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WHAT SHERMAN SAID.

The Portland Sun has succeeded in finding one of Sherman's speeches of 1876, in which he admits that under gold monometallicism gold surely appreciates in purchasing power. This is interesting, inasmuch as Senator Sherman is the acknowledged leader of the single gold-standard forces.

A struggle for the possession of gold at once arose between all the great nations, because everybody could see that if \$3,200,000,000 of silver coin were demonetized and \$3,500,000,000 of gold coin made the sole standard, it would enormously add to the value of gold, and the Bank of France, the Bank of England, and the Imperial Bank of Germany at once commenced what we have observed recently. It is not so much a fall of silver as it is a rise of gold, the inevitable effect of a fear of the demonetization of silver.

There is a legend among the darkies down South that when the animals were wending their way along the gang plank into Noah's ark, it so happened that the ant had for his partner the elephant. And as they proceeded on into the ark, two by two, the ant accused the elephant of crowding, and most intemperately abused and reviled him, in the course of which he said that if God had thought very much of the elephant he would have given him a comelier and whiter skin. The big, good-natured elephant smilingly looked down on his neighbor but said nothing, but he thought to himself it was a great deal like two black men calling each other "niggers," for the little ant was as black as the ace of spades and not very pretty, either. Besides he was occupying three-fourths of the gang plank to the discomfort of everybody in the neighborhood. The Gazette is above noticing ill-tempered and intemperate thoughts and actions directed against it by any person like the writer of the article, "Communicated," in yesterday's Record. Probably the little allegory herewith will suggest a moral.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HERBERT in his annual report recommends that the work of constructing new war vessels of the better class should not cease. The secretary is certainly right in this matter. As a nation, we should do our utmost to maintain peace at all times, yet should be ready for any emergency. We have not enough armored warships to protect any great amount of seacoast, though the general condition of the navy is much improved over that of a few years ago.

THE business outlook for Heppner is much brighter this fall than last, despite low prices prevailing for all products of the range and farm. If our people "stay with it," using frugality and plenty of hard work with it, we will be in the best possible condition to begin business again in the good, old-fashioned way when the entire country returns to the era of prosperity which now is doubly assured will be our portion.

THE trans-Mississippi congress is in session at St. Louis this week.

THE nuptials of Czar Nicholas II and Princess Alix of Hesse were celebrated on Nov. 25th, 1894.

PRINCESS BISMARCK, wife of HERTZ Bismark, the "iron chancellor," died on the 27th inst. She was married to Bismark in 1847.

THE biggest school book ring in the state is the one composed of the companies who want a change of books, in the face of the present hard times.

THE silver and "honest money" men are having a time of it in the trans-Mississippi congress at St. Louis. We predict that the silver advocates will capture the convention.

THE atrocities inflicted by Turks upon the Armenians has not been equaled in the last decade in the civilized world, except those thrust upon the Jews by the Russian throne.

THE loss of Port Arthur to the Chinese is confirmed by later dispatches. In the midst of the hottest of the attack on the Gibraltar of China, a number of Chinese took refuge on their warships.

THE new issue of bonds has been awarded to the John A. Stewart syndicate, at 117.077, realizing to the government \$58,500,000. As all of this money will come from outside of the treasury, the gold reserve will be augmented above the \$100,000,000 limit.

SOMETIMES the Gazette thinks that some partisan newspapers become so partial that their usefulness is more or less impaired. This we should all avoid; and if we should differ with our friends on political propositions, we should at least give them the credit of being honest in their convictions.

"SILVER DICK" BLAND says that if the secretary of the treasury had exercised his option to pay out silver for greenbacks and treasury notes issued under the Sherman law, there would have been no drain on the treasury. Dick says France does this and keeps all her money at par. Dick talks a whole lot of hard sense on the silver question.

SHALL there be a change of school text books in Oregon? Certainly not. Life will be a burden to such county superintendents as shall vote for such change.—Baker City Epigram. This may be putting it a little strong, but the Epigram expresses the opinion of the people when it declares against a change of school books.

MUCH depends upon the teachers in school work. Of course good and reliable books are necessary, but it is likely that our present list of books will be better under the new law? The Gazette thinks not. And the people have not the means to buy new books. In the main, most of the text books used are up to the average of those adopted by other states.

GEN. RALLINGHAM BOOTH, of the Salvation Army, is coming to Portland. A few years ago the Salvationists were looked upon in derision by many people, but sentiment is changing rapidly in regard to them. Besides laboring earnestly for the salvation of souls, they are ever ready to help the needy. Many a poor man would have gone hungry last winter down at Portland had it not been for the Salvation Army soup house where meals were furnished for little or nothing. Those who could not pay were provided for. They will go anywhere and any place to do charitable acts, and the Gazette thinks that if this isn't Godliness, it does not exist.

THE "Hon." Thomas N. Strong is much aggrieved it is said, because of the Chronicle's statement a few weeks ago that it believed him to be the hired attorney of an Eastern publishing house, who was using the Committee of One Hundred to advertise firm publications, as well as to slander the American Book Company. The Eastern house referred to was Messrs. Ginn & Co., of Boston, school book publishers. On second thought it appears more than probable the Chronicle may have committed an error, as information is at hand

showing Ginn & Co. to be a reputable firm, employing only intelligent and honorable persons. This fact is sufficient evidence to allay all suspicious concerning Mr. Strong.—La Grande Chronicle.

THE brutal butchery of 8,000 to 10,000 Christian Armenians by Turks, in the guise of soldiery in collection of rents, has called forth the indignation of all civilized people. This country has some citizens there and an investigation will be had. The Turks should be wiped off the map.

YESTERDAY was Thanksgiving and many a poor turkey suffered. Indeed the people of our section should be thankful that they are assured of plenty to eat and wear this season. We could be much worse off; in fact were the country where the old regime left it in 1892, with our present abundance of everything, Morrow county and Eastern Oregon would be a veritable paradise.

Common Sense Should be used in attempting to cure that very disagreeable disease, catarrh. As catarrh originates in impurities in the blood, local applications can do no permanent good. The common sense method of treatment is to purify the blood, and for this purpose there is no preparation superior to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Institute opened at 8:20 with songs by the institute, followed by announcements by Supt. Balsiger. At 8:30 Prof. Wier recapitulated points of previous lecture and finished second part of series of Reading, etc. At 9:30 Prof. Wetzell presented "School Management." Intense quiet prevailed throughout the Professor's talk.

At 10:30 Prof. Wetzell gave methods of teaching, fundamental operations of Arithmetic, and to some extent tested the teachers by questions on those methods.

At 11:30 Prof. Wetzell presented "Writing, etc., was again taken up by Prof. Wier, who closed his series of lessons on this subject. 2:15—History presented by Prof. Wetzell. 3:30—Grammar continued by Prof. Wier. 4:15—Query box, Prof. Wetzell.

The evening session was called to order in the opera house by Supt. Balsiger at 7:30 and opened by an instrumental duet by Mrs. Brown and Miss Hart. Miss Martha Neville and Jennie Wier then favored the audience with a recitation each. Solo by A. W. Patterson. Recitations by Miss Conlee and Mrs. Brown. Solo and chorus, Miss Maggie Adkins, assisted by choir. Address by Prof. Wetzell. The teachers and invited guests then repaired to the W. C. T. U. reading room where a bountiful banquet had been served in the honor of Heppner's guests, by the W. C. T. U. ladies, assisted by others.

The following responded to toasts: Prof. A. W. Wier, "To our Boys and Girls." Mr. A. W. Patterson, "Rather be a Journalist Than a President." Mr. C. G. Morey, "The Jolly Old Pedagogue." Mr. J. W. Dawson, "The Ideal Patriot as Found in our Common School History." Mr. A. W. Balsiger, "Experience of a Pedagogical Tenderfoot." Rev. Jenkins, "The Three Educators, the Pulpit, the School and the Press." Miss Adelle Cooley, "The Western Man." Prof. J. D. Brown, "The Western Teacher." Mr. Thos. Morgan, "Pioneer Education."

Prof. Wetzell, "School Reminiscences." Mrs. A. W. Wier and Mr. S. S. Horner were each on the program for toasts, subjects, respectively, "The Tired Teacher" and "Society Advancement," but were unable to remain, owing to slight indisposition, till the close of the exercises. By request, Otis Patterson, editor of the Gazette, officiated as toastmaster. The responses were all unusually good.

All in all, it was a grand success, though by a slight misunderstanding all could not be seated at the first table, and those who were compelled to wait, perhaps, grew somewhat impatient at the delay caused by the generous "toasting." Wednesday's session. The institute having been called to order by Supt. Balsiger, the third day's session was opened with songs by the choir. Following some announcements made by the Supt., Prof. Wier discussed Reading, Oral Spelling and Oral Language, dwelling briefly on the merits of different methods and the numerous questions asked by the teachers were ably and satisfactorily answered. Prof. Wetzell next discussed "School Management." He dwelt at some length on the different methods of instruction and emphasized that "activity is the essential characteristic of good instruction," and "that poor instruction produced physical, moral and mental wrecks."

Prof. Wetzell now discussed Arithmetic, and especially Factoring and

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Fractions. He presented some methods of rapid calculation and advised teachers to shorten the work of solving problems every possible way. Prof. Brown then discussed Geography, stating that in this the teacher should never lose sight of the general principle, "Proceed from the known to the related unknown." It was closed by a general discussion.

The afternoon session was opened with songs by the choir. Prof. Wetzell then discussed History, explaining the importance of illustration. He advised the use of progressive maps.

Prof. Wier now discussed the subject of Grammar. He dwelt for some time on the essentials of that branch and the order of study of the same. He advised many and varied exercises and the use of different text books for reference.

Prof. Brown next briefly discussed Physiology mentioning the importance of constant review and other excellent points. The query box, a most interesting feature of the institute, was then opened and the questions ably answered by Prof. Wier, though he acknowledged previously that he was no "walking encyclopedia."

A short business meeting was then held. The secretary, Miss May Bailey, was then requested to read the minutes, which were approved. The committee on resolutions, consisting of Misses Ais Jones, Ada Redford and Mr. Jay Shipley, was then called upon for their report. The resolutions were accepted.

Supt. Balsiger then made some closing remarks mentioning that the duty of every teacher was to take some educational journal and that an Oregon State Reading Circle would be organized and meetings held in different parts of the county, probably at Heppner and Lexington. Prof. Wier and Prof. Wetzell also commented on the numerous advantages of such a circle for the teachers and those interested in education.

After a social chat indulged in by all, the institute adjourned and all departed feeling that through the faithful efforts and untiring energy displayed by the able conductors of this institute, the time had been profitably and pleasantly spent by all.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We, the teachers of Morrow county in convention assembled, find it necessary to make certain resolutions, therefore be it Resolved, That we extend to our Supt., Miss Anna J. Balsiger our heartiest thanks for her untiring efforts to make our institute a success, intellectually and socially.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the instructors, Professors Wier, Brown and Wetzell, who have so faithfully labored for our improvement during this session. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Hon. J. N. Brown, for his able lecture on "The Science of Mind." Resolved, That we extend our thanks to those who assisted us with literary work and music, at different times during the institute.

Resolved, That we thank the school board, the members of the M. E. church, and the people of Heppner generally, for their kindness to us. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for the pleasant and beautiful banquet which they prepared for us. Resolved, That we will use every effort to have some good work on grammar substituted for Sills. Resolved, That these resolutions be put upon the minutes, and that a copy be presented to the Gazette and one to the Record for publication.

J. W. SHIPLEY, ADA D. REDFORD, ADA M. JONES, Committee.

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