

# THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, MAY 28, 1874.

## Money Goes Easy when it Gets into Uncle Sam's Hands.

By a law of Congress certain officers of the army are detailed to teach military tactics in the colleges of the United States. While these officers are thus engaged they are paid quarterly, and have the expense of the colleges the same as other professors. Notwithstanding their comfortable quarters, etc., furnished by the colleges, without any expense to the government, these officers draw for quarters, fuel, servant, and for the government the same as if they were actually furnished by the government. This little expense which comes directly out of the government and goes to the pockets of the officers, as a cash makes a double salary, equal to twenty thousand dollars a year. Is it possible that the government will ever look after the leaks and holes where the money gets away, the same as an individual citizen or company looks after its pecuniary matters. It may be very nice for the officers to say that the money comes easy, and that they do not have to pay for anything, but the experience of many people who pay this money to the government is quite different. It comes through toil, sweat, and industry and on it to be paid out when collected into the treasury, if the government as prudently and for some kind of value received the same as if the parties who earned it were the disbursers. They cry for the reduction of the army, and the reduction of the military and naval expenditures, but they do not seem to be particularly anxious to reduce the army, while there are thousands of ways for reducing the expenses of the government, and if we ever expect to have the people from ruin we must hasten to commence the work of reform.

## National Currency.

But what is meant by the "constitutional currency" about which so much is said? What species or forms of currency does the Constitution allow, and what does it forbid? It is plain enough that this depends on what we understand by currency. Currency in a large, and perhaps a just sense, includes not only gold and silver and bank notes, but bills of exchange also. It may include all that adjusts exchange and settles balances in the circulation of trade and business. But if we understand by currency the legal money of the country, and that which constitutes a lawful tender for debts, and is the statute measure of value, then, undoubtedly, nothing is included but gold and silver. Most unquestionably there is no legal tender, and there can be no legal tender, in this country, under the authority of this Government, or any other, but gold and silver, either the coinage of our own mint or foreign coins, at rates regulated by Congress. This is a constitutional principle, perfectly plain, and of the very highest importance. The States are expressly prohibited from making anything but gold and silver a tender in payment of debts, and although such prohibition is applied to Congress, yet as Congress has no power granted to it in this respect but to coin money and regulate the value of foreign coins, it clearly has no power to substitute paper or anything else for coin as a tender in payment of debts and in discharge of contracts. Congress has exercised this power fully in both its branches. It has coined money, and still coins it; it has regulated the value of foreign coins, and still regulates them; the legal tender, therefore, the constitutional standard of value, is established, and cannot be overturned. To overthrow it would shake the whole system.—*Daniel Webster, Dec. 21, 1835.*

## Good Nature.

We like smiling good nature in man, woman or child. For our life we would run from a cross, morose fellow, while we would take to our affections one who is always pleasant. Some persons are never agreeable. A thunder cloud is forever on their brow, and a frowny look on their hearts. They look as though they were going to the gallows or to pay their taxes. The tomb is pictured on their faces, while the grave worm appears to be gnawing at their skulls. From such may the good lord deliver us.

But good nature we admire, wherever we behold it. Give us the smiling brow and the laughing heart, words of cheer and a sunny forehead. This always hangs over the countenance for us, it sweetens the sour side of life, and makes even dreary gloom to thrill us like a veil. And why should we not, men and women too, be always good-natured and pleasant? Skies are always bright, flowers are always smiling, and nature everywhere glorious to behold. Good hearts and light faces for us? We have no affection for anything but the sweet, the bright, and the beautiful.

## Louisiana owes \$20,000,000, as follows: State \$20,000,000, New Orleans \$25,000,000, Parish, \$5,000,000.

The Supreme Court of the State decided in favor of the \$20,000,000. But this is hardly the limit. The public and private indebtedness, lump it together and we shall have about the darkest social picture ever drawn upon the background of human misery.

The whole population is 730,000— a large proportion "colored patriots"—number of taxpayers about 100,000. It is estimated that the indebtedness would give \$1,247 as each one's proportion—that is a larger sum than all would have brought on the block before the war, had they been a No. 1 negroes. Such is Grantism.

It has been held by some political economist that a "public debt is a public blessing." It is by no means the good people of New York city are three blessed, for the debt of that city has assumed gigantic proportions. According to Comptroller Green, the bonded debt of that city and county on the 31st of December was \$13,204,571 22, and the Comptroller's Accounts figure out \$634,000 more.

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## The Cost of Royal Honors.

The income of the newly-married pair in England is reported at £20,000 a year, with a town and country house in England, and two also in Russia, a good slice of which comes from the Royal exchequer.

Another favorite of fortune is General Wolsely, late commander of the English skirmishing party in Ashantee, who is to be promoted to a Major-Generalship, in addition to receiving an annual pension of about \$4,500, gold value. This will give him about \$500 in gold per week for life, and for bravely beating an unmotivated horde of savages. Should Wolsely live forty years to come, his emoluments from the late campaign will aggregate \$1,700,000, not counting the interest. As money doubles every ten years, and as he is to receive salary and pension as he goes, should they double only once in forty years, that would increase the figure to \$3,400,000.

The expenses of the Ashantee campaign are officially announced at \$4,000,000. Gen. Wolsely's presence at Ashantee must, therefore, eventually cost the British government almost as much as all the remainder of the expedition. Planning his emoluments at \$1,700,000, and the other expenses of the expedition at \$4,000,000, and we have a total of \$5,700,000. General Wolsely's pay will just be \$100 per day for every day in the week except Sunday, and \$250 for Sunday, while the pay of the soldier who took part in the campaign will be about a shilling a day.

A QUESTION.—Which will you do, smile and make others happy, or be eaten and make every body around you miserable? You can live among flowers and singing birds, or in the mire surrounded by fogs and frogs. The amount of happiness which you can produce is incalculable, if you only show a smiling face, a kind heart and pleasing words. On the other hand, by being looks, cross words, and fretful disposition, you can make others unhappy almost beyond endurance. Which will you do? Wear a pleasant countenance—let joy and love beam in your eye? There is no joy so great as that which springs from a kind and pleasant deed, and if you do a kind act during the day whereby some fellow mortal has been made happy you will feel its glorious influence at night when you rest, the next morning when you rise and throughout the day when you go about your daily business.

## CITY AND COUNTRY PAPERS.

The following paragraph from the Danville Commercial is replete with good sense: "City papers are paid for publishing notices of marriages; they are paid for publishing notices of deaths and obituaries; they are paid for publishing notices of society meetings; they are paid for publishing political tickets; they are paid for publishing notices of the commencement of schools and for publishing notices of Sunday school meetings; they are paid for subscriptions a year in advance. The government carries city papers by the car load across the continent and the same postage that it remits of the country paper for carrying a half dozen miles, or for simply handing it out of the post-office. Country papers are expected to publish all these things for nothing, and carry as they generally do, an average of a year's payment in advance."

## THE DIMENSIONS OF CALIFORNIA.

The following are the dimensions of the State of California: Width on the north end, 216 miles; extreme extension from west to east, 352 miles; average width about 230 miles; extension from north to south, 654 miles. A direct line from the northwest corner of the State to Fort Yuma, being the longest line in the State, is 830 miles; a direct line from San Francisco to Los Angeles, 342 miles; a direct line from San Francisco to San Diego, 451 miles. San Diego lies 350 miles south, and 285 miles east of San Francisco. Los Angeles lies 258 miles south, and 225 miles east of San Francisco. Cape Mendocino, the most westerly point of the State, is 95 miles west of San Francisco and 180 miles north.

NOT TRUE.—We see it stated in various papers that Hon. A. H. Brown voted, two years ago in the State Senate, for the bill authorizing the purchase, by the State, of the locks and Dam at Oregon City. This is false. The bill was killed in the House and never came before the Senate for action, and, therefore, Mr. Brown could not have voted for it. We would advise the opposition papers to latch up some other lie, that has a better foundation than the above, if they wish to injure Mr. Brown's Senatorial record. The Dammed Lock lie is too thin.—*Bellevue Democrat.*

BEN BULLER ON THE VETO.—A Boston separatist of April 24th says: "Gen. Butler has been interviewed on the veto. He said he had not read it, but he could not see how Grant could get around his own action in issuing \$25,000,000 of the reserve. In fact, he did not understand how it could be, unless Grant had gone back on himself. He added 'well, if the President will deny his own acts, let him do it.'"

POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS.—When Mr. Crosswell so earnestly advocated the passage of the bill to repeal the franking privilege, one of his strongest arguments was that it would make the Post Office Department self-sustaining. But in spite of this the Post Office Appropriation bill reported yesterday calls for an appropriation of over \$5,500,000 to meet deficiencies.

TOLMAN A REPUTATIONIST.—It is now reported that J. C. Tolman, just debted at a gold basis and paid them off with greenbacks at par when they were selling for sixty cents on the dollar.—*Englewood Guard.*

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## He Misrepresents the Record

Mr. Williams last Monday evening devoted a considerable portion of his speech to Mr. La Dow, Democratic candidate for Congress, charging, among other things, that La Dow voted in the last Legislature for the bill increasing the fees of Sheriffs and Clerks. Mr. Williams has certainly not examined the record very closely, for the record so grossly misrepresents his opponent. The House journals of 1872, page 376, show that Mr. La Dow voted with the rest of the Democratic members against the passage of the bill.

Again Mr. Williams boldly charged that Mr. La Dow assisted in breaking the quorum of the joint Convention of the Legislature of 1872 by "going out to stand," and refusing to go into joint Convention. We again direct Dick's attention to the record. By reference to the House Journal, page 305, he will see that Mr. La Dow was present in his seat and answered to his name when the hour for joint Convention arrived, and occupied his seat until the House adjourned.

The fact is, Mr. La Dow has a most exceptionally good legislative record, and Mr. Williams' glaring misrepresentation of that gentleman will scarcely redound to his own benefit in the campaign.—*Albany Democrat.*

## Democratic Platform.

The following platform of principles was adopted by the Democratic State Convention at Albany last Wednesday: 1. We declare our entire and undivided loyalty to the Constitution of the United States and to the Union of the States thereby established, and we support the people of the several States have the sole and exclusive right of government over their own territory, and we support independent States, subject only to the limitation of the Constitution, and that all powers not herein expressly granted to the National Government, are reserved to the States respectively, and we deny the right of the Federal Government to permanently domiciliate foreigners within any State without the consent of the Legislature thereof.

2. We affirm that the greatest danger with which we are now threatened, is the extension and extravagance of the debt in high official places, and we do declare as the cardinal principle of our future political action, that retirement, economy and reform are imperatively demanded in all the Government departments, Federal as well as State and Municipal, and we hereby proclaim ourselves the uncompromising foes of the salary-grab law ring politicians and land monopolists, wherever they may be, and wherever they may be found, whether they are in or out of office, and we appeal to honest men everywhere, without regard to party affiliations, to join us in branding as they deserve the contempt of the body politic and assist us to purge official stations of their unwelcome and harmful presence.

3. The present Federal administration, by its utter inability to comprehend the dignity and responsibilities of the duties which it is charged by its devotion to personal and partisan interests, by its weak and inconsistent management of the National finances, by its unwarrantable interference with the local self-government of the people, by its support of the corrupt governments which it has imposed by its power over several States of the Union, by its appointment of notoriously incompetent and unqualified officials, and by its appointment of notoriously incompetent and unqualified officials, has justly brought upon itself the condemnation of the American people.

4. That the persistent interference by Federal officials in local elections, and the use of large sums of money to defame the voice of the people through the ballot-box, deserves and receives our severest condemnation.

5. That corporations are the creations of law, their franchises and privileges are granted to subservient the public interests, and when these are used, not to the benefit of the community, but for purposes of oppression and extortion, we declare it to be the right and duty of the legislature to control such corporations.

6. That we favor speedily return to specie payments, just and equal taxation for support of Federal and State governments, and that we are opposed to all alterations in the assessments of Federal revenue for the purposes of protection.

7. That the free navigation and improvement of the Columbia river, the construction of a breakwater at Port Orford, the improvement of the Coquille and Willamette rivers, and the construction of the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, are improvements demanded by the interests of this State, and that the Federal Government ought by all proper means to assist them in their progress, and we are in favor of the bill now before Congress, generally known as the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad bill, and we also favor the early completion of the Oregon and California Railroad to the southern boundary of the State.

8. That we disapprove all measures in the interests of capitalists and monopolies against labor, believing that distinctions, if distinctions be made, should be in favor of the laboring class who create the mass of our citizens, the producers of the wealth and prosperity of our country. We sympathize with the avowed object of the organization known as the Patrons of Husbandry, and with those of all other orders having for their object retrenchment and reform in public affairs, and we are in favor of the repeal of the laws which have created a monopoly in the publication and sale of books used in the common schools of this State, and we are in favor of amending the existing laws in relation to such, so as to take away from the publishers of the Pacific Coast series of readers and spellers the special privileges in relation thereto which they now enjoy.

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