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Opposed to Gold Mono metalism. 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.

NOT FOR THE MAJORITY.

If the gold standard is enlightenment and the result of the natural laws of trade, as many of our gold contemporaries are prone to assert, then there is every reason to believe that industry is not at the foundation of universal enlightenment. We find that England was the first of all to go to the gold basis for the reason that she is a creditor nation and for the further reason that all her legislation is in the direct interest of the great creditor classes. In a strictly commercial sense, money is the antithesis of property—it is purchasing opposite. The question of universal enlightenment here comes in: the creditor classes studied the money question, for money, or well secured demands for it, constituted their property. They realized that larger production of both gold and silver meant that coined money could not grow dearer in measuring the other classes of property. England could readily go to the gold basis because she built her industrial pursuits upon manufacturing for the world and she could pay her labor in any current money, which, if more valuable, each dollar thereof would simply buy more labor. This system, as well, when fully in vogue, would give her immense credit holdings a much greater value in the purchase of all her supplies and in the measurement of all supplies but money. This enlightenment then, from a purely mathematical standpoint, benefited the wealthy brokerage and security holders, but in turn, harmed the poorer classes and those who produce. These classes paid the taxes in full, as well, and wealth, controlling legislation everywhere, always got from under the burden of taxation. If the gold standard is enlightenment, then it is enlightenment for those only whom it benefits. Class enlightenment will not long obtain, unless it shall be for the class which constitutes the majority

NO TERRITORIAL EXPANSION.

The war with Spain involves more than a matter of mere victory. The adjudication of the result will stir up new questions and decide whether we are to proceed on new lines or devote our energies for better government towards the people now under the republic. It is a great problem and one not easily solved. Colonial possessions are always expensive, even where home rule is granted. Protectorates come high, yet not so expensive as provincial governing. The highly philosophical way to end the whole affair, after peace is declared, is to allow Cuba and the Philippines to set up their own governments. If they cannot govern themselves, let them fall under the juggernaut of barbarism and then become dependencies, yet self sustaining, of our government. If they are not capable of self government it is questionable whether we should go into the kindergarten business with such people as pupils, and, when one thinks how Cubans and Philippine Islanders have held out against Spanish rule, it would appear that all is not so barbarous as our political tuftunters would have it appear. We essentially believe, however, that a self government can only be devised through the authority of the people, and to go further than this we are tramping upon the very bones of our own declaration of independence. The missionary business will not be very profitable for us. From all circumspection it would appear that when we have freed the islands from Spain we could give them a chance to save themselves. If they prove incapable of self government then will it "love's labor lost." Harbor facilities, with rights predominant, in times of peace and war, the Spanish detronement and

purely local government, Spain to pay for the powder and treasure—both of life and exchequer,—is the purely civilized solution of the settlement of the Hispano-American war. But politicians do not believe in self government except when they constitute the "self."

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

A careful comparison of the assessments of the three coast line states exhibits the fact that Oregon farmers are paying thousands of dollars of taxes which should be paid by the railroad companies. It is high time that such discrimination should cease, but so long as the republican party management and the S. P. do business on mutual terms, there will be no relief for the farmer of Oregon in this line.

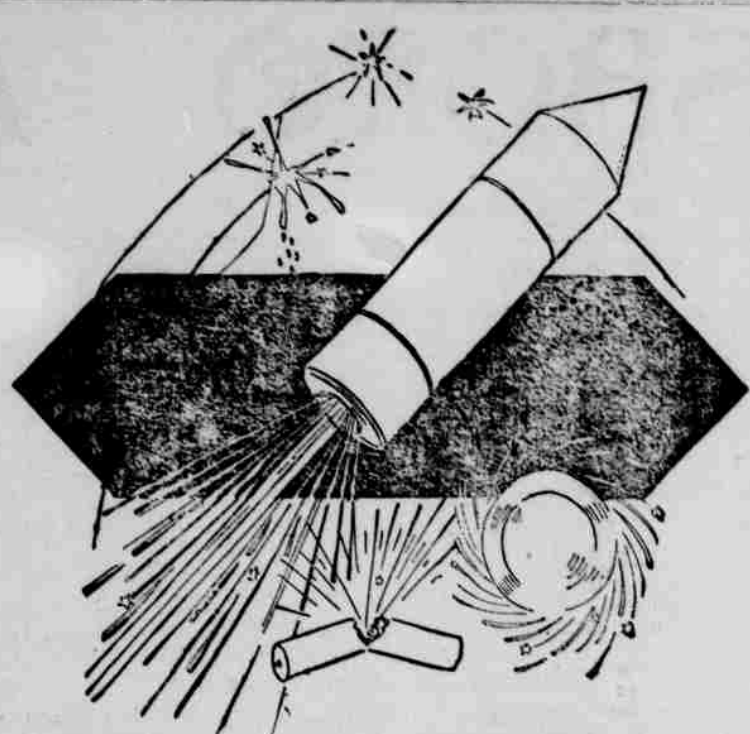
The state should have uniform assessment for railroad properties, and a higher percentage of taxation and on top of this, a maximum freight and passenger rate. In this way only can the corporations be made to come up with anything like a fair tax account. There is no doubt but what the republican farmer voters are just as eager for this as any of other politics, yet, in all reason, they should see so long as their party management stays in control at Salem, the railroads will still get out of paying a just equilibrium of taxation. A maximum freight and passenger rate, fixed by law, and a legislated assessment rate for roadbed and rolling stock would forever take these monopolies out of our state and senatorial politics.

As a result of this favoritism to railroads, farmers each year pay thousands of dollars taxes which is not their right to pay. It is simply legalized confiscation of farm property for corporate gain. How long will our farmers stand it? As long as Multnomah rules the state. As long as so-called republican (but in reality Simon or Mitchell) power prevails in Oregon, just so long will the railroad companies be good subjects for campaign levies, and the farmer can continue to pay taxes for the monopolies.

NATURE WILL ARGUE.

There is no sense in anyone making partisan gladness out of the recent gold standard victory in Oregon. Only the cheapest politicians do this. This, equally, applies to the falling off in the price of wheat. No one opposing the gold standard should point to the present fall in wheat with anything like partisan glee. We have more than partisanship involved in the struggle before us. It is a question of practical, everyday business, affecting both the present and future of our country—and the whole world. There is not a farmer in Washington county who would wittingly vote for forty-five cent wheat and other prices of like level. Therefore, the issues involved are more than mere party successes. While many honest gold standard protectionists actually have believed that the Dingley bill and the gold standard have given us prosperity, they stand ready enough to be corrected. In this correction the method should not be one of partisanship. Nature and conditions, normal obtaining, will do more to make votes for bimetalism than all the impassioned speeches of a Demosthenes; than all the studied tracts of political economists. The average farmer must have more proof for his convictions than the city chap. The city voter is altogether to apt to vote with the employer, while the farmer will vote for results if the proper object lesson is set before him. You can fool him some of the time but not all the time. He has been betrayed a good many times in Oregon, but he has followed the vanlight of too much Oregonian and Joe Simon, honesty in human nature producing insufficient skepticism of their purpose.

Because they have prated so much of "honor" he has apathetically supported, forgetting that political drab can cry virtue to sell wares as well as can a moral drab. Bimetallists and true reformers can expect success when crop conditions all over the world grow normal; not until. For then we must get the gold standard level of prices—the good old prices of forty-five cent wheat. When this comes again, and it must come or history will never repeat, it will be hard for our gold standard advocates to stand up and cry "overproduction." The gold advocate, who is such from earnest study for his property's pro-



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tion—dollar and dollar security protection—knows as well as anyone that the dollar is subject to the same law of supply and demand as are all other things. The farmer, he of whatsoever politics, will not be slow to learn. Another election and the demagogic cry of "traitor" will not scare him for he will see that there is method in such monopoly madness. The man of sense doesn't care a picayune for the rich. Their wealth will take care of them. But he does care that farmers may be the most prosperous of all for he is the fellow who keeps and supports the whole world. No matter how long he may vote against his own best interests there will always be those who will try to persuade him otherwise, and, with the help of natural conditions, some day in the near future it will come the farmer's way.

OFFICIALISM VS VOX POPULI.

There is just this to say about opposition to direct lawmaking: those who oppose vesting such power in the hands of the people are opposed to popular government and are admitting, by such opposition, that they think a few are to rule over the majority; and that public officials are pets instead of public servants. You can't give too much power to the people at large, in the majority. Governing power should be in the hands of a whole people at all times. The license of a multitude in this age is much safer than the license of a few who have no regard but self regard at public expense. The people pay for all administration, therefore should make their laws or unmake such, at their pleasure. But as this would mean sure death to officialism, officialism naturally opposes popular rule.

THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

The American volunteer! He it is who has carried the stars and stripes to victory. There is a wide distinction between the regular and the volunteer. The very inspiration moving the first is not the inspiration actuating the latter. The regular enters the army for an easy time, and perhaps promotion, and this at small pay. The volunteer wants no warfare unless it is a matter of sentiment, pure and simple. When the country is in danger he goes in to protect it and this is the sole incentive of his service. He has no taint of barracks environment from a cankering peace to smother the motive of his sword. The regular is of different mold. He will enlist in time of peace for the easy time and for the steady pay. He goes into harness on a purely commercial basis. The civilian pities yet tolerates him and he knows it. His articles of enlistment are purely of a business nature and this is never the best engine of valor. But the volunteer! God bless him! He goes into service because he feels that he is a part and parcel of the flag which he feels has suffered insult. He goes in to rectify, not for the mere hire he may receive. He feels the insult and wants to avenge it and payday is the last thing connected with the animus of his loading and

firming. An army of volunteers will win where regulars will lose. They ought to—It's only natural.

Hon. C. W. Fulton as a modern gold standard man seems to be a howling success.

Hon. T. H. Tongue's idea of honest platforms seems to be any old thing which elects.

The Dingley bill will not have half as much help this year from the shortage to keep up the price of wheat.

It is more than likely that General Hanna will be brevetted for his gallant rout of the enemy at the republican state convention.

The note and comment man of the Oregonian is getting very nutty, and an endorsement of the gold standard is likely to come at any minute.

How are the mighty fallen! Judge Northrop, of Multnomah, was made the scapegoat of Multnomah's political sins while Jo Simon gets the trophy!

General Hanna's victory in Oregon certainly is gratifying. Think of it! The dollar of his forces will now buy nearly a half more wheat than before he won the battle!

It is now to be expected that the Oregonian and the Telegram will slaver over the Mason administration in the converse ratio of which they played Thirists to the Penneyer rule.

The Oregonian is trying very hard to get a new platform in the field and seems perfectly willing to get away from the currency question. This is very natural as the Oregonian has the great good sense to realize that normal conditions under the gold standard will take us back to prices and conditions prior to the great wheat shortage. The Oregonian can see a thing or two in the future.

Two prominent republicans, one a farmer and the other a well-to-do Portland moneyed man, were talking on the Portland board train the other morning. The farmer was complaining about wheat dropping in price (not value) when the collateral friend said: "Here now, my friend, don't you commence getting cranky. We've had one good year and I haven't kicked at paying you a good price for all I have bought from you. While low wheat will hurt you somewhat, think of how many of us it will help! Remember that the dollar is not hurt, and we must stand by the dollar." And the farmer is now seeing the point and wondering why he socked that Dingley bill racket as raising wheat.

THE UNION PARTY.

By J. W. Barnes, of Beaverton.

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Amid the glowering scowls of tyrants, Who would drag our flag to primitive grave. Surrounded by the cowardly giants, Who longed to be the rich man's slave.

They stood like monuments of honor, That Union party brave and true, Bowed they not to Briton's banner, To ask their: what they should do.

Nay, bowed they not to bribe nor pleasure, The sovereign power bequeathed to them They held above all earthly treasure, Those honest hearted Union men.

Those Union men will save our nation, God grant them power and give them might.

The people know their last salvation Is left with them to do what's right.

Ye heroes grand who hold our banner High up to heaven's exalted throne, Will never yield to a Mark Hanna Who robs the people of a home.

We'll never yield to a single standard, While our mountains glitter with precious ore.

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Executor's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed sole Executor of the last will and testament of Emma Carl, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington county, and that all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned within six months from date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 19th day of June, 1898. Charles Hill, Executor of the last will and testament of Emma Carl, Deceased. W. D. Hare Attorney for Executor.

Executors' Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executors of the last will and testament of James Dickson, 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 the undersigned within six months from date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, June 9, 1898. William Dickson, M. A. Dickson, Executors of the last will and testament of James Dickson, deceased. W. D. Hare Attorney.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Jas. Stevenson, 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 residence of S. B. Huston, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 22nd day of June, 1898. E. P. STEVENSON, Administrator of the estate of Jas. Stevenson.

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Keroline Friedrich, heir of Karl Friedrich, deceased.

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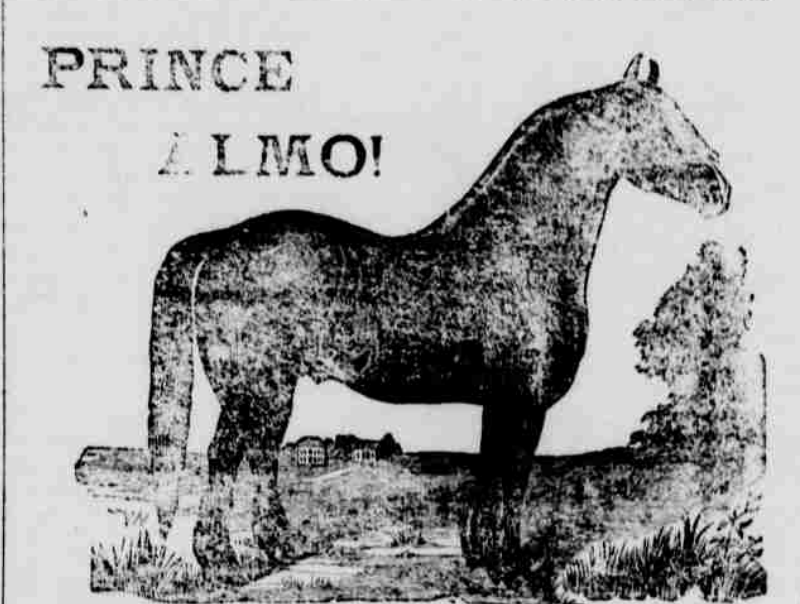
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SUMMONS. Administrator's Notice.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County. Mary G. Walters, Plaintiff. William T. Walters, Defendant. To William T. Walters, the above named defendant: In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby commanded to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff herein filed by Monday, the 15th day of July, 1898, the same being the first day of the next regular term of said Court after the service of this summons upon you, and if you fail so to appear and answer the complaint the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: That the marriage and marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the Court may appear equitable. This summons is served upon you by order of Hon. T. A. McVie, Judge, and dated at Chambers at Astoria, Oregon, on June 2, 1898. S. B. HUSTON, and W. M. DAVIS, Attorneys.

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