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THAT "DEAD ISSUE."

Now as to the "dead issue;" as The Argus has repeatedly urged, the bimetallic issue is one of equity; it cannot be killed by the wishes of those who would have it not. There is but one party having a management desirous of product debasement. The democrats and populists are a unit for bimetallism the opposite of product degeneracy. The goldite advocates may control the republican party, but they cannot control the others. Parties should never be for the control of a few whose best interests are the worst interests for the many. This delusive hope is centered in the breast of every great money broker —and if hope could give them victory, it were easy enough. For them to "control" two parties, or all parties, would mean "dead free silver," but no bimetallist need be alarmed. These same parties "hoped" to defeat us in 1896; they did it, but how? By indiscriminate use of money; by debauchery of citizenship and by every method of unscrupulous politics; by a lying campaign platform—and with all this, did they get a majority of the real, producing and laboring American vote? No, sir. They did not. If the bankercrats think the American people can stand "overproduction" of all things but money, when that overproduction means betterment for those interests opposite the farmers' they much mistake their temper.

Some of our esteemed journalistic contrarists who followed the Palmer and Buckner side-show to swell the receipts of the McKinley circus are now endeavoring to prescribe financial doctrine for the silverites These votaries of no party are so mixed in their bearings that it seems they have gone the "Arab of Bagdad" one better as to juxtaposition. It will be remembered that the Arab in "Salaman and Absal," to insure his identity in a crowd, tied a gourd to his leg. Some wag, discovering the intent, also tethered himself to the vegetable and in the morning the terrified son of Mohammed was puzzled to know which was which. The Henri Wattersons appear tied to the Cleveland pumpkin and the McKinley pumpkin, and are now trying to tie to the Bryanites!

It is all very well for our bellmouthed and bellicose newspaper men to talk of subjection of the Phillipines, etc. Most likely these very same fellows would be the last to go out and make targets of themselves. It's different, you know, when you are several thousand miles away from the guns. Any cantankerous little cuss can get as brave as Alexander and as valourous as Achilles. But it is highly probable were they at the front there would be "evacuation" over the left.

MR. HUSTON RETIRES.

TO THE EDITOR.—In Mr. Wall's last article he concedes the existence of the Gresham law, but asserts that it will not operate where the commercial value of the two metals is the same as the coinage value. This of course is correct. If the commercial and coinage ratio remain exactly the same there is no room for the operation of the Gresham law. This I freely concede; but when I point out that this country never has been able to make them the same, and that France changed her ratio 117 times in a hundred years, trying to make the coinage ratio conform to the commercial ratio; that no country has been able to adjust its coinage laws so as to prevent the operation of the Gresham law, it appears to me that the burden of proof is upon any one who asserts that we can do in the future what never has been done in the past. Mr. Wall concedes that law cannot fix the value of money absolutely and denies that he ever made such a claim. I do not know that he did make such a claim absolutely, but it seems to me the claim was implied when he asserted that we could stop the operation of the Gresham law by the passage of a free coinage law. And when he concedes that the law can not fix the value of the metals absolutely he concedes away his case, because in order to prevent the operation of the Gresham law the value must be fixed absolutely. If there is the slightest difference the Gresham law at once begins to operate. Mr. Wall, then, has placed himself in this position, he says in effect: We propose to prevent the operation of the Gresham law by passing a law which will make the metals of the same value, but we concede at the same time that we cannot make them the same value absolutely but only approximately.

He says that the reason we can maintain the parity now when we failed to do it prior to this, is because we are a greater country now than we were in '53 But I must remind him that in '53 we had the assistance of the whole world with the exception of England, and now only Mexico and China are left to maintain the parity. Certainly we were better able to maintain it in '53 with the assistance which we then had than we would be now without assistance.

Mr. Wall then says, I am mistaken in the assertion that we denounced the McKinley bill because it raised prices, that the fact is we denounced it because it lowered the price of wheat. I am sorry to differ with him upon this, but I must appeal to every person who ever heard myself or any other democrat discuss the tariff question as to which one of us is correct. Did we not present price lists of goods in England and in this country? Did we not procure copies of the engineering and mining journals showing that the American manufacturers had a price for their goods in this country and a different price for exports? Did we not point to the fact that a large manufacturing implement house in Portland had bought a large bill of goods and shipped them to Antwerp and then reshipped them to Portland so as to get the benefit of the export price? Did I not in '92 exhibit a bill which I paid at the Grange store in Hillsboro showing the difference in prices before and after the taking effect of the McKinley bill? Incidentally we claimed that wheat was lowered a little on account of the ships coming here from Europe being compelled to come with ballast and therefore charged a higher freight when they only had a load one way; but the principle objection, as I understood it then and do now, was that it fostered such institutions as the Tin Plate trust, the Wire Nail trust and the Paper Manufacturers' trust, and therefore raised the price as they are doing today.

Then Mr. Wall falls back upon the tax question. He admits that if all prices were doubled a farmer could not get any more clothes or sugar and machinery for his crop of wheat than he did before, but he says that he could pay his taxes easier. This is the favorite argument with the free silver people, but there is nothing in it whatever to anyone who will stop and analyze the matter. Taxes are paid for the purpose of paying the salaries of county officers, judges, jurymen, and to build roads and bridges Now if the price of material and labor is doubled is it not folly to say that bridges will not cost more than they do now? Is it not plain that they will cost twice as much and consequently twice as much taxes will have to be raised for that item Or take the question of taxes to pay officers salaries: If the county sheriff, for instance, is getting the proper salary today—neither too high nor too low—and prices are suddenly doubled and he is required to pay double price for house rent, for clothing and food, horse hire, etc., is it not too plain for argument that his sslary will have to be doubled? If his salary is too high now is it not better to reduce it by an Act of the Legislature than to undertake to overturn the whole money system of the United States and place our money system along with that of Mexico and China and out of harmony with the rest of the civilized world in order to accomplish by indirection what is so much easier and simple to accomplish directly? If we want to reduce the sheriff's salary would not an Act of the Legislature be the honest way to do it?

And now, Mr Editor, I propose to retire from this discussion. I am thankful to you for the use of your columns for the purpose of advancing views which were in opposition to those held by yourself. My purpose was to do what little I could to try to lead the democratic party back in what I conceived to be the right path, and to prevent it from going to destruction; because, Mr. Editor, I do not believe that the democratic party can survive another campaign upon the issues of the Chicago platform. This party has existed since the foundation of the government; for it to be destroyed would be in my humble opinion a great misfortune. At the time this discussion began I was, as I said, almost "hoping against hope" so far as the future of the party was concerned. Recently, events have occurred which have given me more hope. The prospect is getting brighter every day for the abandonment of 16 to 1 by the democratic party. If free silver is not a dead issue it is at least a dying one. Looking at it in this light it seems to me to be a waste of time to quarrel about it. There are other questions before the people which are alive. I therefore retire from the field leaving you and Mr. Wall to comfort one another as best you can, but urging you with kindness and all good feeling to get out of the graveyard of dead issues.

S. B. HUSTON.

Like all leaders in the "gold only" column, Mr. Huston would like to see that idea govern all great political parties; takes no cognizance of "over-production" of things measured by money as related to "over-production" of money. Gold theorists are perfectly willing that over-production shall obtain as to farm and labor, but object to a like "over-production" of money so as to maintain equity between producing and non-producing elements and between debtor and creditor elements. Like all gold theorists Mr. Huston argues at length, and finally winds up by saying "free silver is dead." This remains to be seen. The gold democrat has a right to his convictions. Those convictions render him a republican, only a little more so. All republicans would like to see the silver issue a dead issue. They are now so nearly agreed with gold democrats as to tariff, that there is no need of dissession on that question. As to expansion, there is division everywhere, and it cannot be a national issue. While there is no doubt gold leaders would prefer expansion as an issue, rather than the money issue, the matter will have been settled before the next presidential campaign. Fifty-cent wheat will breed stagnation and for us to progress we must restore the old average between product and money. This is the issue which affects each and every producing American. It will not down by simple assertion that "it is dead." Were this last assertion untrue, the bimetallic cause would never have polled its enormous vote of 1896 in the face of the fact that that there was another bimetallic ticket in the field. The money question is not an issue by selection, but an issue by force of condition. Such an issue cannot be killed by asseveration that "it is dead" It is only too alive for our friends who want debased product at any price.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY THE 18th,

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Dated at Hillsboro, Ore., this 16th day of January, 1899.

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

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the County Court of Washington county, Oregon, duly appointed Administrator of the estate [illegible] Warren, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are [illegible] required to present the same with proper vouchers at the law office of John M. Wall, Hillsboro, Oregon, within 6 months from [illegible] hereof.

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Department of the Interior.

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A SUFFICIENT contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John Bellisch, contestant, against homestead entry No. 10935, made October 13, 1893, for Lots 3 and 4, section 19, township 3 N, range 4 W, by Erdmann Winsch, one of the contestees, 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 Schundling 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 for the time, and the County Court room the place, for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

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