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**Paying the Public Debt in Greenbacks.**

A subscriber in Linn county writes: "When my subscription is out stop my paper, unless you advocate the paying of the public debt in greenbacks."

There may be several ways of paying the public debt in greenbacks, and we may not understand exactly what the writer means. What we mean is that the government should act in good faith and pay its debts as it has honestly agreed to do, whatever that agreement may be. If the writer wishes to take up the outstanding bonds with greenbacks and then never pay the greenbacks but use them perpetually as currency, we must say that we consider that course very dishonorable, because flooding the country with two thousand million of greenbacks would make that currency of as little value as the Continental money and the French assignats were a hundred, or less, years ago. Neither were ever paid and they gradually became worthless, which would be the case if we were to have all the national debt converted to-morrow into irredeemable paper money, and it made a legal tender. The result would be to stagnate trade, paralyze industry, ruin producers and dishonor the government that did the deed, while the people would have to construct a currency in some way that could be clothed with value. Make wheat double as plentiful as any demand could arise and the farmers of Oregon would be ruined. Make money over-plentiful and it would become practically worthless. Silver has become over-abundant and therefore has depreciated in value. Neither silver or gold possess as much value as they did some centuries ago. They have both become more plentiful and less valuable. We are not in favor of repudiating the National or State indebtedness, though we have to pay taxes on our share of both.

Now, there is a policy that we favor, and believe consistent and honorable, that meets this question half way. We believe that the national currency (not the national bank currency, for we see no use for national banks) should be issued to the fullest extent the business of the nation requires, and that national bonds should be decreased thereby to a great extent, and interest on the national debt thus lessened. An interest convertible bond, bearing four per cent. interest, could be made the medium of regulating the issue of currency. Whenever the issue became too great it could be exchanged for these bonds, and when more was wanted the bonds could be returned for currency. The first thing should be the issue of sufficient currency to answer all purposes, and with the interchange always possible we do not see why there should be any trouble with over-issue, or with speculation.

It is not exactly our business to set up theories for national finance, but, as with all other subjects, we have our own opinions and intend to stick to them until we find better ones. We have no patience, on the one hand with the National Bank ring that wants the national finances managed in its interest, and we have as little patience, on the other hand, with the class (to which we sincerely hope our correspondent does not belong) that seeks some subterfuge or pretense for repudiating the nation's debts. We are in favor of paying the public debt in greenbacks, so far as greenbacks can be used safely, and no further.

Mr. T. B. Wait, Salem, is agent for Oregon, for the McCormick reaping and harvesting machines. These machines were thoroughly tried in the harvest fields of our State last year, and took first premiums at the State Fair last fall. Mr. Wait is inventor of a hay press too well known to need praise.

Breyman Bros. have their spring advertisement in the paper this week. The white corner is bound to sustain its reputation and of course every one will call and see what they have to offer.

The thoroughbred stallion Delaware, is now the property of Mr. Henry Ankney, see his advertisement.

Hop valley is located at the foot of the Calapoos mountains, near the northern line of Douglas county. The soil is of a deep alluvial deposit, especially adapted to hop culture. Vines, after the first year's planting, have grown there forty feet in height.

**MAGAZINES.**

We find on our table the following: The *Semi-Tropical* for April, published at Jacksonville, Fla., containing interesting descriptions of "The Mounds of Florida;" cultivation of corn, wheat and rice; "Gardening all the Year Round;" "Cattle Raising in South Florida," and a great deal more of that Semi-tropical region. It is ably and pleasantly edited.

The *Southern Planter and Farmer* comes from Richmond, Va., is a handsome magazine, treats of the wants and products of the "Old Dominion," and, while especially adapted to that latitude, contains a great deal of very valuable reading on Agricultural matters adapted to every locality. It is a practical journal, and shows no tendency towards merely fancy farming.

The *Sanitarian*, published in New York, is a monthly magazine and the organ of the Medico-Legal Society, "devoted to the preservation of health and medical and physical culture." Such a magazine as this, bringing common sense views of health, matters home to the family and affording valuable information generally, will be very valuable. The number before us we find interesting and instructive on topics of the greatest importance.

*Wallace's Monthly*, for April, gives the history of E-han Allen, and papers relative to other great trotters and racers. It is devoted chiefly to horse literature and opposed to pool gambling so is a very responsible publication conducted with great credit and ability. Mr. Wallace is an enthusiastic lover of the horse and gives a wonderful amount of information in his monthly.

*Scribner* for May comes to us filled with interesting matter. "That Lass o'Lowrie's" is finished in this number. The story is by Mrs. Burnett, and is now published in book form by Scribner, Armstrong & Co. Mrs. Burnett has also in this number a short story, entitled "Esmeralda," which ought to be both amusing and pathetic to Americans. There is some North Carolina dialect in the story. In "Nicholas Mintun" Dr. Holland touches on the dead-beat, for which contagion he intends giving a remedy further on. There is an article on Smith College, one on Sea Trout Fishing, and taken as a whole, the magazine is very readable.

*St. Nicholas* for May commences with a poem, "Red Ridinghood," from the pen of John G. Whittier, a fac-simile letter from Chas. Dickens, a talk about "Ivanhoe," which will interest all boy-lovers of Walter Scott, a story entitled "The first time," by Sax Holm, "Trotty's Lecture, Bureau," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, and some very pretty pictures drawn by Eytinge. Dr. Holland has a talk with big boys, and there are a great many other things of interest in this number of *St. Nicholas*.

POWELL VALLEY, MULTNOMAH CO.,  
April 23, 1877.

ED. FARMER: I am trying to get you the thousand subscribers you advertised for. When I come across a farmer that does not take the FARMER, I try to get him to subscribe for I think that every farmer in Oregon should have it and read it. I believe if the farmers of Oregon would read such essays as those of Sister Hilceary and Bro. Belshaw, and ponder over them, it would be better for them. Some of them I ask to subscribe say they can get a better paper for the money, others say they can't get time to read any paper but the *Oregonian*, and they must read that if everything else stops. I tell them that if they would take the FARMER, and follow its teachings, they would soon have a paper as good as the *Oregonian*, and time to read both papers, but they can't see it that way and we will have to wait until they do. I like the FARMER and like to read it better than any other paper that I get and will do all I can for it.

Yours truly,  
T. K. WILLIAMS.

NEW ERA, April 30, 1877.  
ED. FARMER: Lodge No. 294, I.O.G.T., of New Era, voted at its last regular meeting to have a picnic in the grove near this place, Saturday, May 19, and invite all Good Templars in the valley to come in regalia and enjoy the day with them. Members of the Order will form in procession at 10 o'clock, a. m., march to the grove, where there will be temperance speeches by distinguished speakers, singing, &c.; after which a basket dinner will be partaken of, as all who can are expected to bring lunch with them. There will be a number of boats which can be had for boat-riding. Plenty of trout in Beaver creek for those who delight in that sport. Let all the friends of Temperance put in an appearance early. If this should reach the eye of our G. W. C. T. Dunbar, I hope he will be with us and give us one of his strong lectures.

M. Myer, Salem, Griswold's old corner, advertises his spring stock of goods this week, and from the looks of his store and the statements he makes concerning his goods it is evident that he means business, so our readers will naturally give him a call.

**TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE.**

All persons who have receipts for money paid *Cultivator* that has not been duly credited will please send them to us, and we will make the proper credit, and must have the receipt to show Mr. Mart Brown in settlement with him. We will immediately return the parties our own receipt in place of the one sent us. We hope all parties will comply without further request from us, for it is important to us to make all corrections as soon as possible where mistakes have occurred in the accounts.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Dawne will take charge of Jefferson Institute for the summer.

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