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BIMETALLISM.

All men of fair minds will read and consider the candid opinions of other men, especially if such opinions emanate from students, England is credited with being a monometalist government, and her statesmen and scholars favoring the one standard policy.

The most forcible proof in support of this quotation is to be had from Prof. Foxwell, Professor of Political Economy at University College, London. He says that the demonetizing of silver in Germany, Italy and the United States has increased the demand for gold by \$1,000,000,000.

Take, for example, the case of a man who in 1873 borrowed \$142. Prices have fallen to such an extent that \$92 will now buy what \$142 would have bought in 1873.

In 1881 Bismarck said: "Gold has become too scanty a blanket, which every one struggles for and which makes people squabble."

Such evidence as we have quoted, that the single standard is not sufficient to meet the demands of trade, emanates from men who cannot be put down as American politicians, and especially the position of Prof. Foxwell will be refuted, if it can be, by close reasoning from bright, educated men, and with the deepest sincerity in the implied compliment and for the truth, we ask the editor of the Oregonian to answer it.

OUR MAIL SERVICE.

A very common occurrence happened Saturday that furnishes us with a text for an article on the mail service from Eugene to Florence. At the onset a little history is necessary. This mail contract was let to the lowest bidder at \$705 per year.

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ated themselves into a body for defense against destroying flames, is commendable. As fast as the financial condition of the city will permit, they should be amply equipped with articles for their use.

Well, we are no nearer the prosperous times so stoutly promised than when the downfall of prosperity began. It is too much to hope that we will see the spindles of many mills in almost as many maris turning to the tune of financial confidence.

A no less important fact, according to a report in the Guard, than that the Investigating Committee will bring suit against Sheriff Nolan at the next term of the court to recover constructive mileage, will be followed with interest.

Protective tariff, carefully built up by the only representatives of the people during the past twenty years, is to be hastily, recklessly and wantonly destroyed by a body of men who, be they better or worse, came into power by accident.

Every honest voter will rejoice if Congress should ever get rid of that incubus which it has been riding since the Sherman repeal bill passed, known as the Federal Election Law.

Do what you will, and argue as closely and skillfully as you may, you are always met at last by the eternal fact that there are some places better to live in than others.

It was long ago when President of the Senate Fulton said: "We are ready for trial now," as one of his clients appeared to answer to a charge of customs fraud.

The last census shows some facts that are interesting. We have been taught that the agricultural class outranks all others, but the census proves that 23,010,000 inhabitants are supported by agriculture, and 27,140,000 by manufactures and commerce.

It is to be hoped that the bombardment of Rio is abandoned as is reported by Captain Pickens, commander of the United States cruiser Charleston now at that place.

The mast and spars of the Valkyrie, the English yacht here to contend for the American's Cup, are made of Oregon pine.

The yacht Vigilant won the first race for the American Cup, beating the Valkyrie.

EX. STAR EDITORIALS.

THE REVOLUTION IN THE RIO.

For almost fifty years Brazil, as an Empire, enjoyed nearly all the advantages of a true democracy. For forty-nine years Dom Pedro ruled with a strong but sympathetic hand. He was a model constitutional monarch.

It has grieved Hoke Smith to the quick to hear the aged, infirm and crippled defenders of the nation referred to as "beggars," "dead beats," "camp followers," and "coffee-coolers."

Here comes the Rural Northwest touching upon the two fairs as follows: While the Portland Exposition receives no aid from the state and is not primarily intended to exhibit the agricultural resources of the state, it appears in many respects more of an agricultural fair than the state fair.

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lectual statesmanship will in the end prevail. Brazilians may not have the patient Saxon souls to await the constitutional development of "Liberty broadening down from precedent to precedent," but they love liberty none the less.

It was only by his helplessness to do otherwise, while engineering other branches of his department, that his pension clerk was permitted to strike 10,000 names from the pension rolls without the examination of a single claim among them.

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Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

TRUST THE CHILDREN.

Trust the children! Never doubt them! Build a wall of love about them. After sowing seeds of duty, Trust them for the flowers of beauty. Trust the children! Don't suspect them! Let your confidence direct them. At the hearth, or in the wildwood, Meet them on the plane of childhood.

Trust the little ones! Remember May is not like chill December. Let no words of rage or madness Check their happy notes of gladness.

Trust the little ones! Yet guide them! And, above all, never deride them Should they trip, or should they blunder, Let you snap love's coats asunder.

Trust the children! Let them treasure Mother's faith in boundless measure, Father's love in them confiding, Then no secrets they'll be hiding.

Trust the children, just as He did, Who for such once sweetly pleaded. Trust and guide, but never doubt them, Build a wall of love about them.

A man who looks close to the ground will see dirt.

There is no sound basis of power but honesty.

He who writes the truth will always have appreciative readers.

Nothing can be more sacred than a home; no altar purer than the hearth.

The great secret of success in life is to be ready when your opportunity comes.

Beautiful lives are never wasted, they are more powerful than eloquent words.

The secret of being loved is in being lovely; and the secret of being lovely is in being unselfish.

The poorest education that teaches self-control is better than the best that neglects it.

Self-will is so ardent and active, that it will break a world to pieces to make a stool to sit on.

Courage, says Richter, consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing it and conquering it.

Example and character teach as words never can. Words unsustained by deeds and with no character behind them, are empty and powerless.

Hard blows on marble in its cutting and trimming, and patient and persistent effort at its polishing are essential in the process of transforming the rule block as it comes from the quarry into the finished statue which is a center of admiration in the gallery.

Yet no statue ever formed by the hand of man cost such determined effort and such untiring patience in its completing as a finished human character.

We all love those whom we benefit, and, as soon as we find ourselves actually interested in benefiting humanity, our love for humanity begins to grow and develop.

It is a sifting process, too; how much inferior and unfaithful work does it cast out! If we are laboring only for our own profit, we shall do no more and no better than that seems to demand; but, if we are also laboring for the welfare of man, we cannot do less than our best.

If we separate ourselves so much from the interests of those around us that we do not sympathize with them in their sufferings, we shut ourselves out from sharing their happiness, and lose far more than we gain.

If we avoid sympathy and wrap ourselves round in a cold chain-armor of selfishness, we exclude ourselves from many of the greatest and purest joys of life.

To render ourselves insensible to pain, we must forget also the possibility of happiness.

It is a reflection upon the intelligence, good sense and good feeling of any one that he ever complains of meeting un congenial people. The best thing for such an one to do is to cultivate congeniality with every one he meets.

He may rest assured there is something in each that will respond to the effect, some element in character which will command his respect; some quality of heart which will gain his regard; some disposition worthy of imitation; some habit which he would gladly make his own; some knowledge of which he is ignorant, something, in fact, which will reward him for his trouble of cultivation.

The art of listening is often spoiled by the mental attitude of prejudging. When we begin to listen, we quickly take sides for or against, as critic or advocate, and from that moment we cease to be good listeners—certainly we are no longer impartial or fair ones.

We welcome that which agrees with our notions and exaggerate its relative value, while that which is opposed to them we ignore and forget.

We are not great enough to listen for the sake of truth, and to try to discover it whatever it may be; we listen with avidity to that which we like, and turn a deaf ear to the opposite.

As, when we look through colored glass, the whole landscape assumes that color; so, when we listen through the medium of private prejudice, we hear only its echo.

While some will never submit to any monopoly, but live in a continual rush of changes, thereby blunting the power for good of any change, others are so concentrated in their thoughts and feelings that they find it impossible to direct them into any unaccustomed channel when the proper time comes.

They have by constant habit become so wedded to monopoly that they have lost the power to appreciate the natural and legitimate delights of change.

When they do carry their burdens and cares with them. In the midst of all Nature's charms they have neither eyes for her beauties nor ear for her harmonies; they are living over and over again their business details—living, in fact, the same monotonous life that they did all the preceding months.

Their vacation is a mere hyphen—nothing in itself, and used only to connect what has been with what will be.

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