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The Greenback Issue

An old subscriber, writing from Hal-

sey, says: "I am a reader of your valuable paper, and expect to remain so, and if it was a political paper I would not subscribe for it unless it was a Greenback Independent paper, but I want it to remain the farmer's paper. We haven't any Independent paper in this State; would like it if you would copy 'greenback' pieces from Eastern papers until we can get a paper started in Oregon that will preach for the laboring man. I don't think it would injure the circulation of your paper."

In answer to the above, we say that we have no objection to publish short articles showing the object of the socalled "greenback" party, but we have our exchanges from the East chiefly from journals that devote little time to the political topics, though a number of them have been outspoken advocates of the greenback movement. The fact is, answer was: that it must be had at any that, at the present time, very little is said about this movement, which seems to have lost force since the Presidential election. The silver-money idea seems in a measure to have taken its

We have occasionally taken plain ground in favor of issuing all the legaltender currency that the business of the country can possibly use, and reducing the outstanding bonds to that extent; of making this issue introconvertible for a law interest, bearing bond, so that the law of demand and supply can be adjusted on natural principles. If the national bank notes were all called in and legal tenders issued to supply the same amount of circulating medium, and all the currency issued that could be used, we believe it would resuit in saving twenty-five million dollars interest per annum, now paid by American people.

To be plain about it: it seems to us that there is a reasonable figure between the extremes, where the county, its business, and finances, could be beautified. The regular political file-leaders of both the old parties own too much national bank stock, or are influenced by those who do. It is scarcely possible, therefore, to bring either of the old political parties to view the financial question from a just and economical standpoint. It looks to us as if there never was a time when the money power was stronger or more money power was stronger or more dangerous in the nation than at the present time.

The greenback party goes to the greatest extreme, and as the most radical teach its principles, they mean nothing more or less than the repudiation of an national debt by paying it in irresponsible currency and flooding the country with such an over-issue of it as to make it practically worthless, a fact that has been proven by the financial histary of both the French and American revolutions. The radical and incendlary "greenbacker" is the worst foe to financial reform and economy in national affairs, as, while he urges and advocates a financial policy the most ultra and revolutionary which the shrewd national-bank capitalist knows can never be carried into effect, he builds up a breast work for the defense of the very evils he reprobates and that ought to be reformed, and which can only be reformed by a reasonable and moderate policy that can be consumat-

What we are arriving at, is this: that the financial reform which is attainable is overlooked and despised by the people who are capable of obtaining it, if they concentrate their energies in favor of it, and they waste time as uselessly as the waves that dash against Tillamook Head, in working on a system that cannot be destroyed, but might be amended and reformed greatly to the advantage of the people.

As the greenback party of Gregon has no organ, and as we do not wish to misrepresent or even to assist it, we give any of its friends liberty to make a brief exposition of its views in the columns of the FARMER, and then we shall have something inngible to agree with or dissent from. We always propose to remain the Farmer's paper as our friend desires, but the farmers have us much interest in national finances as in the farm they pay taxes on to support national extravagances.

expended Assessed backer to the Surf.

THE GROVER INVESTIGATION.

So far the investigation made by the Congressional Senate Committee of which Senator Morton, of Indiana, is Chairman, has revealed no sufficient evidence that any money was used in effecting the election of Gov. Grover last Fall, though any quantity of rumors have been unearthed concerning the use of money for that purpose. The most effecttive testimony educed, is that of Col. Nesmith, whose word will not be received with any doubt, and who asserts that Representative Mosler, of Wasco, who was elected as his (Nesmith's) friend, informed him that he could get \$1,400 for voting on the other, side and used the peruicious logic that being a poor man and not having any valid objection to Mr. Grover, he felt obliged to work for his own interest. That he changed his vote the next day in favor of Grover, Col. Nesmith considered reason for his own bellef that money was used to effect Grover's election. There are several others whose testi-

mony goes to show that money may have been used, and Mr. W. H. N. Stiles, who was Secretary of the Democratic Campaign Club, swears that he heard conversation between Gov. Grover and his private secretary, Mr. Gilfry, when the latter said Goodman, of Umatilla, would change his vote for Grover the next morning on the first ballot, but it would cost a thousand dollars, and that Grover's price, as there was plenty of money and the whole thing depended on the first vote. This conversation was asserted to have taken place at the Chemeketa Hotel, at midnight before the Senatorial election. It is only just to say that Mr. Stiles' evidence is received with coasiderable want of confidence, as he (having been an active Democrat, and, disappointed in application for a clerkship,) made this revelation to Republican officials and seems to have derived some benefits from them in consideration of the service rendered. He went to California immediately after, and was summoned from there to serve as a witness. The matter stated by him will, no doubt, be directly controverted by the testimony of others present at that time. Mosier, of Wasoo, the Representative alluded to by Col. Neamith, has disappeared for parts

unknown.

Hiram Straight, Jr.. of Clackamas, has been rigidly examined, and evidence has been taken relative to the money affairs of Wilson of Tiliamook, deceased, but there is not yet any sufficient testimony to make a case against Gov. Grover before a jury, and unless more direct proof can be had to corroborate the circumstantial evidence elicited, the case will not amount to much.

grown so gigantic that it corrupts almost every function of government, and we see so better way to purge Senatorial elec-tions of all suspicion of evil than to submit the question of who shall be Senstor to a popular vote of the various States, where all such elections properly belong.

JOTTINGS OF TRAVEL

OVER IN POLK.

A few days ago we cromed the river at Salem and drove over the bills and down into Spring Valley. There are beautiful farms in the bills, where much land has been cleared and become wheat fields, meadows and orebard, and where babbling springs abound and magnificent groves of oaks afford unequalled building sites at the foot of the hills. On the direct road to Zena, lathe flue farm and commodious mansion of Maj W. M. Walker, who has one of the old-time apple orohards that were femous in their youth when a bearing orchard was a mine of gold. The farm of Mrs. Jesse Walling lies between there and Z-us, with another grand orchard, and waving fields and meadows Looking back to a cove in the hills, finfarms can be seen on a higher bench, one of them owned by Mr. Higgins, beautifully baved in by the beights that bend around them and smiling on the lower valley with promise of rich harvests.

Z-us is scarce a village, but is a cluster of shops and a store, with a hall for meetings and a nest church edifice not far off. It is the central and gathering point for an excellent usighborhood, and the arrival of the mail bag is an event that is appreciated.

North of the village is the line farm of Mr. Phillips, whose whest premises remarkably as it. ford unequalled building sites at the foot of

Mr. Phillips, whose whest promises remarkably well, even though some of it was thrown down by the July rain. There is not much wheat down, that we have seen in our travels, and of this a great per can be saved furnish some articles from his farm to swell the disulse of Oregon products to be exhib-red at the Industrial Fair to be held in August and September at San Francisco, of wilch we bate made repeated mention, a matter we have presented on all occasions when Jurneying through the country and

heve found many fermors who will interest themselves to aid the deplay.

Adjusting Mr. Phillips on the north is the ferm of Mr. C. C. Welker, where we were tropiality enter sined. Mr. Welker has a beautiful situation for his residence, (vertex king the valley Fig., on a rise of ground who who a spranding coke reason the landscape and Mr. Hood makes a grand becare in the distance. A due water supply comes down from the bills on the West, violding a power to drive the chorn in the milk house, visit lue the bereyard and blessing the bouse as passes by that house, can, deserves no blis Ches A Wall, of this city, he here, both and arrangements for his and cold was repolited A material backer in the Auril 1 what make hous-both work much less amount school at Partiend.

taste for flowers, many of which adorn the house, and of rare varieties, while her skill at ornamental work is seen to great advant ge. It is pleasant to see a farmer able and willing to cultivate the graces and the comforts of life at the same time, and those who may desire to realize how it can be done to best advantage can learn by making a visit to Mr. Walker's piace in Spring Valley. Resturning home in the evening, we changed the route, passing down Spring Valley, and up the river road through the lawer hills. We must state, here, that the hill land gains favor every year; even the farmers who have to h valley and hill land, such as Walker and Phillips, claim that the hills are equal to any land they have

isnd, such as Walker and Phillips, claim that the hills are equal to any land they have for production of wheat. About three inlies from Salem we visited Mr. G. W. Teller's form, all in the hills and a very beautiful location. He has out 900 reach plums, and many of those set out two and three years ago have made great growth and are now loaded with fruit. He has also 600 prune trees out and doing well.

we have found in our own experispring) eats the hear; out of the young buds of the plum and preven s any growth, and such, Mr. Teller says, was the case with the few trees he lost. The buds never g t a chance to start and soon died, and others owindled, while the great mejority of bis look very thrift. As to the long very free peach plum, we need only refer to G. W. Walling's orchard, at Oswego, where they have become great trees, and have borne crops for many years

HOWELL PRAIRIE.

There is not, probably on this coast, a more beautiful spot, or one more fertile and productive and secled with a more permitnent and prosperous community than Hav-ell Prairie, which is reached in a seven-mile drive from Salem. Monthly isses we drove in that direction, pressing by fine farms on Salem prairie, stopping on the way at the farm of Mr. Delos deflectors, in the woods almost, whose fishes have been desired and prove the profit of electring heavy grub land, and also snow how wheat can be raised after a burning without any serious cultivation. On land that was grubbod, and plo ved twice last winter, he has a fine stand of little club wheat, while the most astonishing growth and yield is that of a field where the stumpe still stand, the brush being burned off and white winter wheat sowed and brushed in the ashes, without any plowing. We should judge that the average yield of this field would be about twenty five bushels per sore.

Two miles further, on the western edge of Howell Prairie, we found the fine farm and splendid improvements of Mr. F. N. Woodworth, and after dinner, and providing for an addition to the Oregon display, we drove castward about 3 miles, to the farm of Mr. Davis Shannon, so well noted for his excellent crops. From there to the farm of Mr. A. B. Simmons, who has a wonderful piece of yolunteer oats in front of his house and a garden that he lavery proud of behind it. Indeed his vegetables are ahead of most farmer's gardening, and we are glad to notice that people generally now think a good garden a great necessity. From there we went to T. C. Shaw's farm, where we saw what is conceed to be the best fall wheat on the prairie, the heaviest of it having fallen during the late rain. Air. Shaw has about an good little club wheat, spring sowing, as can be found. Howell Prairie loaks wall and will be well represented at San Francisco next month if all who have good crops there will contribute their proportion. We suggested, every where we went, that our friends should take an interest in paking this display good, and as we could only visit a few persons we extended an ursest request to all good farmers to chatribute something towards a good exhibition. drive from Salem. Monday last we drose in that direction, passing by fine farms on

exhibition.

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