

THE SILVER CRAZE.

Silver men can see no salvation for the country except in unlimited coinage, and this, they believe, will cure all the evils under which the country is now suffering.

Our friends, the protectionists, will talk of their pet schemes, but when it comes to the protection of Americans from the mercenary oppression of the foreign money influence, they hold up their hands in dismay.

We believe our cotemporary is bagging the question when it talks about the "mercenary oppression of the foreign money influence," for no such "oppression" has been suffered by this or any other people.

Here is the plaint of a free-coinage Democratic exchange: "Here in the United States labor is being crucified between two thieves—the tariff robber on the one hand and the gold robber on the other."

The Arlington Record arrives at a wrong conclusion, when it says that the Times-Mountaineer is opposed to an open river because it supports the idea of the government making permanent improvements to the navigation of the Columbia above this point, and does not favor closing adopting the plans of a portage railroad, which is only a temporary expedient.

In the matter of protection we are independent of foreign nations, because we raise all necessary raw materials, and with a constantly increasing population the home demand is being augmented.

THE SWISS METHOD.

For some time the subject of the initiative and referendum in legislation has been agitated in this state, and Mr. Uren delivered last Wednesday an address before the editorial association, now in session in Portland, advocating these methods.

The immense amount of wheat now awaiting shipment at all points in Eastern Oregon emphasizes the importance of the removal of the obstructions to navigation in the Columbia.

The British yacht Valkyrie appears to be leading in the race in New York, and the silver organs are appealing to the people so that they may claim the gold "another victory for the English gold bug."

The bi-metallic convention, so called, closed its session yesterday in St. Louis. There were silverites present from many of the western states, and they appeared to be actuated by the same desire for free coinage.

It was evidently a great mistake Tammany made when the members supported Cleveland last fall. They calculated, if elected, he would be at their dictation, and they have been very unsuccessful in bending him to their will.

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