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THE ISSUE INVOLVED.

The "milk in the cocoa nut" of the present political situation is very easily analyzed. The money question is up for arbitrament and the fight will be an earnest one. The lines are not aligned as they should be owing to the general disposition of a large percentage of our voting population to accept as sound the enunciations of political parties, regardless of business propositions. These propositions have been laid down many times by this paper, but another resume might be to benefit.

There are two sides to the money question. It is patent to every thinking man that every wealthy syndicate; every great security holder; and every man of great dollar wealth, naturally incline to a system of money which shall make and keep the unit dollar as powerful as possible—ard, the more the dollar will buy the better they are off in the measure of the world's goods and chattels. This is why these elements above mentioned are satisfied with the gold standard; satisfied with the times which have been so hard since 1890; and, by the way, now favor a continuance of the contraction of our currency. These men realize that money is subject to the same law of supply and demand that every other thing bought and sold is, and as a matter of personal interest, they support the gold standard and are perfectly willing that the farmers shall become confused and acknowledge overproduction as the cause of low prices, so long as these farmers shall support the dollar interests at the expense of the farmers' product. These dollar tillers now laugh in their sleeve over the thought that a large per cent of wheat farmers who know nothing of foreign shortage as relative to the now price of wheat, may vote to fatten the dollar, instead of voting for farm interests. While, at the same time, these wealth absorbers always stand solidly for dollar interests.

On the other hand, the farmer is basis of all society and business. He should not, either by prejudice, spleen, partisanship or ridicule, be away to vote for debased product. No farmer wants debased product; he can't live upon product becoming more and more cheap; more and more powerless as measured in the very units he must buy, with which he must pay his tax, debts, etc. The farmer should (should he not?) certainly vote for elevated product—he wants no "debased" product. Just as the man with large dollar wealth wants no "debased" dollars, so, on the contrary, the farmer should want no "debased" product. This is plain enough for anyone. It is not a question of politics, it is not a question of party. The security wealth people recognize no party when that party will not further their interests. Then, on the other hand, farmers in debt or out of debt—for their interests are identical—should stand together for elevated product. Farmers should see this—and vote for victory.

THE UNION MOVEMENT.

The union of reform forces of Portland last week was the first real effort of Oregon people to get away from purely partisan environment and strike a blow for good government. It was noticeable that the platform suited all three conventions, and what was better than this, the apportionment of the ticket suited every man in each convention with the exception of perhaps two or three office seekers. The harmony of the whole affair is indicative of the earnestness to redeem the state from misrule and elect congressman who will vote for "debased" dollars rather than "de-

based" product. This is well. It will be an encouragement to those who are republicans and who yet favor legislation which shall do a little something for farmers and what they produce. There are hundreds of republicans who have been loyal to party too long. They are tired of the oft repeated whine about debased dollars; they are tired of seeing men beaten and whipped in to line every year or two by politicians who one year condemn the gold standard and hug it the next; they are tired of the cry of "sound money" and "national honor" coming from those whom bimetalism would most hurt and gold standardism would make richer; they are tired of hearing pleadings for the "dollar" and "want to hear something about the other side of the question—the produce which is bought by the dollar; they are tired of hearing the goldite papers claim a corner on all intelligence and honesty in the country and are beginning to look at both sides of the question, and with this condition obtaining, there is no reason why a victory will not be won in Oregon this year.

STATE MISMANAGEMENT.

Since 1893 the state has had no legislation and it is about time that something was done for both the good name and the welfare of Oregon. The 1895 session was nothing but a senatorial election and the entire time was spent in sparring for political position. The 1897 fiasco was even worse and today we have a large sum of the people's money locked up at Salem while the property owners are being taxed to pay interest on state warrants. Such a condition is deplorable and will be resented by many men of intelligence who have heretofore affiliated with the republican party. These men will support the union ticket, the greatest advertisement of which is the severe strictures of the Simon press. The state has had enough of mismanagement; it has had enough of holdups; it has had enough of political dishonor and it is time that the fair name of Oregon is redeemed from the blight of officialism and bossism. To help do this—to help swell the majority—many thinking republicans will come with the union ticket and cast a vote for the overthrow of the aristocracy in politics.

MR. GAGE'S MISTAKE.

Secretary Gage, a pronounced gold mono, has at last succumbed to an attack of the silver shivers, and, after having for two years declared for the gold standard, now comes out with a pitiful straddle, asserting that "the administration is pledged to 'international bimetalism.'" This is very foolish. The administration can no longer make a campaign on such a farce. The people are not so ignorant as Mr. Gage would have one infer. The fight is now on for the Congressional elections and if the true bimetalists can prevent, the issues shall not be befogged.

The old habit of deception is hard to discard, but the silver forces will teach Mr. Gage that issues are not to be played with as in the past. Mr. Gage's utterances in this regard have already driven many men away from the support of the administration. If the Chicago banker will only make a few more addresses, the people will vote for bimetalism without need of campaigning. Mr. Gage's mistake will yet do good, because it has shown many the true inwardness of his deception.

"THE ASS KNOWETH ITS MASTER."

The puling whine of the Independent relative to The Argus' truthfulness as to Congressman T. H. Tongue's many positions on the money question is amusing to us and a source of pity to the Independent's readers. The Independent says The Argus "apologizes" for an attack on Tongue. The Independent, as it always has, lies and lies like a fishwife. That paper did not dare to quote The Argus to show it had apologized for anything—because it had not so done. So much for lie number one Brother Independent.

The Independent has had much trouble with its political pets, because they are ever rushing into print, either into the "organ," editorially or in the Oregonian, unsigned articles. When the Inde-

pendent seeks to defend Mr. Tongue by saying he never condemned the gold standard, the Independent lies—and every reading citizen of Washington county, including the editor of the Independent, knows it. When it says that Tongue never advocated free coinage it begs the question. Mr. Tongue did condemn the gold standard, the present system of finance and every reader of his letter to the Oregonian knows it. The Independent's allegations to the contrary are untrue, unmanly, pitiable and withal, remind one that to deceive and equivocate is the common heritage of the organ speaking for the gold standard. The editor is excusable, however. Even his own political people excuse him, although they of ten use him for a mere tool—use him for their dirty work. Politicians write his editorials, get him in trouble and, to all intents and purposes, have him do the editorial lying about consistency. No one blames the Independent. The paper can't help what it must contain and its editor must, like "slavery" do as the bosses will it shall.

THAT REPETITION.

While the grand jury was taking occasion to mention the jail, it very properly could have, as well, called public attention to the fact that the contract for the cells and corridor was not let according to law. That body can not well plead that law was followed and public policy was protected, nor does it seek to do so, but the report is a sort of a "white-wash" after all. So long as the jail was to have been mentioned (the last grand jury said practically the same as this relative to the prison) the grand jury might well have protected the future by saying whether or not the law had received compliance. Why this repetition of the report of the last grand jury? Why was it necessary? If Section 3569 of the Statutes of Oregon governs the county board in respect to the building of the prison, then was that statute, as well as public policy, violated. But, perhaps, the report suits the political complexion of the county—or, rather, of the boss politician.

It has taken Mr. Hanna but a few months to prove that he is master of the situation.

Mr. Sherman has not yet sent in his card to Spain as the representative of Mr. Hanna's country.

Mr. Wm. Ellis' pseudonym in congress is "Ratio Bill," he having voted for more ratios than any man in or out of congress. There is no doubt but what the Cubans are thoroughly imbued with the idea of 16 to 1—16 Spaniards to one Cuban. Gold basis Spain is trying to make it 32 to 1.

After all, Mr. Hanna seemed to know more about whether or not war would obtain than the Executive. Mr. McKinley's undecision was pitiful, but Prime Minister Hanna knew a thing or two.

Senator Thurston's speech in the Senate won him many friends, and his first acknowledgment that Wall street exists as a factor in national administration shows that he has learned much since last campaign. He will soon be persona non grata with Mr. Hanna.

Dead Letter.

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

A. V. Brown,
M. N. Bridgefarm
Phillips M. Clyde.

All letters not called for by April 9, 1898, will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.

H. SCHULMERICH, P. M.

The first act of the legislature, if called together in extra session, judging from the discussion of the matter by leading citizens of the state, would be the impeachment of Governor Lord for usurpation and other high crimes and misdemeanors.—Last week's Hatchet.

A RICH CABINET.

(New York World.)

The New York World, which supported McKinley, now tells about the wealth of the cabinet officers in an article, viz:

"Russell A. Alger, secretary of war.—Private fortune estimated at \$5,000,000; invested in lumber and timber tracts and various financial institutions.

"John Sherman, secretary of state.—Private fortune estimated at \$1,500,000; invested in real estate



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"Cornelius N. Bliss, secretary of the interior.—Private fortune estimated \$1,250,000; made his money in dry goods; vice-president of a Wall street bank and officer in many financial institutions. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury.—Private fortune estimated at \$1,500,000; President of the great banks of the West; has been in the banking business for forty years.

"James A. Gary, Postmaster General.—Private fortune estimated at \$2,000,000; cotton merchant and manufacturer; officer in many banking institutions. Of the remaining members of the Cabinet, one, although he is probably not a millionaire, should be classed among them, for the reason that his interests lie wholly with them. He is John W. Griggs, Attorney General.—Corporation lawyer; identified with the interests which have made New Jersey a byword in the land.

"There remains one other member of the Cabinet, but his name has not been mentioned in connection with the present situation. It is James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, a plain Iowa farmer. By no stretch of imagination can he be classed among the plutocrats.

"The millionaire cabinet officers represent Wall street, the concentrated financial and especially the corporate interests of the nation."

Real Estate Transactions.

Kate Latham and husband E. N. Fondray lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, block 5, lots 5, 6, 7, 10, blk 4, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 blk 6 Highland Park add Hbo, \$300
Thos D Humphreys to B P Cornelius n/2 of lot 1 blk 7 Hillsboro, \$250.
J S Waggoner to Willis Waggoner lot 9 blk 4 Thorne's add Hbo, \$50.
Phillip Baur to Jas Witte and John Nyberg 1 a sec 24 t 2 s r 1 w, \$800.
Samuel Reed to G W Reed 63 11 a of the Jos Dix d 1 c, \$50.
Fred R Muller to L Schwann 39 a of the W M Brown d 1 c, \$25.
G Weiss and wife to Louis Roiche tract in J H Olds d 1 c, \$333.
J Winters and wife to O & C R R Co 14 a sec 6 t 3 s r 1 w, \$15.
Union Cemetery Assn to H T Buxton n/2 of lot 161 in Union Cemetery, \$18.
Williamette Real Estate Co to John Fand S M Apple lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, in block 24 Cornelius, \$250.
P H Morley and wife to Mary P Polheover city w 1/2 of n e 1/4 and s e 1/4 of n w 1/4 sec 24 t 2 s r 1 w, \$1.
Fred Reed to M W Skeels w 1/2 of s w 1/4 sec 12 t 2 s r 3 w, \$1.
E W Strought and wife to R Williams w 1/2 of s e 1/4 sec 20 t 2 s r 2 w, \$1065.
J S Buxton and wife to H Buxton 22 3/4 a of the Benj Retching d 1 c, \$333.
M Duffy and wife to M O'Halloran n w 1/4 sec 9 t 3 s r 5 w, \$50.
O & C R R Co to W J Lipp s e 1/4 of n e 1/4 sec 9 t 2 s r 3 w, \$240.
D W Hohlburg and wife to F Findley lots 6 and 7 Brugger tract, \$1300.

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) bridges and fills near Blomberg 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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Dated March 25, 1898. F. G. MITCHELL, City Treasurer. By GEO. SCHULMERICH, Deputy.

Treasurer's Notice.

ALL COUNTY WARRANTS endorsed 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.

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