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IT WAS NOT PASSED.

A subscriber recently wrote to the New York World as follows:

"I want to get the names and address house who voted in favor of the bill to the chairmen of the committees that recommended it, and the date of the passage of the bill. F. N. M.

Marquette, Mich. No bill was ever passed "to demonebination among half a dozen of the lead-"bill to codify the mint laws." The growing up will soon learn all the lesnecessity for that codification was well the laws, but that the different acts officers and men. bearing upon the mint had been brought together under one section. The bill was not even read except by title. It lawful silver coins of the United States the word "dollar" was omitted, beginning "the half dollar," etc. No one noticed the omission. Even a careful reading of the bill by every member of trick to any one of them. No one was thinking of the demonetization of silver. No human being on the face of the earth had ever suggested such a thing. The silver dollar was at three cents premium the gold dollar, and when the gold dollar was quoted at 116 the silver dollar was quoted at 119. The word had been stricken out by some member of the committee without the knowledge of his unsuspecting colleagues; but who did it has never been discovered. In after years each member of the coinage committee expressly disclaimed any knowledge of the trick or that he knew or had heard that the word "dollar" had been omitted. The bill went to the senate, was referred to its committee on coinage, examined perfunctorily, reported by Mr. Sherman (the chairman) to the senate, and passed by the senate on Mr. Sherman's assurance that it made no change in the law, only bringing all the different laws together. After the bill was passed the secret that allver had been demonetized was carefully kept. No member of the government knew it. Six months after, and again a year after, President Grant, not knowing that silver had been demonetized, advocated the coinage of more silver dollars. At that time there were

feated. WHAT'S IN A NAME.

some in the country. The secretary of

the treasury also advocated the same thing. To their intense astonishment

they were shown the report of the di-

rector of the German mint, in which he

its silver coinage. The statement had

been laughed at as the blunder of a for-

mint laws as codified under the act of

the year before, it was discovered that silver had been demonetized for a year.

Every effort from that moment to this

to take the back track has been de-

Charles H. Dodd, a Portland millionaire, and the balance of the committee "appointed by the governor to devise "appointed by the governor to devise ways and means for presenting the bat-tleship Oregon a suitable testimonial," at my office, corner 3d and Washington are out in an appeal to the people of the state, said appeal filling a column of state, said appeal filling a column of Friday's Oregonian. The argument

the committee makes as to why the testimonial shall be made is not applicable to the subject; in fact does not concern it. They go into the question that a navy is a grand thing, which is of course admitted by everybody; but just why it is necessary for the state to present the ship a silver service is not so plain.

s 00 Sol Yet if it was, the people, the common, every-day, poor people, are not the ones to provide it. Some of the rich people should do that; some of those who look upon silver as utterly valueless, for instance, might give freely, since it

costs nothing.

Another feature of the "appeal" is that to the "school children of every district and parish." The committee, with far-seeing eyes, realizing how diffies of the members of the senate and the cult it would be to make a full grown, sensible man subscribe to the fund, has demonstize silver; also the names of designs on the nickel and the dime that erstwhile found its way into the missionary box, and sometimes got as far out of the country as New York. In speaking of the glorious opportunity offered the children to come forward tize silver." Silver was demonetized by and exemplify the old proverb about a trick, and not more than three men fool and his money being soon parted, in the city of Washington knew when it the committee says: "The lesson of was done or within a year thereafter, patriotism could not be better instilled even, that it had been done. This de- in the mind of the child or citizen than monetization was the result of a comders shall have a patriotic personal and ing gamblers of the Gold Board, which financial interest in this ship." The had its ramification abroad. The coin- adult citizen already has a financial inage committee of the house reported a terest in the ship, and the youngster sons of patriotism that can be taught by known, and the chairman explained taxing him. The citizens of Oregon that no change had been made in any of pay their pro rata of the salaries of the

The name Oregon is a pretty one, but only loaned to them. There is a good deal in a name, too. For instance, was passed without one dissenting vote. if Mr. Dodd would lend us the use of In the section enumerating the different his for a few minutes, we will present the cruiser a \$10,000 memento in the name of the state, and not filch the nickels from the guileless youngsters. If the committee will head the list, however, something may be done; but congress would not have revealed the its members must not expect to get off with just passing the hat.

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