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THE PROSPERITY BUBBLE.

There has been much said by the cheap property and product advocates about the huge prosperity in evidence, and they point to the full overflowing conditions of banks. They forget the shortage in wheat which gave our farmers profitable prices, enabling many to get a respite from debt, many to buy new machinery, make repairs, and otherwise start the wheels of progress. The liquidation attendant has swollen the bank deposits, but there is no greater amount in active circulation, nor quite as much, than was there in the early fall of 1896, just prior to the election, when wheat went up to 80 cents. We had these same prosperity-nearly-in-sight shriekers during the Cleveland era. "Money is plenty" they said; "the banks are full to overflowing; confidence is all we want to make things go."

Times are now tightening up because wheat export values are getting back to the stage of 'confidence' again—and Britain is happy. Dollar wheat has been assaulted by the aphid of normal production. Here we are, nearly February, with 50 cent bread grain and a market that will not stand crowding. What is it to be next year? Our dear money friends are already shouting overproduction, but is it not strange how timid they are of an overproduction of money? That prosperity bubble is in distress, and those little punters who were shouting at the top of their voices that 'our Mark' had given us dollar wheat, and that we were getting rich as Croesus, have gone in their holes. These holes they have pulled in after them, and they are mum. Not all, for there is an occasional head thrust out and a tired voice says, "Pros—no, I forgot, Filipino—you fellows want ter give 'em back!" Then the head goes back in the hole and all is quiet save the loud and boisterous smell of Alger's war department.

CUNNING CONCEIT.

That the journalistic bureaus advocating the single standard with a bank-rag auxiliary are trying very hard to switch the public mind from the bimetallic issue is evidenced by their bitter screeds against those who advocate Philippine home rule and home taxation with an American protectorate, active only as to title and homogeneous relations. They would not only formulate policies for the party now in their control but by an energy both powerful and disguised by apparent sincerity, force the opposite parties to leave the issue of a just currency system. While to a certain extent the movement is strategic it will fall from the force of its own gravity.

The worth of such a culmination as a new issue would be inestimable to the interests desiring cheap men and product. They would proceed to characterize the bimetallic forces as weak on consistency and as mere policy purveyors—as unworthy of serious consideration. But the springs will not materialize. Producers are already getting their eyes open to normal conditions and can now, more clearly than ever, realize that a normal crop output, ranking with a supply and demand that in the past meant dollar wheat and like prices for other farm properties, will sink prices to the Cleveland era—a level which will mean stagnation and paralyzation of business. Let it be known, once and for all, that the bimetallic brain of the country is no rainbow chaser; that it has a solidum of method; a scintilla of sense; and a tower of strength in its determination to uphold the producing interests of the nation—as against the speculative and parasitic producers.

still bursting; let them howl about throwing away the "fruits of our victory" over a fifteenth class power; let them fight amongst themselves over division of spoils; let them, if they will, divide the nine million Filipinos as valets amongst the preaching politicians of dear money fame; but let them remember that silver men are sensible enough to not divide over a question which will soon be settled, and that these same bimetallic forces will meet the dear dollar forces in 1900 with a platform demanding equity for those who till the soil. Cunning conceit will not work.

GOLD THEORIST'S RHEUMA.

There is a demo-populist paper at Hillsboro, Washington county, whose wrath against gold is unappeasable. It is resolved to give gold no rest or quarter, but to "roast" it without ceasing. From one point of view this writer looks upon gold as an instrument used by abominably wicked tyrants for enslavement of mankind; from another point of view he regards it as a horrible monster, ranging up and down the world on its own account to devour helpless men. From the first point of view gold is a thing over which wicked and mighty thaumaturgists have a sort of magical or necromantic power, so that they are able to summon it up at will and make it do their bidding in a variety of nefarious endeavors and transactions. The word "gold" has so often been used as a metaphor for malevolent power that he forgets that it is simply a beautiful, useful and non-oxidizable metal, no more easy to manipulate than any other substance—sugar or wheat, for instance. Gold, in fact, responds to the cheapening brought about by modern machinery more readily than some metals; less readily than others. From the way it is distributed all over the earth, it tends to an average cost and value, giving no nation a monopoly, as Russia has over platinum. It does not afford any facilities for "the creditor class to seize the currency," since in no country can the people be divided into "debtor and creditor classes," and nearly every person in any kind of business owes money, while others owe him.

From the second point of view, gold is regarded as a sentient, active and malevolent metal, working with a subtle and horrible energy for its own ends. It is not a passive instrument, but an independent agent, full of, surcharged with, the most diabolical instincts, and endowed with terrible power, which it takes pleasure in using to distress mortal men. It is curious to observe these workings of the populist mind on gold. Both these notions are revealed in the opusculi of this able publication at Hillsboro—a journal which remains stubbornly faithful through all adversity to the cause of the lost campaign of 1896. It never misses its hebdomadal issue, and never talks on anything else. It is an amusing spectacle, in a county solid for the gold standard—Oregonian.

This is a little bit the worst case of mental rheuma yet exhibited by the Oregonian theorist, being both humorous and hydrocephalus. Were it not for this theorist's generally accepted reputation for ability, it were unworthy of notice. Here is the spectacle of equibally growing perverse and provoked, because The Argus still supports that cause which in 1896 received a majority of the Caucasian, as well as a majority of the native American white vote—a statement not at all to be disputed. The journal of which the Oregonian staff writer discourses, does not, nor has it ever so done, berated gold. Gold, within itself, as far as it goes, is good enough for anybody, unless it be a bank rag advocate, such as our mammoth contemporary. The Argus feels that it has firmly stood for independent free coinage without resorting to questionable methods, as did the gold party, in the use of the "international" flim-flam. This paper has steadily supported a positive and undisguised issue in a county yet unregistered for the 'gold standard' and, if aught, registered against a standard of this nature. The county clearly went for bimetalism in 1896, carrying the ticket pledged to the international fake. The winter and spring prior both republican organs in this county bitterly contended against Dolph and his policy—the present policy—and, at the time of the last campaign, that the international commission was still an administrative creature, cannot be denied. When did this county ever vote gold standard? Never in its history—and it is a safe proposition that were the republican ticket to now endorse free coinage, that party, here, and its organs, would enthusiastically support it, howl for it, and vote for it.

The Argus has stood firmly opposed to further debasement of the farm property and production, and it will so continue to stand. It cannot—and does not expect it—hope to be the Oregonian's beau ideal of a country paper. What the Oregonian wants, and what product debasers generally want in a country paper, is something like the Hillsboro Independent, which in 1895 condemned Senator Dolph's policy as "doubling and trebling the debt of every man in the state," and as decreasing "from one-half to two-thirds, the price of everything Oregon has to sell," and then veers to that policy at dictation of the losses; or better still it loves some

journal like the Forest Grove Hatchet, which supported for many months the free coinage idea, and then allowed the policy accoucheurs to abort the issue, the patient thereupon becoming another "convert" to furnish support for cheap men and cheap wheat—and cheap "garden sars," etc. These are the twins such as are beloved by our choleric writer of the Oregonian—they are things which can be "handed" by cheap politicians. Little conceits like demagoguism seem to please great minds.

The "lost campaign of 1896" has its brightness as well as its darkness. We have no such rage to vent against "gold" as our pretentious friend would have it appear, but The Argus is still against the Oregonian idea of debasing all that makes us a great nation. The Argus expects to be bothered occasionally with this class of writers, who by their pretensions prove their love for Jack Cade's pronunciation to his fellows—"Be brave, then; for your captain vows reformation. There shall be in England seven half-penny loaves sold for a penny."

The Oregonian writer, it is unnecessary to state to those reading The Argus, is either grossly ignorant of his subject, or else lends a willingness to misrepresentation. The Argus has never abused and vilified that splendid metal known as gold—has never urged those horrible things against gold which the Oregonian writer conjures in his Quixotism. The Argus has simply asked for other than absolute gold legislation. Because the Oregonian theorist sees lunatics—and things—behind all opposite opinion he should not reason that all are afflicted with nightmare. The money question is not a part of hobgoblinism. It is a commercial proposition, and one that, on its present lines, means debasement of all things in general which are measured in money and, inversely, the betterment of money which does the measuring. It has ceased to be painful, this marking of real genius working against the real resources of a people. It is a result of a commercial age. Money holders naturally want their property bettered as measured in properties. Property holders—the vast majority—generally want their property to measure money as it once did, and it is the duty of each citizen to choose between.

So, while The Argus "comes out with its hebdomadal issue for non-debasement of what our country produces, we shall expect the Oregonian theorist to daily come with his matutinal grunt for cheaper things in general—money excepted—hand-in-hand with his fellow-fellows, the financial Alexanders of the Hillsboro Independent and Forest Grove Hatchet.

THAT embalmed beef affair odorizing the war department already makes one feel more kindly toward the Linton horse melter.

PROVIDENCE is always kind. While were common mortals like Mr Dingley pass away, the country's saviour, Mark Hanna, has not even contracted a slight cold.

HAVING almost succeeded in colonizing the most of our Indians—the good ones—it is high time we took up the Philippine question, anyway. Our country needs some race to which our colored brother of the south can point as being worse off than he.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of the estate of Gottlieb Staeger, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Gottlieb Staeger, deceased, by virtue of an order duly made and entered in the County Court of Washington county, Oregon, on January 14, 1899, will, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1899, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the south door of the court house at Hillsboro, Oregon, sell at public auction for cash in hand to the highest bidder the real property belonging to said estate situated in Washington county, Oregon, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone, the N. W. corner of the H. Harnes Donation Land Claim on the S. line of the L. J. Ledger Donation Land Claim in Section 34 in Township 2 North Range 3 West of the Will. Mer. running thence West on the South line of said Harnes claim to the Southwest corner of the James Imbrie place; thence South to the North line of the J. L. Northrup Donation Land Claim; thence East to a stone corner of said Northrup Claim; thence South 824 chains to a stone of said last named claim; thence East 14.50 chains to a stone corner of last named claim, on West line of the above named Harnes claim; thence North 11.75 chains to the place of beginning, containing 19 acres of land, more or less. Dated at Hillsboro, O. e., this 16th day of January, 1899.

JOHN SMITH, Administrator of the estate of Gottlieb Staeger, Deceased. JOHN M. WALL, Attorney for Adm'r.

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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 Ambrose Cox, Deceased. To Mrs. Ambrose Cox, Mary E. Mungler, Adella M. Cox, Lydia L. Barse, Rosie B. Leaver, Benjamin J. Cox, and all other persons interested in said estate, greeting:

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U. S. LAND OFFICE OREGON CITY, ORE., JANUARY 17, 1899.

A SUFFICIENT contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John Bellish, contestant against homestead entry No. 1055, made October 13, 1893, for Lots 3 and 4, section 19, township 3 N., range 4 W., by Erdmann Winsch, one of the contestants, in which it is alleged that the said claim has been abandoned for more than six months immediately preceding the date of said contest affidavit, September 2, 1896, by the said claimant, Erdmann Winsch, and that said claim has not been cultivated or improved during said period, said parties, Erdmann Winsch, Mrs. Gust Schandling and all other heirs of said Erdmann Winsch, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 6, 1899, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed July 8, 1898, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHAS. B. MOORE, Register, Wm. Galloway, Receiver.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Eliza Jane Jolly, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the state of Oregon for Washington county, my final account as administratrix of said estate; and that said Court has set Monday, February 27, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, as the time, and the County Court room as the place, for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

ANNA ELIZA WILLIAMS, Administratrix of the estate of Eliza Jane Jolly, deceased.

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