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THE DYING SILVER CRAZE.

One of the most gratifying signs of the times is the visible and rapid ebb of the free silver tide that threatened to sweep the country some months ago.

The Memphis mass convention held some weeks ago gave evidence of the beginning of the decline of the free silver craze and the ostentatious call made by a number of prominent Democratic leaders, including several United States senators, to hold a conference in Washington to lead the Democracy of the country into the free silver ranks clearly demonstrated that the vitality of the movement has perished and that henceforth those who cry for free silver coinage on the basis of 16 to 1 will be classed as the political freaks of the land.

The Washington conference held a few weeks ago had no representative men in it, excepting some United States senators who had fallen into the free silver tide at an early day and now cannot extricate themselves without confessing their ignorance or hypocrisy. Not half the states were represented and out of the eighty-five persons present, a majority of them were from three states.

It was, therefore, not in any sense a representative gathering, but was simply a funeral wake over the remains of the Populist element within the Democratic ranks.

Both of the great parties of the country are thus clearing their skirts of the stunted assaults of demagogic or ignorant Populists upon public and private credit. It is now well assured that both the great national conventions next year will declare for honest money and thus provide to the world that a degraded currency and doubtful credit cannot be among the things entertained by a patriotic people of any party in this country.

The Boston Herald says: "Once the glory of New England was that every man owned his own farm, and from his broad acres could defy the world, but between 1850 and 1890 in the six New England states the percentage of farmers increased 7.28. The number of tenant farmers in Massachusetts was in 1850 nearly double what it was in 1890, and the percentage of farmers in Vermont and Connecticut at this time was over 70, and 25 per cent of the farmers of Rhode Island were then tenants, not land-owners. This change, if confined to New England, would be startling, but in the south in 1890 there was an increase of 12.95 owning farmers and 27.75 tenant farmers. In Missouri, Arkansas and Texas there was a gain between 1850 and 1890 of 47,882 owning farmers and 14,510 tenant farmers. A large proportion of these are persons who were formerly slaves, and now are tenants. In the middle states, during this interval, the owners have decreased 24,391, and the tenants have increased 24,075. In eight states of the northwest the number of owning farmers was 129,322, and the number of tenant farmers 198,767. In Iowa the number of tenant farmers increased 16,563, in Kansas 30,463. In forty-seven states the number of owning farmers in 1890 became 158,951, and the number of tenant farmers had grown to 599,377. These figures, which might be greatly extended, show that all over the country the number of farmers who own their land is decreasing, while the number of those who are tenants at will is rapidly increasing. The trend, also, in many parts of the country, is advancing in value. In Nebraska it has risen during the last twenty years from \$14 an acre for rough land to \$25 an acre with improvements. At the same time the profits of the farmer have been decreasing. Most of these tenant farmers pay a heavy rental for the use of the land, and a large proportion of those who own their farms are paying a heavy rate of interest on their mortgages. It is only a question of time when they must give up and become tenant farmers."

The publisher of a newspaper has one thing to sell and one thing to rent. He has the newspaper to sell and the space in his columns to rent. Can anyone inform us why he should be expected to give away either the one or the other? He can do so if he chooses, and he does, as a matter of practical fact, furnish a great deal of space rent free. But it does not follow that he ought to be expected to do so. It ought to be recognized as a contribution exactly as would be the giving away of sugar or coffee by the grocerman. But strange to say, it is not looked upon in that light at all, yet everybody knows that the existence of a newspaper depends as much on the rent of its space and the sale of the paper as a merchant's success depends on selling his goods instead of giving them away.

Populists and anti-administration Democrats have often demanded the meaning of the expression "sound" dollar. The latest definition, and one of the best offered during the present campaign of education, comes from the governor of Virginia, who says in a recent letter: "What I mean by a sound dollar is one that the farmer, mechanic and the laborer may buy with a purchasing power of 100 cents and buy as much with it as any other dollar. What I mean by a sound dollar is one that its holder may say to buy a home, save for a rainy day, or provide for himself in old age with absolute certainty that it will be as good as any other dollar when he wants to use it. Gold is that dollar; silver cannot be unless by international agreement it is made equivalent to a gold dollar. I am for a sound dollar for the poor man as well as the rich man. I shall never consent to the monetary system which will place it in the power of the rich man to hoard his gold and pay his poor creditors in a depreciated dollar."

In the opinion of the Hawaiian Commercial Journal, a paper now in its sixth number, which has improved materially since it started, the new Oriental steamship line from Astoria to Yokohama and Hongkong will compete keenly with the existing lines to Honolulu, Australia and the Orient, and already on Hawaiian traffic has materially forced down freight and passenger rates. The export statistics of Hawaii for the quarter ending June 30 show a total of \$3,622,507, of which \$3,557,979 was sugar. On this topic the Journal, to which we refer, says: "If the present favorable conditions for the growing crop on these islands continue, the yield will greatly exceed that of former years. Add to this a cent to a cent and a half advance in price, a great revival in business should be the result."

The fact that little baby Marion Cleveland is to touch the button that will set the machinery of the Atlanta Exposition in motion, leads an exchange to remark: "It is proper that Mr. Cleveland's infant should open the great industrial exposition, for there is no one in this country who has closed so many industrial exhibitions in the shape of mills and factories as the distinguished Papa Cleveland. The family should do something to even up things."

MR. DEALY'S REPLY. Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 6, 1895. Editor Astorian: Under caption "Another School Letter" appears a review of the grievance of Mr. J. D. Hawes, in which he takes the liberty to inform the public why he has not been employed as principal of Cedar School. After mentioning the clerk, the principal of Court Street School, the directors and others, says the reason why Mr. Dealey placed his name was "because he was a member of the board and one of the members of the board can testify. The primary teacher under his direction at that time was employed last year, and was recently elected for the ensuing year, so there must be some other cause. I did not vote against Mr. Dealey, but placed in nomination Mr. J. M. Powell, who was elected and declined. At a subsequent meeting I nominated T. J. Jackson, and he was elected. I think the board should be held responsible for the change. I am not under any obligation to any member of the board as stated by Mr. Hawes, for voting for Dealey, and that is the only liberty to discharge them when they fail to give satisfaction as teachers. My vote is my own and I reserve the right to cast it for whom I please. I challenge the schools of our city and I challenge a review of my acts as a member of the school board.

Leaving this subject to have to trespass on your space, but promise you that under any circumstances I will not again offend in this matter. Very Respectfully, THOMAS DEALY.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS. An Old, Tried and Successful Method of Conducting Them Proposed by a Correspondent.

Editor Astorian: There is perhaps no more perplexing question in regard to graded school work than that concerning the best method of conducting examinations. It is, indeed, a debatable question whether examinations, as usually conducted, are a desirable test of the readiness of the pupil for promotion, and leading educators will be found at variance on the subject. In the ungraded schools the teacher can do without the examination in all its rigidity, and that fact will perhaps account to some extent for the greater efficiency of the ungraded schools. But so with the teacher of the graded school. We are confronted with the examination as a necessity, especially in cities where many classes are conducted in the same grade.

Leaving this, therefore, all thought of finding a substitute for the examination as now in use, I have spent considerable time in studying the present system, endeavoring to discover the best method known to graded school workers, and will give a little space in your paper to describe a plan that has been productive of good results.

The object of an examination is to test the proficiency of the pupil. The questions then, should be reasonable, and the marking of grades should be exact. The former is usually accomplished the latter very seldom. Very few teachers in marking examination papers will be guided only by what appears in the pupil's answer, but the great majority will make allowance for "what the pupil knew, but did not write." This "making allowance" is found to be detrimental in many respects. In time the pupil comes to expect it and will be negligent in his studies, feeling confident that his teacher "will not let him fail." If a pupil does fail to pass an examination, usually of the opinion that other pupils were favored in the marking. Teachers are usually estimating the most conscientious people living will be blue penciled when they wield the blue pencil over a stack of examination papers. Each teacher, of course, wishes his pupils to receive a high standing, and knowing that his fellow teachers are making allowances, will be careful to leave as wide a margin for unwritten knowledge as others do. As a consequence many pupils are passed to a higher grade than they are really prepared for. But this can be prevented.

Suppose now that the announcement be made at the beginning of the school year that when examination day arrives the instructors of the same grade will exchange classes and conduct the examination of other classes than their own. What would be the result? In the first place, from the first day of school every teacher would strive as he never did before to prepare his pupils for the examination which must of necessity be a fair test of the quality of work performed and instructions given. Every pupil would feel that if he passed his examination, he must do so by his own efforts and could feel no dependence upon the lenity of his teacher. The teacher would prepare his pupils by giving him a broad and thorough understanding of the subjects taught, for that would be the only way to avoid the chagrin of having his pupils fail. No teacher could then be charged with giving assistance to pupils during examination, nor would any teacher dare to do injustice in marking the papers of another teacher's pupils, for the understanding of the subjects taught, for that would be the only way to avoid the chagrin of having his pupils fail. No teacher could then be charged with giving assistance to pupils during examination, nor would any teacher dare to do injustice in marking the papers of another teacher's pupils, for the understanding of the subjects taught, for that would be the only way to avoid the chagrin of having his pupils fail.

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FOURTEENTH STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon, has determined to improve 14th street from the north line of Grand avenue to the north line of Bond street, extended easterly, all in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, by grading to its full width and established grade, and that between the north line of Grand avenue, and the north line of Exchange street, except the crossing of Franklin avenue, the improvement shall consist in removing plank and timber on said portion of said street, constructing sidewalks, and placing gutters along each side of the street, and on each side of said street between gutters with new and sound fire plank three inches in thickness. Between the north line of Exchange street and the north line of Bond street, extended easterly, the improvement shall consist in removing all timber, plank and piles, and building said structure in accordance with the plans and specifications and ordinances in relation thereto.

When Your Cake Is A Dough. When your cake is heavy, soggy, indigestible, it's a pretty sure sign that you didn't shorten it with Cottolene. When this great shortening is rightly used, the result will surely satisfy the most fastidious. Always remember that the quality of Cottolene makes a little of it go a long way. It's willful thirds to use more than two-thirds as much as you would of lard or butter. Always use Cottolene this way and your cake and pastry will always be light, wholesome, delicious.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the committee on streets and public ways, at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, until Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 1895, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the improvement of 4th street in Adair's Astoria from the south line of Alleyway running through Blocks 19 and 20, to the north line of Astor street, by grading to full width and established grade, plank three inches in thickness, and by building sidewalks on both sides thereof. All of said improvements to be made strictly in accordance with plans and specifications now on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and ordinances in relation thereto.

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THIRTY-FIFTH STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 192, of the City of Astoria, confirming the assessment on Roll No. 4, for the improvement of 35th street from the north line of Franklin street to the south line of Duane street in Adair's Astoria, is now due and payable in United States gold or silver coin, at the office of the City Treasurer, and if not paid within 3 days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit: On or before Thursday, Sept. 20th, 1895, the Common Council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same.

THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 195, of the City of Astoria, confirming the assessment on Roll No. 5, for the improvement of 37th street from the north line of Duane street to the north line of Commercial street in Adair's Astoria, is now due and payable in United States gold or silver coin, at the office of the City Treasurer, and if not paid within 3 days from the time of publication of this notice to-wit: On or before September 26th, 1895, the Common Council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same.

FRANKLIN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Ore., has determined to improve Franklin avenue from the great line of 25th street to the east line of the J. M. Shively Donation Land Claim, all in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, by plating said portion of said avenue with new and sound fire planks two inches in thickness, which are to be laid diagonally in said avenue, upon the square, and the ends of which are to extend from edges of railway track to curbs, all to be done strictly in accordance with plans and specifications and ordinances in relation thereto. The lands and premises upon which special assessment shall be levied to defray the cost and expense of such improvement are the district embracing said lands and premises, and the same are designated as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of 7th block in Block 121, in said part of said city, and running thence easterly on the line running through blocks 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 and separating the two tiers of lots in Block 121, to the east line of the J. M. Shively Donation Land Claim and thence southerly on the east line of said Donation Land Claim to the line separating the two tiers of lots in block 1, and thence westerly through the centers of blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, upon the line dividing the two tiers of lots in the same to the west line of said street and thence northerly on a straight line to the place of beginning.

ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 192, of the City of Astoria, confirming the assessment on Roll No. 2, for the improvement of the alleyway running through Blocks 2, 3, 4 and 5 from the north line of Bond street to the east line of 4th street, in Adair's Astoria, is now due and payable in United States gold and silver coin, at the office of the City Treasurer, and if not paid within 5 days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit: On or before Thursday, September 20th, 1895, the Common Council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF DUANE STREET. Notice is hereby given that L. Leback, Contractor for the improvement of Duane street in Adair's Astoria, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 195, on the 22nd day of June, 1895, filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, a plan and specifications for the improvement of said street, approved by the Committee on Streets and Public Ways. After the expiration of the time hereinafter specified, if no objections to the acceptance of such work be filed and the Common Council shall deem such improvement proposed, completed, according to the contract and plans and specifications therefor, the same may be accepted. Objections to the acceptance of said improvement, if any, must be filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge on or before Wednesday, June 19th, 1895.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF END STREET. Notice is hereby given that N. Clinton & Sons, contractors for the improvement of 4th street in Adair's Astoria, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 190, on the 12th day of June, 1895, filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, a plan and specifications for the improvement of said street, approved by the Committee on Streets and Public Ways. After the expiration of the time hereinafter specified, if no objections to the acceptance of such work be filed and the Common Council shall deem such improvement proposed, completed, according to the contract and plans and specifications therefor, the same may be accepted. Objections to the acceptance of said improvement, if any, must be filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge on or before Wednesday, June 19th, 1895.

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