

"The Argus two weeks ago offered \$5 to the Independent for an affidavit of its drawing. Last week it offered \$10. Now by the rule of progression this week the fee will be \$15. Hence in a progression where a \$5, d is \$5 the value of 1 will depend upon the value of n. Now as the INDEPENDENT is anxious to accumulate property it will be in no hurry to fix a value to N. This is reasonable too since affidavits are not necessary to establish political principles.—Independent.

Our republican readers can now see what a Messiah they are following! Isn't he a Klondike? What a Daniel! What a Moses! What a Cataline! "Daniel," "Moses," "Cataline!"

OREGON POLITICS.

So there are common grounds enough upon which the three anti-republican parties can come together and work together. Afterward they may, and if in any considerable degree successful should merge themselves into one great party. The "money question" will be a leading issue—with many the paramount issue—until it is settled, and settled right; but a successful campaign cannot be waged just now on that alone. That is only one feature of republican misrule. The tendency and trend of republican legislation is wrong, mischievous, injurious. The party, not its rank and file, but through its lead-

ers, seems to be completely sold out to the "money power," the trusts and combines, the grafters and gobs. The ship of state is being steered into perilous waters, echoing with the ghost cries of defunct republics. When money governs, men must become slaves. Hence true patriots will not quibble about a party name, or haggle over this or that particular piece of plank, or refuse to do their duty to their country because their particular party is not to "get the offices," but will for the time drop all minor differences, and make common cause against the party that has so strangely forgotten the people who produce the wealth of the country, in its greedy desire to serve and obey those who possess billions that they never earned.—J. P. Wager in East Oregonian.

MITCHELL AND BOSCOV

Write from Skaguay

Telling the Hardships of Alaska.

The following letter from Frank Mitchell, who is now at Skaguay, Alaska, under date of March 15th, to his mother, Mrs. Chas. McKinney, is reproduced in part as follows:

The weather here in general is not bad. The most disagreeable feature is the wind which blows nearly all the time. At present it is blowing from the south, which is not so bad as when from the north, which comes off the mountains and the other from the sea. Wes (meaning Boscov) and I went over to Dyea Thursday. It is pretty much the same kind of a place as Skaguay, but a little drier and healthier. Skaguay is a place of about 6000 inhabitants. It is built up mostly on the tide flats and partly on higher ground in the timber. The houses are mostly small shacks and log cabins, there being only a few good buildings in the place. Rents are away up in G. cabins with one room 10x12, a half mile from business part of town, and where you have to wade knee deep in mud, bring from \$30 to \$50 a month.

This is the greatest place in the world for skimmers and liars. Every man tries to do you or tell you the most unreasonable lies with a straight face. The sickness here that the Portland papers have been telling about is the biggest lie imaginable. Not more than 25 people have died here since the town was first started and the majority of these have either been killed, drowned or frozen to death. One man fell off the wharf and was drowned a few nights ago, one was shot in the back on the trail and one was shot at Dyea by some unknown person night before last. Our trip up was very pleasant. We had nice weather all the way—stopped at Victoria, B. C., Juneau, Wrangell and Douglas Island.

A QUERY.

Hillsboro, Ore., March 21, 1898.

EDITOR ARGUS:—It is reported that Joint Senator G. W. Patterson has removed his family residence from this city, thereby losing his residence. If this be so will it not be necessary to elect a joint senator to fill the vacancy caused by his change of residence out of the district? Please answer and oblige your many readers.

Yours Truly,

Wm. McQuillan.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE.

In re estate of Jacob Steiner, deceased. Receipts of the heirs having been filed it is ordered that this estate be closed of record.

In the matter of the estate of George Groner, deceased. Final account approved and ordered that one-half of the real estate and the bank stock mentioned in the will be set over to the widow and that this estate be closed of record.

In re estate of U G Jackson, deceased. This date having been set for hearing final account herein, and it appearing that objections have been filed to said account, it is ordered that this case be continued to Monday April 11th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

In re estate of Wm Guthrie, deceased. Final account filed and set for hearing Monday, April 25, 1898.

In re estate of Wm L Smith, deceased. Real estate ordered sold at private sale for cash in hand.

In re estate of P M Dennis, deceased. Sale of personal property confirmed.

HILLSBORO MAN KILLED

Frank Clement, Well Known in Hillsboro, Murdered in Alaska.

Frank Clement, who was murdered several weeks ago in Alaska, was well known here, where he had a little farm. His property was just below the Minter bridge and consisted of about ten acres. He left here on January 29, after having just returned from a trip to Montana. It is supposed that Clem-



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Treasurer's Notice.

ALL COUNTY WARRANTS EXDORSED prior to Feb. 4, 1897, are now called for, and interest will cease after this date.

Hillsboro, Oregon, March 21, 1898.

A. B. CADY, County Treasurer.



GRADUATING EXERCISES

Of This Year's Class Will be Held Tomorrow Evening.

Tomorrow evening, Friday, March 25th, will be an eventful one for the Hillsboro Public Schools. It will close a successful term of six months' duration and the students will take a rest until autumn. The graduating class is quite large. The exercises, which are to be held in the Methodist Church, are as follows:

1. Invocation—Rev R A Atkins.
2. Music—"Misereere." Verdi.
3. Essay—"Electricity." Sadie Hay.
4. Oration—"What nature teaches." Louis Road.
5. Music—"Alto Solo." Wm Wall.
6. Essay—"Tennyson." Adelle Robinson.
7. Essay—"Grit." Francis Plowman.
8. Solo—"Say Yes! Ninnon." Guy d'Hardot. Miss Warren.
9. Essay—"American Writers." Myrtle Berst.
10. Oration—"Queen of the Antilles." Clarence Hoyt.
11. Music—"Baritone Solo." Zingarelli. Wm Wall.
12. Recitation—"Artemus Ward's London Lecture." Tennessee Wethered.
13. Essay—"Memory." Cora Osmond.
14. Male Quartette—"Soldier's Chorus."
15. Music—"Gavotte." Band.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Passed by Glencoe lodge, No. 22, K. of P. at its regular convention on March 5, 1898.

Whereas, This lodge as well as the order, did by death, on the 10th day of February, 1898, lose a faithful and true member and brother, Enos Davis, and

Whereas, The family of said deceased did, by said death, lose a true husband and father and the community an upright, respectable and conscientious citizen, and

Whereas, We realize that what is our loss temporarily is his gain spiritually and

Whereas, We mourn the loss of a true brother knight, we have the full assurance that the supreme lodge on High presided over by the Supreme Chancellor Commander has added one more name to its roster, and

Resolved, By this lodge in regular convention assembled that as a mark of respect of the members hereof, that the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days from this date, and be it further

Resolved, That the Keepers of R. and S. of this lodge present to the widow of deceased a copy of these resolutions at the earliest possible date and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be furnished the Hillsboro Independent and HILLSBORO ARGUS for publication.

Most respectfully submitted this March 5th, 1898.

B. P. CORNELIUS, J. C. COREY, A. GORDON Committee.

Notice to Contractors.

THERE will be let to the lowest bidder on April 7th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the county court room, Hillsboro, Oregon, contracts for the building and constructing of two (2) bri gas and file near Blooming P. O. in road district No. 35. Specifications may be seen at the County Clerk's office on and after March 31st, 1898. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Dated March 24, 1898.

B. P. CORNELIUS, County Judge.



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