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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.

IS A SECOND LESSON NECESSARY?

We shall soon drift to cheap product. In this era of vast national, state and municipal debt, all of which the agricultural classes must ultimately pay, it would appear that the agriculturist has helped himself into a condition which prior to 1896 he universally condemned. When product is cheap, then is the glorious harvest of income takers and the winter of the producer. The farmer cannot properly support the great mass of laborers, because he has no surplus, with which to keep manufacturies going. That which gives the banks and syndicates the most for their dollar, must necessarily make the producer give more of his substance to get a dollar. And there you are. When the eyes of producers are open to the fact that low prices mean hard times and that hard times are the best possible times for income receivers, we shall have a change in our laws. But was this second lesson necessary? The best possible times for the money rich is when they can buy the most with their money. The best possible times for the farmer is when he can get the most dollars for his toil. Imagine, then, a farmer and a dollar-rich man voting for dear dollars and cheap product! Who gets the worst of it? The banker, of course!

ENDURES PASSING WELL.

The Chicago platform will be the rallying cry of the anti-gold standardists in the fall elections back east. Every state convention so far has been enthusiastic in declaring for the free silver plank. Two years have elapsed since the farmers of our land sent instructed delegations to Chicago to form a new political manual. That platform was a new declaration of independence and was the advanced thought of four million democrats, two million populists and 500,000 silver republicans. They contended against cheap product because they knew its effects; they contended against Europeanized labor for they knew its results were paupers; they contended against the dishonoring and debauching of American industry, because they knew the value of prosperous husbandry, and, best of all, they afterwards, by force of their own platform, contended against every conceivable monopoly in this land as well as many abroad. Therefore, there is that in the Chicago declaration which involves a moral standard and must and will endure.

THE TWO CONTRARIES.

Just why any portion of an agricultural people desire debased result of toil is not clear to the average man who thoroughly understands that farms, farmers and farm product constitute not only the foundation but the entire structure of the business and social world. When these elements pay all the debt, and must pay this debt with product (for they must buy dollars to pay) it is hard to imagine why farmers should vote to make product constantly cheaper and dollars conversely dearer, taking more product to buy a given number of dollars with which to liquidate.

It is generally conceded that it is [illegible] reasonable right to vote [illegible] interest. Those interest[illegible] dollars and dollar securities [illegible] interested in having [illegible] which shall measure more all things which money buys [illegible] farmers should be interested in a system which shall restore the old bimetallic level of prices, because this means living [illegible] and debt paying prices. With [illegible] proposition so clear that money is subject to the law of supply and demand; with the notorious fact staring people in the face that the cheaper all things are the better it is for the rich; the plodding farmer should see that the gold standard is a hardship on him and a boon to those who deal exclusively in dollars.

LET THE PEOPLE THINK.

Good laws are as necessary for government as are good constitutions to the same end. Were we to wish a constitutional amendment, no one would question the right of every voter in the land expressing his opinion by ballot. When a constitution—a governing guide—is bad, we at once proceed to eradicate the objectionable and empower the better. This same theory should obtain as to laws. When we have bad laws we should not allow their retention or repeal to be vested in political parties, for these machines oftimes build a power that decent sentiment cannot break. Parties often remain silent against conditions which are unjust because voice might impair power. Power means dispensation of money contributed by taxpayers, and the keeping up of a retinue of taxeaters—the venacular for those who perform public servide solely for the renumeration thereof. Let us arrive at some way in which this party power can be broken. Let us arrive at some way in which this party power can be killed. Let us arrive at some method whereby bad laws may be repealed by the voice of those who should govern because they pay for government. Let us have some method of government whereby the real authority,—the people—can have certain laws enacted, if they want them! Is there any one who will deny the justice of this?

Suppose, for instance, that the people of this county could vote upon a reasonable reduction in the pay of several county officers would it carry irrespective of party majority? Certainly it would. Can they so vote upon such aquestion? Certainly, they can not. Some one says, "take it to the legislature!" Not much! Do not look for relief there under present conditions. Where is the relief, then? Direct legislation is the answer. That is to say, something every man should favor—a condition wherein the people can pass their own laws on local public business, both as to state and county affairs provided the legislature does not, or will not, act. Direct lawmaking will solve the problem, for the people can then trust themselves instead of being forced to endure the actions of master politicians.

AN INGENIOUS SHIFT.

The gold press is striving hard to divide the people of the east upon questions not germane to the issues voted upon since 1896. They are earnestly striving to get up a difference of opinion as to the question of territorial acquisition. As a matter of fact, this is a confession of weakness upon the part of gold advocacy. It is realized that normal crop proportions will again throw the agricultural classes into profitless production and it is further realized that the old chestnut of "overproduction" which may be launched at any hour, will deceive no one. But, gold standard minds argue, "we must keep the people's minds off the main issue." The fact is, however, the real bimetallists have not forgotten these things: that money is subject to the laws of supply and demand; that we have for over thirty years past discounted the future; that as money has grown dearer by the restriction of the coinage of silver, that prices of all other things, normal prevailing, have fallen at the converse ratio; that every big banking institution, every big monopoly, every large security holder and every big brokerage commission, interested in keeping up a system of dollar endearment, is for the gold standard, because such a standard enriches them more and more, causing the dollar to buy more of productive industry; that such dearer dollar system debases product a little more each year; that the farm is the backbone of the world; that it is right and just to work for product not debased and that gold standardism works for the debasement of all things, dollars excepted; that the farmer must pay all the debt and taxes and that he must, under the present standard, continue to put up more work to get a dollar.

Let us hear more about product not debased. Time was when the dollar was not so exalted, as at present, when measuring commodity. No one then heard of "cheap dollars" but we did hear that product was high. And now, when the money system has cheapened product and it is desired that it shall be elevated to its old standard, we hear cheap demagogues ranting about "cheap dollars," but not one word about "honest product."

It is sincerely to be hoped that no one will be deluded about this new issue sprung by those who would make the farming classes the mule of society. It must be remembered that these fellows, demagogues that they are, are wedded to no party that will not do their bidding, but wedded to any party that will fulfill their desires. They prate virtue, like Iago, who, when ruining Othello and his life's brightest prospects, said "good name in man and woman, dear, my lord, is the immediate jewell of their souls." Look out for them—the editorial Iagoes of modern history, who on the other extreme, like the old Iago, constantly are wanting, by their own shift, to "put money" in the purse, at industry's discomfiture.

CUCKOO! CUCKOO!

With what avidity our goldites sieze upon any pretext which will tend to fool the rank and file of voters—"the herd"—as one of our able contemporaries terms it. With an immense shortage causing the price of wheat to be high, these demagogues, overlooking the true economic situation, spout about what "republican rule" has done. True republican rule would have assuredly done something, but Hanna republican rule has done absolutely nothing to elevate the product of the American farm. True republicanism has always recognized that bimetallism was the proper monetary system that justice and equity might obtain to the dollar-buying elements. When the Independent was republican it condemned the gold standard as a rancorous blight, but since it became Hannaized, it "step-toes" after the leader, the Oregonian, and like the cuckoo, lays its egg in the gold standard nest that it may "cuckoo" with Wall street.

In the excitement of war Marcus Hanna is lost to the public, but he still continues to sieep at the executive mansion, a la chaperone.

Union of the silver forces seems to be the order of the hour in the east. This shows a healthy regard for ideas as against party name. This paper hopes to live long enough to see the time a party name can exist by law but during one campaign.

"Dear dollars, debased product. Debased product, debased farmers and debased farm property. Debased property, hardship for farmers. Hardship for farmers equals national honor and enlightment." The foregoing is a sample of gold standard logic.

The n. and c. man of the Oregonian crows because he thinks Judge Crowell, of Jackson, is out of office. The n. and c. man is off again, as usual. Judge Crowell was elected two years ago and will hold two years more to harry C P. Huntington's pets. He didn't Crowell!

Demagogues who so persistently write for sound money supremacy in Oregon care not for good government. They simply assume a virtue they do not possess. This, of course, refers to those who know where to go for a campaign fund at the expense of farmers paying the taxes of the railroads.

The Southern Pacific should be made to pay its quota of taxes. That company annually gets out of taxation to the tune of thousands of dollars, and the farmers must pay their share as well as part of the company's. But as long as our farmers like to do this in order that they may be called "republicans" we suppose it is all right.

If the Southern Pacific paid an equitable assessment in Oregon, many thousands of dollars would be saved to the farmers of the state. Moral: it is no wonder that the S. P. stands in with Joe Simon, or whoever may be in control of the legislature. It is afraid of a uniform assessment and a railroad commission which will do its full duty.

No sir: The man who expects to be Oregon's U, S. senator must be one who can easily be bled by the Multnomah county cabal—that is all there is to the proposition. Here in Oregon it was not the money question in national affairs—it was the "money question" of local affairs. The people have nothing what ever to do with senatorial elections and know not what kind of a man is to be elected.

With wheat down to normal, it is now in order for our gold contemporaries to shout over the goodness and soundness of the dollar. By the way, has it not struck everybody that the dollar is getting a little better every day? Nearly as "good" as it was when Mr. Cleveland was in the saddle—and this pleases the dollarcrats, but how about the men who raise wheat, and are supposed to know nothing about the beauties and grandeuers of running a government?

What commenced the agitation for the gold standard? The city press or the country press? Answer: the city press impelled by the moneycrats. Have we not ample proof of this in our county where one paper mercilessly condemned the gold standard while the other advocated bimetallism independent? Does any one dispute this without using falsehood? And did not the Oregonian fix the policy of Oregon republicans—and a metropolitan paper is the Oregonian? And did not the cuckoos "cuckoo?" Here is the story of the betrayal of the farmer. So it was all over America and the gold press used the very condition of hard times caused by the gold standard to work the farmers to vote for more of it! Here is, then, the story of the city and farm.

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Pider Johnson et al to J Peterson 40 a sec 7 t 1 s r 1 w, $1000.

J C Hartley to J J Hartley n w 4 sec 27 t 2 n r 4 w, $5

J W Adkins and wife to R L Sabin s w ¼ n e ¼ sec 12 t 1 n r 5 w, $90.

Clara Markle et al to F Bidwell Q C D, d l c W B onson (with exceptions) $1.

Forest Bidwell to Frank Sherman the same as above. $1

F M Olds and wife to Ed Wheeler blk 9 and pt blk 11 Steele's ad B averton, $1000.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE.

Hans Muller has been appointed guardian ad litem of infant son, Harry Muller, for purpose of permitting of bringing suit for damages against attending physician.

Jos Steventon estate appraised at $800.

Final settlement of Tilden Beauchamp estate set for Aug 15.

Michael Kennedy estate appraised: realty, $2,500; personal $112.50; total, $2,612.50.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wold, of Cornelius, wish to thank their many friends who so kindly assisted them during the illness of their little girl, caused by scalding, and who is now nearly recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wold.

Latest War News.

This morning's dispatches show but little change in the situation at Santiago de Cuba. Shafter has the city entirely surrounded so there is no hope of retreat. General Toral the Spanish Commander, refuses to surrender and unless he came to terms, the bombardment was to have commenced at noon today.

In the Phillipines no movement has been yet inaugurated although the rebels are taking new forts under cover of Dewey's guns The other day a German cruiser, the Irene, was aiding the Spanish on Subig bay, when Dewey dispatched two of his vessels to stop the interference. Our vessels steamed into the bay (Subig) and opened fire on the forts. The Irene slunk out a side channel and afterwards offered to surrender refugees, but Dewey refused.

NOTICE.

City warrants up to June 7, 1895, including no. 127, 35 & 36 are now payable at the office of city treasurer, Schulmerich store, Hillsboro, Oregon, and interest will cease on same after this date.

Dated July 14, 1898.

F. G. MITCHELL,
City Treasurer
By GEO. SCHULMERICH, Deputy

Dead Letter.

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

Mr. W. N. Taylor,
A. Peaterson,
Mr. J. W. Brown.

All letters not called for by July 16 1898, will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.

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Reverend J. Bowersox, of Lafayette, will preach at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening.

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Executors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have 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. 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.

Notice to Contractors.

There will be let to the lowest bidder on July 16, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the County Court room, Hillsboro, Oregon, contracts for the building and constructing of three bridges, one near Watchline's south of Cornelius; one near Peter Nelson's, across Rock Creek, and Patton's bridge, Patton Valley; also to build a new span on the long bridge, across Dairy Creek.

Specifications may be seen at the County Clerk's office on and after July 10, 1898.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 6th day of July, 1898.

L. A. ROOD,
County Judge.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the County Court, of Washington County, Oregon, appointed administrator with-the-will-annexed of the estate of Otto Wilhelm Ferdinand Weichbrodt, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at my residence at Cornelius, Oregon, or at the law office of Smith & Bowman, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months of the date hereof.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this May 19, 1898. OSCAR WEICHBRODT,
Administrator with-the-will-annexed of the estate of Otto Wilhelm Ferdinand Weichbrodt, deceased.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county.

Marg G. Walters, Plaintiff,
v.
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 18th 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. McBride, made and dated at Chambers at Astoria, Oregon, on June 2, 1898

S. B. HUSTON,
and W. M DAVIS,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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 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 9th day of June, 1898.

Charles Bill,
Executor of the last will and testament of Emma Carl, Deceased.
W. D. Hare Attorney for Executor.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Jos. Steventon, 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 S. B. Huston, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1898.

E. P. STEVENTON,
Administrator of the estate of Jos. Steventon.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR.,
June 25, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County at Hillsboro, Oregon, on August 12, 1898, viz:

Karoline Friedrich, heir of Karl Friedrich, deceased.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Schiewe, of Stafford, Ore., Elisha H Howell, Mountaindale, Ore., Gottlieb Schiewe, of Richfield, Wash., Fred Hauffler, of Dixie, Oregon.

Chas. B. Moores, Register.

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