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AN UNTENABLE POSITION. When Republicans talk of the injudiciousness of discussing the money question, and attempt to depreciate the efforts of those who are endeavoring to disseminate the true facts relating to the evils of an unsound and debased currency, they either do not realize the importance of warning the voters of the country against the dangerous fallacies and sophistries of Populism, or else they are willing to sacrifice political integrity and sincerity for what they mistake as party harmony, but which really means the success at the coming election of candidates who hold opinions contrary to the national platform and in defiance of the known sentiments of a predominant element of the Republican party.

These people argue that the agitation of the money question emanated from and is being kept up by those who are interested from personal consideration in promoting dissension in the party.

The absurdity of such contention is apparent from the fact that the movement for free silver started with a faction of Democrats who afterward merged in and are now dominating the Populist party, and that the sound money men of all parties are simply endeavoring to maintain the present financial policy of the government against the attacks of a set of theorists and ignorant cranks who aim to overthrow the existing order of things merely to try an experiment for which there has been no precedent among civilized and progressive nations, and which would at least result, if it had no other consequences, to our utter commercial extinction from the leading countries of the world the moment it became apparent that such a movement was likely to be successful.

As a leading authority says: "We have had the gold standard now; we have had it for more than a century, and all other forms of money, whether silver or paper, have ever been subordinated to the great anchor of safety that fixes the value of all money on the basis of infinitesimal values. We have now the largest amount of money in the United States per capita of any solvent nation in the world. The Argentine Republic gravely exceeds us, as it yielded to the clamor of demagogues for abundant money. The result is the enormous circulating medium of \$200 per capita, with a dollar purchasing no more than 25 per cent. of its face value, while the debt of the country is \$200 per capita, and would amount to \$14,000,000,000 in the United States."

It is from the fact of the Argentine Republic that so-called gold bugs are being to save this nation, and instead of being disturbers of harmony or promoters of discord and dissension in their own party, they are really defending its organization and principles against the determined assaults of the same kind of men who in three short years have completely wrecked the old, historic Democratic party. The final hope of the country is now centered in the Republican party, and it is the duty of every good man to do what he can to keep it undefiled by heresies and schemes which would frustrate its great mission of restoring peace and prosperity to a distracted and almost ruined people.

Those who are expecting some sort of shifty, evasive, or compromising declaration on the money question at St. Louis, are either unacquainted with or forgetful of Republican history. The attempt to make it appear that the Minneapolis money plank was a compromise, and may therefore be a precedent for such action at St. Louis, will not go. Everybody knows that the money question was not a leading issue at the time of the Minneapolis convention; but it is nevertheless true that the platform was introduced to contribute to the determination of the Republican party to adhere to the present financial policy under which the country was prospering. Certain declared seceders, in their endeavor to stay in the Republican party, have since sought to give a construction to the Minneapolis plank which is one thing at the time it was adopted. Hence the necessity at St. Louis for the use of such language in training the platform as will prevent any possibility of its misconception. This a majority of the Republican states of the Union have already instructed the coming convention to do. There was no trouble with the country's money standard at the time of the Minneapolis meeting, and there would be none now under a protective tariff. The whole world knows what will be the tariff policy of the next administration, but the efforts of the silver men to place a forced and false construction on the Minneapolis declaration have served to create apprehension that in catering to their views the Republican party may

be led to tamper with the gold standard. Capital which should seek investment is therefore halting for a positive declaration from St. Louis against any disturbance of present monetary conditions. This pledge will be given at St. Louis, and with the assurance already felt of a return to the protective tariff principle there will be an immediate restoration of confidence and business will revive without waiting for the election.

If there is one good quality more than another for which the Republican party is noted, it is its courage in reaching out and grappling in an outspoken straightforward manner, with every new political issue that has arisen in the thirty-five or forty years of its history. Thus, for the space of a generation, it has been a common saying, even among its bitterest maligners and haters, that at least one good thing was true of the Republican party—the country always knew where to find it on any important question.

For this reason the voters of the party have never tolerated any wobbling or shifting on the part of its candidates for office, and those who will be disappointed this year will find less disposition than in any past period of its history. The condition of the country and the strong, earnest convictions of voters as to the causes responsible for that condition, will not admit of any trifling by men on the ticket whose office may in the least degree relate to the future policies of the party. Every such candidate, therefore, who omits to declare his position open and above board on any leading issue will be relentlessly marked for slaughter by hundreds of sober, serious, hard-headed but silent voters.

It appears from some of the reading matter unfolded to our view during the past week, that Klamath county is largely populated with honest men. We don't suppose that mild delusion cuts any ice, but wouldn't it be well to drop Mr. Altogether and adopt Hon. as a universal prefix, or else give honor to whom honor is due?

The above is from the Klamath Falls Express. The Astorian does not think the suggestion a good one, for the reason that "Hon." is synonymous with "successful politician"; and we all know what that means. If the Express' idea were put into practice many good and conscientious men would be placed in a false light. In other words, it would be impossible, except by intimate acquaintance, to distinguish a good man from a politician. The Express makes a big mistake when it thinks "Hon." means honor, or one to whom honor is due. If there are any who doubt this, let them examine the records of the members of the last Oregon legislature.

The doubts of the most skeptical as to whether any work is going to be done in 1896 on the line of the Astoria and Columbia river railroad must now be set at rest. The telegraphic instructions from A. B. Hammond, in another column, to the Astorian, to publish an advertisement for bids for the construction of the balance of the grade to Goble and the trestling along the city water front simply means that that gentleman will carry out his undertakings, and that Astoria will be filled with workmen this summer. There can now be no possible excuse for longer holding back other enterprises which should be pushed forward simultaneously with the railroad construction. Now is the time to clear the work of building up the city on all the lines of its commercial growth, and a steady effort, extending through years if need be, should be made to develop every one of the rich resources of the port at the mouth of the Columbia.

IT STOOD A HUNDRED YEARS. There was Fierce Fighting in Its Neighborhood Between Redcoats and Continentals in the Revolution.

New York Herald. Another picturesque landmark of old New York disappeared a few days ago, when an ancient building, at 814 Broadway and 16th street was demolished to make way for a row of modern apartment houses. It was about the last of the old buildings which, with a few years ago were numerous in the upper end of Manhattan Island.

Up to comparatively recent times this was the residence of the DeWitt family, who 200 years ago were great land owners in the region now known as Harlem. The original owner of the property, who, in the year 1775, was considered a man of means, was Peter DeWitt, who settled in Harlem toward the end of the seventeenth century. At his death, which occurred in 1780, he left all his possessions to his wife, Rebecca, and his son, Aaron. The son built the house recently destroyed on the site of the old home of the family in 1775. It was considered a marvel of luxury in those days, and was by far the most elegantly appointed home in the city.

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It then stood in the midst of ample grounds, surrounded by outbuildings, barns, from Scotchman, Stein mill, and vegetable granaries. The farm property extended from the lower boundary of the Jumel estate, at what is now 16th street, to 18th street, and across to the Harlem river.

There was fierce fighting on the burning farm between the redcoats and the British evacuated New York the morning of the 25th of November, 1783.

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The Canadian papers say that Sir Oliver Mowat, the premier of Ontario, has redeemed his promise to the Prisoners Aid Society to appoint a woman inspector of prison for the province.

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Mrs. George Gould's new watch, which she has just received from a London maker costs \$800, and is said to be one of the finest specimens of the jeweler's art in America.

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ASTORIA.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the drainage, No. 282, of the city of Astoria, for the construction of a drain in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded in John Adair, commencing at a point in block 58, and having its outlet in Thirty-third street, between blocks 18 and 17, in Adair's Astoria, and known and designated as "Drainage District No. 1," will be due and payable on the 15th day of May, 1896, in U. S. gold or silver coin, at the office of the city treasurer, and if not so paid within or before said time, the common council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

Table listing property owners and their respective assessments for drainage. Owners include Laura P. Adair, Mary L. Adair, Mary L. Adair, etc.

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