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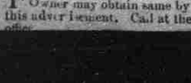

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The Democrat.

The Constitutionality Of It.

Editor Democrat:

The question of the constitutionality of the attempt of the gold standard advocates to restrict the coinage of silver is a very serious one. If restrictive laws are unconstitutional then the time used in a gold standard campaign would be lost. Can the government refuse to coin silver which is the product of the mines of this country? I do not think that it can. I do not think that it can refuse to coin the silver which is the product of our own mines or the property of citizens of this country. Congress has assumed a monopoly of the coinage of money. No private individual is allowed to coin money, and, I think, for good and sufficient reasons. Now what are the constitutional objections to limiting the coinage of silver by legal enactment?

1. It would be a law in restraint of trade. It will be conceded I suppose that a law limiting the growing of wheat or the production of any other commodity in order to increase or decrease the price thereof would be unconstitutional and void. Silver is a commodity. Its value like any other commodity is controlled by the supply and demand. The owner of a silver mine like the grower of wheat has a right to have the product of his labor go into the market without any governmental interference made with a view of limiting the demand. Persons who desire to purchase the silver dollar have a right like the consumer of any other commodity to buy it without any governmental interference made with a view of increasing the price thereof.

2. The constitution does not authorize congress to enact any law restraining or limiting the coinage of silver. It gives it the right to coin money but there is no provision for its reaching a limit upon the amount that may be coined. If that were so congress might enact a law prohibiting the coinage of money, with a view of resorting to paper money, as a circulating medium, or some other method. If it can restrict the coinage of silver it can as well limit the coinage of gold.

3. To place such a power as the limiting the amount of money that may be coined or used in this country in the hands of a few men would be not only dangerous in the extreme, but would be contrary to the principles of a free government. It might be legal under a despotic form of government but is contrary to the spirit of free institutions.

The history of money in this country shows conclusively that gold and silver coin was intended to be the money of the United States. "Our word dollar," says Prof. Perry, "is derived from a German word which means valley and was first applied to coins in the mining region of Bohemia at a place called Joachimsthal, where silver pieces of one ounce weight were coined about 1520, and were called Joachimsthaler, and then for shortness thaler, whence dalera in Spanish and in English dollar. The thaler has remained a German money of account until our own time and the Spanish dalera became so famous in the commercial world, so familiar to our fathers in their dealings with West Indias, and other Spanish colonies, that congress adopted both its name and its weight of pure silver.

Our coinage system was under discussion for some time before it was finally adopted. It was first suggested by Thomas Jefferson and adopted under the confederation and when the government went into operation under the constitution upon the suggestion of Alexander Hamilton Jefferson's plan of a double standard of coin denominations and of the Spanish milled dollar as the unit was adopted very nearly as recommended.

This shows that congress did not invent even a new coinage system. They wisely adopted the unit of value then recognized. The unit of value was the Spanish silver dollar. Whatever gold or silver was presented they coined. Now let us consider the question of a "standard of value." Can a certain and invariable "standard of value" be fixed by law? Can a double standard be maintained? The Supreme Court of the United States had that question under discussion in the Legal Tender cases decided in 1871. In that decision the court said in reference to a standard of value:

It is hardly correct to speak of a standard of value. The constitution does not speak of it. It contemplates a standard for that which has gravity or extension. But value is an ideal thing. The coinage acts fix its unit as a dollar; but the gold or silver thing we call a dollar is in no sense a standard of a dollar. It is a representative of it. There might never have been a piece of money of the denomination of a dollar. There never was a pound sterling coined until 1815, if we except a few coins struck in the reign of Henry VIII, almost immediately debased, yet it has been the unit of British currency for many generations. The attempt to establish by law a fixed and invariable standard of value will always fail.

It will fail because the value of any article or commodity cannot in the very nature of things remain fixed. Neither can a standard be adopted by legislative enactment which the people can be compelled to adopt contrary to their wishes. Why? Because they cannot maintain it themselves. What is value? In what does it consist? Prof. Berry gives the following definition:

"It is the relation of mutual purchase established between two services by their exchange," and he says that, "the law of value is found in the billowy play of supply and demand." That there are four things and only four, any change in any one of which will vary value and that these four things are:

"Two desires and two efforts, the two desires belonging to two persons and the efforts made by two persons each for the other. Now these four elements are so liable to vary that no man who clearly perceives what value is will waste time and ingenuity in searching for an invariable standard of that which in its nature is variable and relative

We have seen however that value is not a quality inhering in any one thing but is a relation subsisting between two services which two persons are in a position to render each other; and that this is not an inflexible relation, but is variable by any change in the views of the two persons by which either of them puts a different estimate upon the service about to be rendered as compared with the service about to be received.

These fundamental laws ought to throw much light upon the question concerning the adoption of a standard of value either single or double, gold or silver. It will be found that the value of gold and silver not residing in themselves but in their relation to other commodities and the circumstances by which them are surrounded cannot remain at a certain and fixed value. It will be claimed by some that gold has intrinsic value and its value is therefore fixed the world over. It has no more intrinsic value than a potato and the latter has none. This claim of intrinsic value for gold has led to all the financial fallacies of the gold or single standard theories. If any one thinks that there is any intrinsic value in gold let him take a potato in one hand and a half bushel of gold twenty dollar pieces in the other and go out upon the ocean about five miles and drop them over the side of the vessel and he will find that the value of the potato will about equal the value of the half bushel of gold after they have struck the water and that its value will be nothing when devoured by a whale. We may however say that gold has value or that a horse has value because we are not always able to determine definitely just where the value resides just as we say the sun rises and sets, because it appears to our senses to move. But value does not reside in matter, but in human services exchanged and in the exertions and circumstances by which man surrounds it. It has been stated therefore as an axiomatic rule of political economy that "value is never of Gods creation but always of men's exertion." Therefore land, gold and silver have no intrinsic value but their values are made by the exertion of man upon them or the circumstances by which they have surrounded them.

Value is ascertained by a comparison of one thing with another or one service with another by the owner thereof and when an actual exchange takes place the value is ascertained. But it is only ascertained for that moment for as soon as the exchange takes place the value of either may increase or decrease or cease altogether. This probably does not need an illustration but I will give a short one. A and B are in a boat on the ocean. A has a watch and B has twenty dollars. A desires to purchase the twenty dollars, and offers the watch to B for them. B accepts the offer, A hands the watch to B and the latter hands A the money. A accidently drops the money overboard, and instantly its value ceases altogether. B on making an investigation of the watch breaks the main spring and the value of the watch decreases in value because on offering the watch to C he found that the latter would not give him twenty dollars for it because of the broken spring.

Now in view of these fundamental laws what is the use of endeavoring to establish a gold standard or silver standard or any standard by legislative enactment? What shall be done then? Follow the example of our forefathers and stamp that as a dollar which the laws of commerce make a dollar. This is not a new principle. In 1550 Sir John Mason said to Cecil, Queen Elizabeth's prime minister, in condemnation of the attempt to regulate prices by law.

"Nature will have her course and never shall ye drive her to consent that a penny worth shall be sold for a farthing. That was true then and it never has ceased to be true since. You may resist and overcome the laws of nature for awhile but you are in constant danger of being punished. You may obstruct the course of the Willamette by a dam a hundred feet high. You may rest in security awhile but soon you would find that the waters would be filling our streets, ruining our gardens, washing away our dwellings and drowning our people.

The attempt then to make 16 ounces of silver worth one ounce of gold by restricting the coinage of silver by an unlawful and unconstitutional restraint of trade by an attempt to create a scarcity of silver by operation of law direct or indirect, will either fail altogether or cause so much damage and injustice as to cause infinite trouble.

But what can be said of the attempt of the silver party to raise the value of the silver dollar to the ratio of 16 to 1 by free and unlimited coinage. That may or may not have the effect desired. It depends upon circumstances. The law of supply and demand will control that; but they are asking no unconstitutional thing when all that their demand is to have the right to have the silver they own coined into money, and delivered to them so coined into silver dollars. It is asking no more than the men who raise wheat, corn, cotton or any other kind of produce ask when they demand the right to enjoy the product of their own labors without unnecessary restraint or legislative interference. The man who owns a silver mine has as much right to enjoy the product of his mine without legislative interference as the man who owns a farm has to enjoy the product of his land, without such interference.

The removal of the restrictions now placed upon the coinage of silver may raise the value of it, but it may not reach the old relation of 16 to 1. In that event it will be necessary for the government to change the conditions of the present dollar to comply with the actual facts in order to have an "honest dollar."

One of the duties of congress under the constitution is to regulate the value of money. That means to ascertain and stamp each coin so that its value can be readily determined. But is it not more desirable to keep up the present ratio of 16 to 1 than to change it to 32 to 1? I answer that it makes no difference what is more desirable. Ten years ago farmers who were getting 85 to 95 cents a bushel for wheat would doubtless have said that it would have been far more desirable to have wheat remain at that price than to fall to 45 and 50 cents per bushel. The laws of trade are immutable, and silver, like wheat, or any other commodity, must follow and obey them But some one may ask will the free coinage of silver increase the price of silver to 16 to 1? I can answer that about as definitely as I can tell what the price of wheat will be June 1st 1897 That question cuts no figure so far as the question of the constitutionality of the limiting of silver coinage is concerned. The constitution itself cannot contravene the laws of nature; and a law of congress contravening the provisions of the constitution would be void.

It may be claimed that under that clause of the constitution which says that congress may make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested in the government or in any department or office thereof congress might in regulating the value of money and in fixing the standard of weights and measures declare that 16 ounces of silver should be worth one ounce of gold and then pass any measure that they might deem necessary to maintain that ratio. The government of the United States is one of limited powers. In the Legal Tender cases that question was raised. The language of Chief Justice Marshall in McCulloch vs Maryland was quoted and approved which is as follows:

"Let the end be legitimate; let it be within the scope of the constitution and all means which are appropriate which are plainly adapted to that end which are not prohibited but consist with the letter and spirit of the constitution are constitutional."

Would a law limiting the coinage of silver for the purpose of increasing the value of the silver dollar so that its value when compared to a gold dollar shall be equal to the latter come within the spirit of the above provision? I think not for the following reasons:

1. The constitution does not provide for the limiting of the coinage of either gold or silve.

2. Regulating the value of money does not mean an attempt to control the value of the metal out of which money is formed or made. It means the right to coin money and by stamp or device designate the value thereof i e whether $20, $10, $5, $1, half, quarter or dime. It does not mean that congress may have the right to coin a piece of gold the size of a five dollar piece and stamp and designate it as being worth $10 or $20. It does not mean that it can stamp a piece of silver of the size of $1 and stamp it as being worth $5 or $10 or anything else but $1. Such a thing would be absurd.

3. It would not be plainly adapted to the end sought, because, as we have shown, congress has no right to attempt to control prices or values. If congress under the constitution can by any process create values then let it declare each twenty dollar gold piece worth forty dollars and double the valuation of all the others. Is it not plain that such a thing would be absurd? It would not be more absurd than an attempt to declare 16 ounces of silver should be worth as much as one ounce of gold when it is not true in fact.

I conclude therefore that the legal restrictions attempted to be placed upon silver coinage are unconstitutional. That congress ought not to attempt to create, increase or decrease the value of any commodity by legislative enactment; and that the gold and silver owned by our own citizens should be coined by the government upon demand and that the market ratio and weight should be stamped on each in accordance with the facts as they exist from time to time.

LEX.

Extracts From Judge Burnett's Overflow Speech

Bryan has gone forth to do battle for the people like David of old and with the sling of justice and the stones of truth he will smite the Goliath of plutocracy and the people will rise up and call him blessed.

There is no more money in the world than about 5 dollars per capita, then how can the coinage of all the silver at the mint injure any one or start a panic? We coined two million dollars per month under the Bland act for 12 years and money never was plentier nor the people more prosperous and on this rock I build the silver church and the gates of hell and McKinleyism cannot prevail against it.

The leaders of the gold standard have opened a campaign in which there are two principal features, to wit. Prophecy of the lying kind and vituperation and abuse of the lowest character. The Oregonian characterizes all who oppose it in its oracular utterances in the mild language of knaves or fools. They have attempted to heap mountains on the people and crush them. Poor powerless attempt! The tables are turned. The people have risen upon them in their might and the irresistable energy of the genius of common sense and in spite of all their convulsions, agonies and spasms and prophecies of calamity, business stagnation and 50-cent dollars, will strangle them and their whole pestiferous brood with as much ease as Hercules did the serpent Python.

Our chains are already forged, their clanking may be heard in London and New York. The war between classes and the toiling masses is inevitable and let it come, better that it should be a peaceful revolution to be settled at the ballot box, than with arms.

The allied powers are well organized and well drilled. Their commander is as brave as Gen. Wellington was and no better soldiers ever stepped to martial music than have come from the fields and shops. It is a war for the farm, the homes, the firesides and for existence, and the first Tuesday in November next will witness the Waterloo of McKinleyism in the United States

A Dishonest Paper.

In an editorial in the issue of Sept. 11, the Oregonian says "The demo populist campaign is based wholly on the assumption that free coinage of silver by the United States alone, will raise the value of silver throughout the world, from its present price of 66 cents an ounce to $1 29 an ounce; that is to say will double the value of all the silver in the world? Nobody can give any. Nobody attempts to give any."

And nobody knows better than the editor of the Oregonian that no leader, speaker or writer of the democratic party has ever made such a claim. Most hide bound goldocrats read only one side and such lies go down easily with them.

Those who believe in free coinage insist that the discrimination in favor of gold has enhanced its value to nearly double its former purchasing power, and they prove this claim by tablets of the leading staples showing this to be a fact. They claim that to restore to silver its right, free coinage would largely decrease the demand for gold and increase the demand for silver, and thus restore the parity. Their opinion backed by carefully prepared statistics is that gold would recede to nearly its former purchasing power, while silver would advance somewhat

There is a vast difference between the two things. It is thoroughly dishonest to misrepresent a political position and a campaign that depends so wholly on misrepresentation but supports a rotten cause, the attempt to fasten a money standard of double value on the debtors of this country. The democratic party is the party of the people once more and favors honest money, staple money, money that cannot be cornered, money that is not continually setting one continent or the other a tremble, because a few millions have been shipped one way or the other.

High priced money is robbery of the debtor. The republican party has become the accredited representative of the money lending and gold mining class. Its success now will repeat the experience of its success in 1873. The cries about panic, the calamity about insurance, wages, etc., are simply dust to deceive the people.

A Queer Admission.

The Oregonian says, Sept. 11 "There is discontent among our farmers, it is true, but that is largely because they have had so high a standard of necessities and comforts" It is a long time since that writer farmed, evidently, but the queer part follows. "But in other places as in England, France, Germany or Russia, this discontent amounts to distress, and appeals to the government for aid are almost frenzied."

Now farmers of America, if this is the condition of the farmer in England, where the gold standard reigns supreme what can you expect by its continuance. It cannot be the tariff, for free trade England and high tariff Germany and France, are in the same condition, he says. If you are men you will not be bull-dozed by money kings, as the people of England have been, and make frantic appeals for aid, but you will take the matter in your hands and elect the great commoner, the friend of the people, William J. Bryan

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS

Last week of vacation.
It draws

This is the last week of vacation. We wonder how many children have spent it well and can look back with satisfaction on it. A vacation is for rest from study; it is not a wild oat sowing period, nor for the purpose of securing an education in laziness, though some act as if this were the object. It should be a refreshing period. Laziness does not refresh. Have you spent it well?

There is something about a barbecue that draws. It is pleasing to eat from big animals cooked in toto, if well cooked to the bone. No wonder the crowd hangs around and waits for the first chunk and vats in immense mouthfuls. The good feeling and fellowship on such occasion, is taking.

ALBANY'S PAST.

From the DEMOCRAT Oct. 2 to Nov. 26, 1869.

In a list of those excelling in their studies in the public school under Prof. Taylor, were Miss Annie Althouse in the primary department in geography, and Miss Minnie Monteith in the higher department, now in Albany.

A nightwatchman receiving $50 was discharged by the council for economical reasons, and the DEMOCRAT advised throwing up the city charter.

Tom Thumb, Commodore Nutt and Minnie Warren appeared in Albany on Oct. 13

O. P. Tompkins & Co have put up a splendid large lantern in front of their store to light the footsteps of pedestrians. (Eugene, Roseburg and The Dalles are invited to take a hint.)

The county fair was held the first week in Oct. In shooting match Milt Hale won first prize. Reuben Markham won the velocipede race, 1 mile, in 6:42 C Nanny won ¼ mile foot race. There were many horse races and a big exhibit. The receipts were $2,496.70.

Frequent items about business men going below, among others, L. E. Blain, J. L. Cowan, R. Cheadle, Thos. Monteith, E. A. Freeland and R. C. Harper.

F. M. Redfield & Co., opened a new grocery store next door to John Conners. Mr. Redfield had been for many years junior partner in the firm of Hillabidel & Co.

The Oregon state legislature was to stand 29 democrats and 18 republicans.

The golden wedding of George and Elizabeth Humphrey (parents of the present deputy U. S. marshal) took place on Oct. 20.

We regret to learn that that prince of good fellows A. S. Knox has moved to California; but we hope he will soon be disgusted and return to old Linn. (But he never has; he continues a resident of San Jose.)

Wheat on Oct. 23, 45 to 50 cents.

At the state fair Linn county won three out of four running races. (Bill Gird was strictly in it in those days.)

Albany people excited over the presence of the railroad surveyors in the city limits.

Bids advertised for for carrying mails from Albany to Ochoco valley and the Mountain House by way of Sweet Home.

Jas. O'Meara, who established the DEMOCRAT in 1865 has returned to Portland from Idaho. (Mr. O'Meara is now in California, in a weakly condition.)

From the DEMOCRAT of Nov. 26, 1869 to March 1, 1870.

Four Albany men returned to Albany with 25 deer and one bear killed at the upper end of Sweet Home valley.

Mr. J. D. Titus, a gentleman from San Francisco is opening a jewelry store at R. C. Hill & Son's drug store.

On Monday T. J. Stites was elected mayor of Harrisburg.

At the city council J. Gradwohl drew the office of councilman on a tie vote with J. H. Hackleman.

Jas. Foster, J. P. Tate and D. Froman were the committee for securing subscriptions for the railroad.

Born, about Dec. 12, to the wife of Judge J. C. Powell, a son.

At the A. F. & A. M. election only two residing in Linn Co. now elected to office, W. W. Parrish, W. M. and George Humphrey, J. W.

Ben Holliday has sent word that if the citizens of Albany will guaranty him $25,000 in cash and $2,000 in real estate he will complete the railroad to within one half mile of the court house by Jan. 1, 1871. The subscription was being pushed and the amount made up by Jan. 14, 1870.

G. M. Stroud, (now state lecturer) was elected W. M. of the Scio Lodge A. F. & A. M.

W. C. Tweedale was elected N. G. of the I. O. O. F. of Albany. A. H. Marshaul, J. F. Peebler and Fred Graff were the only other officers now residing in or near Albany.

Joe Webber received his customary election as fireman of the engine company.

A beautiful poem on Mt. Hood written by Sam Simpson appeared in the DEMOCRAT Jan. 14, 1869.

$40,000 stock for the Santiam ditch was being subscribed.

Scio News just issued.

St. Charles is the artistic name of the new hotel building of Houck & Myers, leased by H. Brenner. It was formally opened Jan. 29.

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Why Not Go Fishing.

Beginning with Saturday, Sept. 12th, and on each succeeding Saturday until Oct. 15th the Oregon Central & Eastern R. R. will sell tickets at $2 for the round trip from Albany to all points between Nashville and Yaquina. Tickets good to return until the following Monday of date of sale. The splendid salmon trout fishing and excellent deer hunting at Elk City are attracting attention of sportsmen from all over the country. The season for trolling for silver side salmon on Yaquina is now at its height. Large quantities of salmon are being taken every day.

MARRIED.

NEAL—PITCHFORD.—On Sept. 9, 1896 at the residence of D. T. Pitchford, by Rev. A. J. Jarnigan, Mr. B. F Neal and Miss Ida E. Pitchford—both of Linn county.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

TELEGRAPHIC.

Starts for the South

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 11.—The silver club of this city, headed by a brass band, escorted William J Bryan to the depot this evening, where a large crowd had gathered to say good bye to the nominee. Mr Bryan started on his campaigning trip through the South and East at 9:15 tonight, taking the Missouri Pacific train for Kansas City. There will be demonstrations along the route, among which will be those at Nebraska City and at Union. The party will arrive in Kansas City tomorrow morning at 6.15, and Bryan will address the citizens of that city at 9 o'clock. At 9:45, he will continue on his trip to St Louis, making short speeches from the platform of the car all along the route. Mrs Bryan will not accompany her husband through the South.

Will Be Restored.

ZANZIBAR, Sept. 11.—The belief is prevalent here that Germany does not intend to acquiesce in the action taken by the British government, though Admiral Rawson, in appointing Hamoud Bin Mohammed sultan of Zanzibar. Seyyid Khalid, the alleged usurper, has been at the German consulate ever since the fall of the palace, and, in spite of the request of the British consul for his surrender, there has been no disposition manifested on the part of German officials to give him up Rumors are now in circulation here that it is the intention of the German authorities to reinstate Khalid, who was deposed by force of British arms.

Watson's Trip.

IOLA, Kan., Sept 11.—Hon Thomas E Watson will not go to Nebraska, as he expected to do when he left Georgia. From Abilene, where he speaks tomorrow, he will go to Colorado to spend a week in the campaign there He makes this change in his itinerary at the request of ex-Governor Waite, who has telegraphed a desire that he make a few speeches for the middle-of-the road ticket of Colorado. From Colorado Watson will return to Georgia.

Just as We Expected.

SEATTLE, Sept. 11.—The steamers Willapa and Al-Ki arrived from the north at midnight, after an exciting race down, in which the Al-Ki came out winner by a few minutes. Both boats had long lists of passengers, most of them being discouraged prospectors returning from Cook inlet. They give the country the hardest kind of a reputation, one man saying the highest wages he could make amounted to 3 cents a day.

Wonderful Pacing.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 10.—The first of the series of three races between the great pacing stallions, John R Gentry (2:03¼), and Star Pointer (2:04½), for a purse of $5000, with $500 by the association should the track record of 2:03 be beaten, took place today on the track of the Northern New York Horse-Breeders' Association at Glens Falls. Last week, at Fleetwood, John R Gentry lowered the colors of Robert J., Frank Agan and Star Pointer, winning the most remarkable harness race on record, pacing the fastest three consecutive heats known. Times 2:03¾, 2:01½ and 2:05¾.

A French Cyclone.

PARIS, Sept. 10—A violent cyclone swept over portions of this city at 2:30 P. M. Omnibuses, cabs and stalls in the streets were overturned, trees blown down, store windows broken, carriages sunk in the River Seine. Many people were injured on the Rue Pergue, Place de la Republique, Place St sulpice and Boulevard street

The greatest damage was done the Palais de Luxe. All the windows on the Rue de Harley side were smashed, and part of the roof was blown away.

The Sale Completed.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 10.—Some time ago William C Levitz, of Canyonville, Douglas county, sold his placer mine in Tennessee gulch, a tributary of Upper Cow creek, to Perry Hinckle and the Durham Bros., of Portland for $20,000. Yesterday George H Durham made the final payment of $10,000 for the property. It is correctly reported that the purchasers took out $14,000 this season. The mine is in constant operation.

Another Blow Begun.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, and Martin Julian, his manager, gave a dinner this evening, at which James Corbett was challenged by Fitzsimmons. Dave Holland was made temporary stakeholder, and $5000 forfeit was placed in his hands. It is to remain up for 30 days.

Fitzsimmons proposes that the fight be to a finish for $5000 or $10,000 a side and the largest purse offered. He proposes that it take place before or after the Corbett-Sharkey fight, or in the same ring, or at any place after that fight.

Li Hung Chang.

MANHATTAN BEACH, N. W. T., Sept. 10.—The special train bearing Li Hung Chang and party arrived at this place at 11 o'clock today. The Chinese envoy spent the greatest part of the morning talking with Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, whose special car had been attached to Li Hung Chang's train at Winnipeg. A stop of half an hour was made here. Li did not show himself to the crowd that had assembled.

In Self Defense.

SANTA MONICA, Cal. Sept. 10.—William Kearse, an Irishman of good family, threatened to kill his father-in-law, J. M. Morris, and went to Morris' house tonight to finish the job. He tried to break in the door, and Morris shot him dead. Morris has been released on his own recognizance.

Bryan Accepts.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 9 —Bryan's letter of acceptance was issued today. It is as follows:

"Hon Stephen M White and Others, Members of the Notification Committee of the Democratic National Convention—Gentlemen: I accept the nomination tendered by you on behalf of the democratic party, and in so doing desire to assure you that I fully appreciate the high honor which such a nomination confers and the grave responsibilities which accompany an election to the presidency of the United States.

"So deeply am I impressed with the magnitude of the power vested by the constitution in the chief executive of the nation, and with the enormous influence which he can yield for the benefit or injury of the people, that I wish to enter the office, if elected, free from every personal desire, except the desire to prove worthy the confidence of my country." He then gives his opinion on the great issues of the day.

A Hurricane.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—The first West India hurricane of the season arrived off this city today, after a long, but eventful journey from the tropics. The storm center tonight is somewhere southeast of Nantucket, but so energetic is the disturbance that a heavy northeast gale is sweeping the entire New England coast, from Eastport to Block island, while the surf, aided by one of the highest tides of the year, is threatening destruction to hundreds of the seashore cottages and other property along the water front.

Li Expected Saturday

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 9.—Li Hung Chang is expected here on Saturday, and local Chinamen have made extensive preparations to welcome their distinguished countryman. A triumphal arch of immense size is being erected at the Canadian Pacific depot, and a plentiful supply of fireworks has been obtained. An address will, of course, be presented.

Two Men Drowned

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 9.—Two men, Painter and White, Saturday morning, left the mouth of the Little Nestucca, to go by boat to Alsea, 20 miles south. When within two miles of Alsea, they went too near to the breakers, and their boat capsized, both occupants drowning. The boat came ashore, but the bodies have not yet been found.

Immense Delinquency

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Sept 9.—Yamhill's tax delinquencies will this year exceed those of previous years by many thousand dollars. The sheriff stated some time ago that, though all of the 1895 taxes would be declared delinquent October 1, he could not write receipts for the uncollected ones by that time if kept steadily at work. It is estimated that the delinquencies will aggregate about $35,000.

Burned to Death

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 9.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs Bird, the wife of a farmer living near Rankiu, was so badly burned that she died. She was fighting fire in a clearing around the house, and her dress caught fire. She died in about three hours.

"Big as a Barn Door."

BattleAx PLUG

For 10 cents you get almost twice as much "Battle Ax" as you do of other high grade goods. Before the days of "Battle Ax" consumers paid 10 cents for a small plug of the same quality. Now, "Battle Ax"—Highest Grade, twice the quantity. That's true economy.

MISFITS.

Of course Li Hung Chang, the richest man in the world, is for McKinley and hence predicts his election.

The silver majority in Arkansas is steadily increasing and will probably be 80,000. This means not only the solid south for Bryan, but Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. The Bryan wave is a big one.

Only 10,000 people turned out to meet Bryan at Milwaukee, on account of a heavy rain. The Oregonian called it "a Wisconsin frost." That would make the sphinx laugh and the Mississippi river tired.

When the Oregonian artist had Uncle Sam spank 38,000 for Vermont on the boy, he should have been honest and given another hit with something like 75,000 for Alabama.

Good judges think that was a pretty enthusiastic as well as a well-behaved crowd in Albany yesterday. Don't for a moment, though, think they were McKinley men, not 1 in 16 was a McKinley man. The country was full of Bryan men.

Samples of the boll-dozing schemes of the campaign are seen in bills sent out by a few injudicious wholesalers. One merchant this morning received a bill with a stamp upon it: "Payable in U. S. gold or its equivalent." He sent it back. Another received a bill with a circular telling him how to vote. It made him "hot" and no wonder.

Coasters with covered wagons pass through town with various campaign mottoes painted on the canvas, says the Sun. Among those we noticed were "Bryan or bust!" "McKinley and protection," "The Boy Orator is good enough for us," "McKinley and Hobart and sound money," "16 to 1 and the common people," "Hurrah for Bryan," etc.—McMinnville T. R

A petition has been presented Hon. H. L. Barkley, recently elected representative from Marion county on the republican ticket, asking him to resign, because he has announced himself for free silver and Bryan. Mr. Barkley will of course not resign because requested to by a few bosses. Nor should he. But were there to be another election he would be elected by a larger majority than before.

A Salem merchant yesterday received a bill for a shipment of goods from a New York jobbing firm, with the following legend printed on the bill: "Payable in gold of the present standard and weight