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DEPENDS ON BONDS.

The New York Evening Post, in answer to the question whether, in case of war with Spain, the gold standard would be seriously threatened says: "Whether, in case of war with Spain, it would be seriously threatened, would depend upon the wisdom of our public authorities, and especially of congress."

So it seems that the gold standard can be maintained only by borrowing on interest-bearing bonds in time of war. Is not the same true in time of peace? This is the contention of the advocates of silver, and they have as proof of their contention the issuance of large amounts of bonds during President Cleveland's administration.

ACTION IS DEMANDED.

Never before in the history of this nation were its citizens more completely united in the belief that the time has arrived to assert our national prerogatives and perform our duties toward a suffering and oppressed people, and insist that they be released from the oppressions of a cruel tyrant than at present with reference to Cuba and Spain.

A milk-and-water-policy will no longer suffice to meet the demands of the people. The administration must become more vigorous in its methods of dealing with this question. If it is not prepared for hostilities it is no time to prepare. Those who are engaged in manipulating a policy of delay, if rightly accused, will be called to certain account.

ONE SIDED HONOR. During the presidential campaign of 1896 the supporters of McKinley were posing as the protectors of "national honors" and were bitter in their denunciation of the silverites for threatening to alter existing laws governing the finances of the country, asserting that they were repudiators and that any change in the financial system would result in discrediting our currency and create a panic.

It is folly to talk about a middle road democratic or populist ticket in Oregon this year. These two parties are united on nearly every principle that is now before the people and they cannot join together in a battle against the common enemy.

From extreme alarmists at the bare mention of any alteration in the money system, they have become ardent supporters of the most radical change in the financial laws ever contemplated.

IS NOT PRACTICABLE.

The scheme of S. B. Ormsby, supervisor of forests for Oregon and Washington, for granting grazing permits on the Cascade timber reserve to sheep-rangers seems to be a bunglesome affair and would by no means prove satisfactory if put in force.

To maintain the honor of the nation's credit they would issue from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 more interest-bearing bonds to float out of existence one-third the present circulating medium, and thus enhance the value of the creditors' dollars.

The plan is the most open handed robbery that was ever attempted in the history of the American people. If carried into effect, as it surely will be if the republican party is ever permitted to control congress, it will not only strip us of our money, but will compel the government to pay thousands of dollars annually in interest and also raise the rates of interest of the money changers.

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MR. ELLIS "WARBLES."

Congressman Ellis was cornered by a newspaper reporter in Washington the other day and put out a few suggestions that were intended no doubt for use before the coming republican convention.

So we may understand that Mr. Ellis is ready to accept any and all interpretations of the St. Louis platform. It is interpreted to mean the adoption of Gage's currency reform bill that would increase the bonded indebtedness and reduce the money of the country \$300,000,000.

THE COMING PRIMARIES.

Next Saturday is the date set for the primary elections in this county for democratic populist and free silver republican parties, and it is to be hoped the parties will turn out and exercise their right to choose delegates to the different conventions.

A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

The coming campaign in Oregon will unquestionably be one of the most hotly contested ever conducted in the history of the state. The money question will be the center of the issue, and much will be said and written on this subject before the first Monday in June.

THE REASON FOR IT.

The Walla Walla Union remarks that "the McKinley administration received \$20,000,000 more for the United States Pacific railroad than the Cleveland administration offered to take for it. This has escaped the notice of the populist and democratic papers—at least they don't mention it as a credit to the McKinley administration."

WILL MEAN WAR.

If the information contained in the dispatches is authentic, that President McKinley will soon send a message to congress advising the recognition of Cuban independence, there can be no doubt as to the result.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The fact that the government has contracted for 400,000 tons of coal leads to an exchange to remark that there will be a "hot oil time in some old town."

Cupid, the Beggar.

How Love goes a begging for a little kindly treatment; how Love goes a begging for a little kindly treatment; how Love goes a begging for a little kindly treatment.

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SPANIARDS REFUSED Puerto Principand announced that he had defeated a force of 3000 Cubans. CHICAGO, March 10.—A special dispatch to the Chronicle from Washington says: President McKinley has completed the draft of a special message to congress, in which he recommends the recognition of Cuban independence.