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DIRECT GOVERNMENT.

San Francisco has voted direct government and a great power has now been placed in the ballot box. Under our representative system the people are far removed from legislation or redress. Between the rank and file of citizenship and desired laws stand those who have been elected to represent, but instead, dictate. If Oregon had direct lawmaking power through the ballot box there would be such reforms as would utterly rout Simonism. Railroad corporations would be compelled to pay their share of taxation and limited to decent emolument for public service. Officials, lousy with dictation, would no longer be paid enormously high salaries, but would take reasonable compensation for services rendered. Legislatures would then not be controlled by cliques and machines, but would endeavor to deal statesmanship instead of abuse. Thousands of dollars would be saved taxpayers and we should have a government of, by and for the people. As a matter of fact, this will some day be realized, but only after a hard battle. The politicians will fight it, the corporations will fight it. This is to be expected, for self preservation is the first law of nature—the very law on the other hand which eventually will place the power of governing in the hands of those paying for the machinery of government.

THE FARMER AND THE RAILROAD.

When the good people of the Willamette valley learn that they are paying taxes which should be borne by the Southern Pacific there will be a howl go up to take the corporation out of our state's politics. The road bed is not assessed within fifty per cent of what it should be. By the most reasonable comparison of the taxation of California and Oregon, it is easily to be seen that fifty per cent is a very low estimate. Farmers, most of all, should look into this matter. They are the taxpayers. Here in Washington county we have 34 miles of railroad track assessed at \$114,020. It should be assessed, at the least, at double this amount. The taxes on this alone would amount to nearly \$2,000 per annum. Think of this! The farmers of this county paying nearly \$2,000 annually to have the railroads throw up campaign funds for "sound money" by Mr. J. H. Mitchell or some other ambitious politician!

The sum involved isn't much, of course. But in ten years it amounts to a great deal; and were it not so much, yet existing, it were shameful. Why will farmers voluntarily pay what the Southern Pacific should pay? Do they not do it without question?

This is not idle assertion. If a reader doubts let him send for the reports of the Board of Equalization of the three Pacific coast states and make his own comparisons.

A JOURNALISTIC JACK CADE.

It seems that the notion that we could get more value for our wheat, which we must sell in Europe, on the basis of the wheat market of the world, always a gold standard market, by degrading our wheat to the silver basis, is not yet quite eradicated from the mind that directs the demagogic press of Oregon. Here is the Hillsboro Argus still babbling that unspeakable nonsense. It assumes that by sinking silver our money we can control the wheat market of Europe and the world. There is still a person here and there, it seems in which this particular species of mental obliquity is incurable—Oregonian.

The Argus has ever contended that Americans and American competition would receive higher prices for product were silver, as well as gold, coined at the American mints and given free coinage and legal tender rights; higher prices for all products in general. Of course, we speak of wheat more in general, because Oregon raises much wheat.

With free coinage and equal legal tender functions, there is no question as to what the result would be, unless, of course, we had enough Jack Cades who would want it a felony for a wheat raiser to get more than a basis of "seven half penny loaves for a penny."

No one but a demagogue denies the very laws of use and utility. If there be nothing in the law of supply and demand as governing money as well as other things, let us at once retire all paper money and all silver—for upon the line of reasoning advanced by our worthy and patient friend, the Oregonian, it would make no difference whether we had more or less money so far as "values" are concerned. The great and overweening trouble with the Oregonian is that it has supported the republican party in and out of season so long that it has no individuality, but would follow the banking idea of government, the less money the better for all.

Men who are out of the asylum of commercial control, as a rule, realize that the less dollars a farmer may get for his wheat the less dollars he will have to pay debt and tax—and, naturally, this "good" dollar will pay no more of either debt or tax, than the "bad," unholly dollar despised by our Christian gold standard friends. Some men realize that the lesser dollars, in volume, we have, the more each individual dollar is worth. And so, the fight is on between those whose property is dollars and those whose property is that which must be sold for dollars. Notwithstanding the Oregonian's "lofty and virtuous position," its editors know that as well as any country "numbskull." No one believes that the Oregonian does not know more about money than it usually discloses in its good natured criticism—a criticism suggestive of the worst kind of Thiraites and not unlike the spirit of Mister Cade, when he said "Away with him, I say! Hang him with his pen and inkhorn about his neck!"

That bimetallicism, independent by the U. S. alone, would mean a necessary proportion of expansion, legitimate with the expansion of population and commerce, goes without saying. Bimetallicism would mean a larger stock of legal tender money. This would mean dearer product, or, as the Oregonian would term it, "cheap money." Dearer product necessarily implies better prices and better prices imply better values. A larger stock of money, money which will under law discharge such a volume of debt as exists in the United States, must better fill the demand for money than a smaller volume. Bimetallicism means that larger volume. The assertion that there would be no affinity between 1 part of gold and 16 parts of silver should American free coinage obtain, seems to be one of the oases in the gold desert. Who would sell silver bullion at less than its American debt paying power as measured in gold, except at such discount as would pay for its transportation to the American mints? Not even the editor of the Oregonian. When the Oregonian denies that a greater volume of equal debt paying dollars will not better prices for all things which must be bought and sold for money it denies established economic law. But the Oregonian is not interested in better values for anything except the dollar. Decent living prices under normal conditions are beneficial things to the Oregonian's judgment. Its sympathy is entirely on the side of better dollars and worse product.

THE TERRITORIAL MATTER.

After all the senseless things said of annexation or acquisition of territory now under American military control and invasion, there is but one sensible and just solution. After Spain has been subdued, if the people of the hitherto Spanish colonies desire to become a part of our government, let this desire be made manifest by a decidedly popular acclaim. That is to say, let this desire be an universal one. This doubtless can be attested by submitting the question to such of them as are following the amenities of civilization. We have invaded the territory—the territory where there is armed rebellion. The rebels are our allies—made so by the very nature of conditions. We have an affront to satisfy and a lesson to teach. The rebels are fighting for liberty against a life of insupportable servitude. It is the intent of the United

States to deal fairly in these matters, a popular expression as to form of government desired, after the Spanish are whipped, will be sought. Liberty is sweet. Americans have learned this lesson and have learned it exceedingly well. Of course there will be a few ambitious insurgent leaders who will oppose annexation, and, if a majority of those capable of expressing an intelligent idea of government shall agree with him, the colonies now being wrested from the Spanish empire should be allowed to enter the galaxy of nations and work out their salvation. If they desire, on the other hand, to be annexed, let them be annexed. Our pay and indemnity is a question that should be settled direct with Spain and upon the basis of such resources as are under American control. If the islands desire independence, let us not cry over the millions spent to redress the sinking of the Maine and other Spanish atrocities. We will not mourn—neither will we expect the insurgents to pay the "fid-dler," when we refused to take a hand until actually forced by circumstance as wearably only by Spain herself.

A few Remarks.

To The Editor:—The writer has been requested, by a sorely aggrieved pedestrian, to "yell out" a few words of admonition to "d—n a fool" bicyclists. Why the complainant asked the writer to jeopardize his life in undertaking this task is a question yet to be fathomed; but as this is a time when everybody should be patriotic, this or her life to be considered a secondary matter—the writer agrees to take off his coat and sail in regardless of consequences.

If the writer is correctly informed it appears that there is a certain job lot of "bipeders" who regard the lives of pedestrians as worth the price of a diseased government note—or less—and therefore "secret" to them indiscriminately with a result that the "high sphere of mankind" is humiliated to that of the "poor worm of the dust." 'Tis well for this class of bipeders that I cannot think of some printable word that expresses something awfully nasty. The writer knows of many decent bipeders who have the ability to knock down and run over as many pedestrians in a given length of time as any bipeder living between Panama, Key West, Manila and Vera Cruz and Porto Rico via Santiago—but they don't do it. In the class of decent bipeders there are included both male and female bipeders, but we are sorry to say, however, that in the category classed as "d—n a fool bipeders" there are also a few, very few, female bipeders—but of course out of respect for lady bipeders we'll say nothing about them. Anyway, what man doesn't feel a sense of pleasure and thrill of delight run through his anatomy when being run into, knocked down and run over by a female bipeder? Perchance he might see a few stars, and possibly angels—but what of it? Of course were a male bipeder to undertake to produce a rear-end collision with a female bipeder, he'd be a pedestrian, the "assaulted" man undertake to slay the assaulter with a four-year-old club. But you see it is different when a female bipeder delivers a solar plexus blow with the butt end of her biped—just such a case the law of retaliation doesn't apply and we wouldn't apply it if it did. As you have been so unfortunate as to get hit by a female bipeder, you ought to be walking peacefully and calmly down the street meditating upon the hereafter—or some other place—when stealing up within about five feet and six inches of your "exit" some demon-like biped suddenly turns loose his alarm works and gives three or more "typhoid yells" and kindly insinuates that you had better "get out." If not, my dear fellow pedestrian, how much of life's pleasure you have missed! You are more than repaid for the disturbance of your mental equilibrium by the thrilling, throbbing, startling and lightning sensation caused by such an experience. I have heard of only one man who didn't appear to appreciate this sort of thing—but he was as deaf as a pump-handle, and I think that must have been the only reason. Try it, my dear pedestrians, try it; hire some wild-eyed bipeder if necessary, that you may experience one of God's-given sensations.

And while I have got my "mad up" let me timidly whisper that so long as the city dials own or ride a bipede it will continue safe to ride on the side walks of the streets of the business portion of the city; but we are sorry to note that nature must have slipped a cog when it introduced to us a lot of second-hand bipeders who take undue and unnecessary advantage of the rights and sufferance of "foot passengers." Perchance the City Dads will sell their wheels and proceed to pass an ordinance prohibiting riding on any of the side walks of the city and then a lot of bipeders will have to "cut mud and gather up slush."

And lastly, before I open up the safe valve and let me add, let me admonish d—n fool bipeders, first, to kill and maim as many pedestrians as possible with the least possible damage to themselves; second, those whom you can't kill by rear-end collisions, scare to death; and thirdly, ride all the time on all of the sidewalks of the city.

Yours hastily for Klondike, "Foot Biped."

The writer of the above was at one time an ardent wheelman and appropriated much sidewalk to the discomfort of his fellow beings. Of late, however, he has been "born again" and now seeks only a straight and narrow path of rectitude whereon to a heel. Whether or not his girl can ride a wheel or whether it is a bad case of dyspepsia, no one wots. The idea is intolerant that one must be, by ordinance, debarred from the thrilling and suspender bursting experience of having some male cyclist—or a handsome female wheelier, for instance—smash into you from behind while you are softly repeating your Sunday school lesson. These joys are but creatures of civilization and, in time, when armistices come in, will be but fond memories. But some people must kick—and most often it is some galoot who has no wheel, or some fellow who is crooked in love. [Editor.]



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CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE State of Oregon for the County of Washington. In the matter of the estate of: ELIAS JAMES JOLLY, Deceased. To ANN ELIZA WILLIAMS, William B. Jolly, Ursula M. Howard, Adeline J. Fletcher, William J. Feker, Mabel White, Thomas White, Horace White, Elizabeth White, May White, Clara L. Brooks, Rosa Cook, Claude W. Jolly, George C. Lichtenthaler, Bessie Jolly, Lillis A. Jolly, et al; Executors. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington, at the County Court room, at Hillsboro, in the County of Washington, on Monday the fifth day of September, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale of the following described real property situated in Washington County, Oregon, and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point on the West boundary line of the Donation Land Claim of William Jolly and wife in T. One (1) North Range Three (3) West of the Willamette Meridian, where the division line dividing the North and South halves of said claim interest said east boundary line, said beginning point being 54.22 chs. South One (1) degree West from the Northwest corner of said claim and running thence East variation of 21 deg. 30 min. following said division line 44.83 chains to the center of McKay Creek; thence following up said stream with the meanderings thereof 17 chs. to the South boundary line of said claim; thence North 87 deg. 15 min. West on said South line of William B. Jolly's land 47.86 chs. to the center of the County road on the West boundary line of said William Jolly and wife's Donation Land Claim; thence South following the center of said County Road 9.79 chs. to the place of beginning, containing 44 acres more or less, should not be made as prayed for in the petitions of S. Williams, Administrator, of said estate, filed in this Court and cause. Witness, the Hon. Louis A. Rood Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington with the seal of said Court annexed, this 28th day of July, A. D. 1898. (Attest) J. A. Imbric, Clerk. By W. W. McKinney, Deputy Clerk.

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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 1, 1898. William Dickson, M. A. Dickson, Executors of the last will and testament of James Dickson, deceased. W. D. Hare, Attorney.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE at OREGON CITY, OR. 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, at 10 o'clock A. M. K. ROLLING, Friedrich, heir of Karl Friedrich, deceased. It is the W 1/2 of S W 1/4 of Sec 20 T. 3 N. R. 3 W. The names of the following witnesses to prove his claim, residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Schlow, of Stafford, Ore., Elsie H. Howell, of Mountaindale, Ore., Gertrude Schlow, of Hillsdale, Wash., Fred Hauler, of Dixie, Oregon. Chas. B. Moore, Register.

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 notice 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.

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Teacher's Quarterly Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of schools in this county, the county superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at Hillsboro, beginning at one o'clock p. m. on August 10, the second Wednesday of the month and continuing through Friday. Applicants for state papers may present themselves on Thursday, August 11. For state certificates the only requirement is experience of 2 1/2 months; fee, \$4; state diploma, 30 months' experience and examination in bookkeeping, physical geography and composition, fee, \$6; state life diploma, 45 months' experience and examination in algebra, English literature, Oregon school law and general history, fee, \$10. Candidates for county certificates for third grade must be at least 16 years of age, for second grade 17 years and for first grade 18 years. Dated this 16th day of July, 1898. H. A. BALL, County School Superintendent of Washington county, Oregon.

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