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A COMMENT.

A communication favoring free silver and entitled "What is an Honest Dollar?" will be found in this issue.

The writer says we are laboring under the delusion that money has intrinsic value and that free coinage of silver would give a double standard.

If money has not intrinsic value or does not represent it, why is it that a dollar of the United States money will buy two Mexican dollars? A Mexican dollar contains more silver than a U. S. dollar but the silver or paper dollar of the latter country is backed up by and interchangeable for a gold coin of that denomination, while the Mexican dollar is worth only the value of the bullion it contains.

Should the country adopt free silver, gold would immediately go out of circulation as money, and we should have laws providing for the coinage of both gold and silver with only silver in circulation as money.

His theory, that the intrinsic value of money would require a yard stick to be the same value as the yard of cloth measured, is too silly to be worth consideration.

Again he says that gold bugs seem to base their argument upon the paradox that there is nothing as false as figures except facts. This comes with ill grace from one who is so determined not to look facts in the face as the writer of that article is.

In regard to the government coining copper and nickel and making it worth more than the bullion value, it is simply kept at par by being interchangeable for other other kinds of money.

He says that the laborer has to support an army of idle speculative consumers who live on interest and income. Is not capital necessary to the development of a country? Is not the lack of means to carry on extensive business one of the drawbacks of our valley? Where can the man be found who will invest money in business from which they expect no returns, any more than laborers can be found who will do work for which they will receive no pay.

If free coinage of silver would put a large amount of money in circulation as the writer of that article claims, why is it that in all gold standard countries the amount of money per capita, in circulation is greater than in the free silver countries?

As for stopping prices falling, who wants to do this when prices are raising? Evidently the writer of that article has just awakened from a Rip Van Winkle nap and has not learned of the condition of affairs of the present day.

He makes the same mistake as the professional agitator and others of his class who assume what the capitalists favors is opposed to the interest of the laboring man.

In conclusion we will say that the country is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been for years. And a vote for the republican party is a vote for the maintenance of the gold standard, and for the continued prosperity of the country.

A CORRECTION.

The following letter is a correction to some little mistake we made in our issue of May 20th, and we stand corrected; but when a man tries to correct us for a little piece of foolishness like this we always think there is something the matter with his cranium, i. e., a soft spot in his head.

Ada, Ore., May 20th, 1898.

Dear Sir: There appeared in your paper sometime since, the one under date of May 20th, a piece stating that "I accompanied Scott Morris to town to help him out with his stuff." The fact is, I went to town on my own account and packed my own stuff out, and don't expect to be made mention of in that way.

Very Respectfully, Geo. A. West.

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A. C. WOODCOCK FOR JUDGE.

Cosquille City Herald.

A. C. Woodcock, the nominee for circuit judge on the republican ticket, it will be remembered served for 4 years as a member of the state board of equalization from this district. As a member of that board he was instrumental in making the large property owners of Multnomah county pay their just portion of the state taxes. It will be remembered how he maintained this action of the board under the fire of the Oregonian. He was also instrumental in having the board raise the assessment on mortgages in Multnomah county to their real value and to the same value placed on them by the other counties. He was the prime mover in securing a raise of 25 percent on the assessment of railroad rolling stock in this state. In selecting a man for circuit judge, it is the general belief that qualification should be above politics, and that a judge should be in a position to be entirely independent and unbiased.

There has been some criticism by some of the local opposition to the findings of A. C. Woodcock, the candidate for circuit judge, while he acted as referee in the O. P. Railroad matter. We understand the matter to be thus: The property of the company was sold for \$100,000. Woodcock was appointed as referee to take testimony and find the facts and law. He found that the money should be distributed as follows: 1st—Taxes; 2nd—Labor and material claims. The pay of the referee was fixed by the court after all the parties had agreed to what it should be. The report of the referee was confirmed by the court and no appeal was ever taken from such confirmation. Woodcock gave such general satisfaction as referee that he was again the unanimous choice of all concerned in the controversy over the distribution of the balance of the proceeds from the sale of the steamship Willamette Valley. His finding in this reference was confirmed by the court and no appeal was ever taken from that judgement. The work imposed on Woodcock in this matter was complicated and required much labor, and he was commended on all sides immediately after the completion of his work for the able and painstaking manner in which he disposed of the work.

Outside of the tax claims, the labor and material claims were the favored ones. It is certainly resorting to the lowest level of political trickery to claim that Woodcock opposed the labor claims in that suit when they shared equally with the material claims. A referee cannot render judgement, and his findings bind nobody unless confirmed by the court.

A REPLY.

May 31st, 1898.

Editor West: I have just returned from Gardiner, that beautiful city on the Umpqua, where we, the G. A. R. have been attending Decoration day services. I will leave this item now to the comrade who was appointed to write up the events of the trip etc.

Now to answer E. A. O's question in the West of May 27th.

E. A. C. wishes to know why we do not call it a union ticket instead of a ripple headed ticket? This is the reason: Mr. W. J. Bryan two years ago tried to unite on two heads and get there, but before he was near through the race one of the heads—or proposals—fell out. Yes, you will remember it was Tom Watson.

The self-same parties are now trying a three legged or three cornered combination which they call union. I will just add this, if they fail this time they are politically gone. This combination reminds me of a friend away back in Missouri. After he was married nearly twenty years he was blessed with fourteen children—his surname was Enoch—and he being somewhat odd says to his wife: "Sally, each of our children's names shall begin with E." When the fourteenth child arrived he says, "Sally this business must stop right off." His wife asked, "Why," and he replied, "For this reason only, I do not know of another name commencing with E that is suitable for a child."

Now there is the democrat, demopopocrat and demo-repo-popocrat and there is but one more commencing with the letter D suitable for the above union ticket.

E. A. C. further says: "If you vote for a republican, democrat or populist without knowing any thing of the platform of either, what would you call it?" I will say that I should not like to see what I would call it in print. It would certainly be a vote cast for this triple-headed combination called union ticket.

A word to Mr. Bailey. If a man gives anything that is his own, he fails to see where bribery comes in. The blind are those who can see and want. If you should give for value received this

which you do not have or own what would you call it?

I think Uncle Billy it is a jack-knife snip through the entire three cornered little union. Yes, I think a jack-knife snip is a very good comparison.

S. R. COLVEN.

WHAT IS AN HONEST DOLLAR?

At the opening of the canvass in Florence, the argument of the "gold standard" speakers convinced me that they are laboring under the same delusion that we supposed: That money has intrinsic value, and that the free coinage of silver would give us a double standard. If any of our gold bug friends will give us any authority from an encyclopedia, dictionary or writer of standing on political economy that intrinsic value has anything to do with money. They have taken a long step toward our conversion. All their sophistries are based upon that absurd theory, a theory that if carried out would require a yard stick to be of the same value as the yard of cloth measured. Think of a surveyor being compelled to use a golden chain of the same value as the land he measures. The fact is that money doesn't measure values but simply represents value. We don't sell yard sticks and half bushel measures, but we sell wheat and cloth.

It is a primary lesson taught to every school boy that the standard of value is a denomination and not a metal of one kind or another. The standard unit of value in the United States is the dollar and the metal or paper upon which it is stamped has no more significance in relation to the value it represents, than the material upon which the inch or the yard is marked has with the price of cloth. I may have Brown's note for \$100 payable in wheat but the quality of the paper the note is written on has nothing to do with the value or quantity of the wheat. The gold bugs seem to base their argument upon the paradox that there is nothing as false as figures except facts. They tell us the government can't make money notwithstanding the fact that it stamps its sovereignty upon six cents worth of copper and makes ninety-four cents by that simple act. The government coins seventy-five cents worth of nickel and it will command five dollars worth of our labor or produce. Either the intrinsic value theory is a snare and a delusion or else this government stamps a lie upon every coin it mints.

We say to the laborer: The fruits of your labor are abundant. Why do you get so little out of what you produce? The gold bugs among them will say it's overproduction. We say because you support an army of idle speculative consumers. These non-producers who live on interest and incomes can obtain a larger share of the proceeds of your earnings when money is scarce and prices are low. Scarce money is the weapon of the capitalist to obtain more than his just share of the profits of labor.

The kind of "prosperity" we are having under the single gold coinage basis has forced vast numbers of policy holders to sacrifice their insurance; it has caused vast numbers to drop out of beneficiary orders, being unable to get any of the "lots of money" in circulation to meet their premiums and dues. If the "present prosperity" increases but very few except the exceedingly rich will have any policies payable in any kind of money.

We are for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 because since 1837 that has been our ratio and is now for our silver dollar. Because all our present dollars were coined at that ratio. Because our debts have been incurred under that ratio. Because our government debt is payable under that ratio. Because the coinage of silver will put a larger amount of money into circulation and this will stop prices falling. Because the silver belongs to the citizens of our own country and is not borrowed at interest from foreign shysters.

We ask the people to vote for free coinage of silver because Wall street is against it, the monopolies are against it, the great trusts and syndicates are against it and that is the best of evidence that it is good for the people.

This is a fight between Wall street and the United States; between the pirates and the people and the people will win.

C. E. HARWOOD.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Northern Pacific Ticket office has been changed from its former location over Hall's grocery store, to more commodious quarters, with "The Eugene Real Estate Agency," on the ground floor, first door North of Griffin's hardware store, directly opposite the Guard office, where they will be pleased to see any persons contemplating a trip East or South.

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THE WHITE CITY BY THE SEA.

Editor West: Your correspondent had the great pleasure of visiting that beautiful and hospitable young city, better known as Gardiner, on Memorial day; being favored by Post Commander Charles Sherbondy of Gen'l. Lyons Post as one of his official family on that occasion.

The comrades of said Post made their approaches by three different routes. The plan of campaign being to capture and take that point with as little loss to themselves as possible. Comrades Seymour and Butterfield directed the operations of the right wing which was to make its approach down the coast, and captured in the outset the famous old campaigner and scout Comrade Barrett who is familiar with all the approaches by sea and land covering their field of operation. They were provided with a full supply of commissary stores, set out by Commissary Gen'l. Ready of this city. The left wing was commanded by Comrades Lowe and Service and the center by the Commander-in-chief in person who had wisely provided transportation across the lakes by securing two famous scouts, Comrades Colvin and Mitchell. The orders for a forward movement were given early in the morning of May 29th. Fair skies and high hopes animated the boys as they set out with the determination to accomplish the object of the campaign.

Half an hour was taken at the third and last lake for refreshments and the closing in of the left wing, which had become somewhat scattered owing to natural impediments which were well nigh insurmountable. But our commander like Napoleon of old could not be baffled by natural impediments and at 3 o'clock p. m., the van guard beheld from the mountain top that beautiful city lying on plain just before them. Their enthusiasm became so great that for a time the commander could not restrain his men. And the other side being on the alert had provided for a surprise, at once took in the situation and gobbled us up in detail. We met the enemy however and we were theirs. The good citizens of that city under the direction of that prince of entertainers Al Reed divided us up in squads and took many of us to their pleasant homes and hotels where the inner man was supplied with all the heart of man could reasonably desire. "Ye reporter" and what was left of the right wing were placed in the hands of the well-known, and genial land lords, Daly & Anderson and were given the liberty of the town as were all the comrades and stragglers that came in later, and the next morning the commander was permitted to take in recruits who later in the day were pressed into service. A large hall decorated with the emblems of our country profusely embellished the building and hall and there were found the "elite" of the city—fair women and brave men. The citizens knowing the refining power of church service upon the wild natures of their invaders, took us to a church service the first evening after our capture, and there "ye reporter" had the pleasure of listening to Dr. McKean the distinguished orator of the west whose powerful and eloquent words had a marked impression on the members of the G. A. R. We were accorded front seats. After the service the Rev. Doctor greeted us with the enthusiasm of former years, and when the benediction was pronounced, we were escorted to our various posts of honor and soon the boys forgot they were captives, so warm and earnest was the desire of all the citizens to make us perfectly comfortable. They did not take from us that which we had. Only one restriction was put upon us and that was they would not recognize our money. Every comfort was provided but they would not receive our money, so we had to bring it back after our parole.

[We are compelled, for lack of space and time, to continue the above communication in our next issue, Ed.]

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GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a West Correspondent.

William and Isaac Danewood of Cottage Grove were looking at homestead land on Nelson creek the 25th. They were well impressed with the place, but would like it better if the roads were easier.

S. S. Miller has been hauling potatoes to town from his ranch on Chickahominy creek.

Frank Potter will carry on Henry Tabor's farm near Alpha this summer. Tabor and sons, Leonard and Erna, will prospect in Umatilla county, where farm help is said to be in increased demand.

As we have no silver bullion and no mines from which we can get any, we do not haiker after free coinage at 16 to 1 as much as some mine owners do.

Good young milk cows are in demand hereabouts. Several people have been looking for them lately.

The rain don't hurt our feelings a bit, though we should have had pretty fair crops without it.

The small-fruit crop promises to be immense. Ditto apples.

The Alpha free-silver club remains very quiet since the "infestation."

J. A. Burnett talks of going to town with his family next winter to give Miss Alice the benefit of the schools there.

Henry Tabor will probably live in town next winter, with his family, to take advantage of the school privilege there.

That water-power mill on Nelson creek is running. It grinds more than a bushel a day, so bring on your grist, Mr. Editor.

Grandville Lundy of Alpha has a little grain mill running by water power. His water wheel hangs in a swinging frame and when he wants to grind he lowers the wheel into the current of the raging Deadwood.

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