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Mr. Bryan is getting rich enough to feel within him the sensation of a growing conservatism. He has made a lot of money by his weekly paper and by his lectures, and is supposed to be well up in the quarter-of-a-million dollar class, or mayhap leading the advance some way beyond it. That is fine, for it assures independence to Mr. Bryan and comfort for his family; and its reflex action for the public is good, because it is making Bryan, who is a public man of ability and of great influence, a more careful, considerate and conservative man than he was, or could be, when he had to fight the wolf from his door.

He is not now for free coinage of silver, for he says gold has become plenty enough. All around us, however, are persons who find it as scarce as it was a dozen years ago. They have not been so industrious, prudent, saving and successful as Mr. Bryan. The point of view is nearly everything.

Gold in the United States was indeed more scarce in 1905 than it is now. That was because we had been buying silver and issuing paper on silver at a fictitious price, at the rate of \$54,000,000 a year, for about fifteen years. This expelled nearly all of the gold from the country. Other nations, however, had gold enough and ventured so far as to sell us great quantities of it, upon our solemn promise to repay in gold. It must be admitted, however, that the transaction required great credulity on their part. But didn't President Cleveland catch it for borrowing gold and promising to pay it, like an honest man? Yet we have little doubt, if Mr. Bryan should become President and a like situation should arise, he has made so much progress in sanity and towards safety, that he would do just what Mr. Cleveland did. Mr. Bryan has adaptability. And a volubility that can give reasons, on emergency. He has some gold now, or its equivalent, himself.

Much more than this, Mr. Bryan has gained knowledge, and above all breadth of view, from his contact during the last dozen years with the outer and larger world. He no longer imagines our country "the whole thing." He has learned something about business and commerce and money and the world's affairs. He has discovered that the world has a common measure and expression of value, and that our country must conform to it. Mr. Bryan is by no means so great a fool as a large proportion of the vast multitude that has followed him. They never can see it. But the wiser ones, like Milt Miller and Judge O'Day, he will carry with him. They can see things, too. They will want as good money as is going, and soundest conservation of property. When Mr. Bryan is President they will be earnest gold-standard men. Though in fact the problem as to gold and silver has not changed at all, these thousands of years, it will be as easy for others as it has been for Mr. Bryan to find it changed; and we shall all be happy together.

And even among those who aforesaid were gold-standard people, there will be wiser men. There will be less excess and abuse of credit. Mr. Heitze, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Pence will be doing less business in their line, and Mr. Hariman less business in his. It will not be so easy to get money on the security of gourds and cucumbers. There will be fewer automobiles paid for and operated out of the

money that simple people place in the banks. Mr. M. B. Rankin, who got \$5000,000 out of the Ross bank, has already, we are told, dropped his \$3,000 auto, along with the \$10,000 he gave to Willamette University in the days when money was easy to come by, through the credulity of depositors. Fortunate for bank depositors that the next \$25,000 from that source is but a promise.

The tendency towards sanity in every direction is one of the hopeful signs of the times. There is no virtue like necessity. It is the greatest of the conservative forces of the world.

Greatest of all needs is to get to a bedrock of sound and rational action. This school of experience is the finest school in the world. From it we get lessons in true optimism.—Oregonian.

Congress is in session, the men who have received the confidence of the people by the vote that elected them to office, are now back in Washington. They are cognizant of the situation, they are the powers to which we look. We are on the verge of great changes that will lead to the betterment of conditions in the management of our system of finance. Corrupt politicians and rotten corporations should be met and dealt with face to face by our great bodies of law makers now in session. A rich man or a big corporation is no meaner than a poor dishonest tramp or a small corporation. Cornering of the people's substance, whether it be the products of the soil or the gold and silver, by dishonest methods, must be made impossible. Vast fortunes and great business concerns can be established and maintained honestly and only for honest men of ability to manage and take the lead, the great masses of working people would be wandering about and the millions of happy homes in our country would not be. That this reaction, culminating in a panic so severe, should come now, in the most favorable conditions surrounding our people, can we not see the Divine forethought in it? It had to come; high financing has figured prominently and openly many years. There had to be a halt called. As one bird flies the hunter shoots; the remaining birds are alarmed and fly from their hiding in the grass, only to be shot too; so with the handling of the great and important issue now before us.

Because one man or one corporation is dishonest it does not go that all men and all corporations are dishonest; and thank God this great United States of ours can put their hands on many great and good men and again let us give thanks that we can hold up the hand and present effort of our own President, who is in touch with all the people and shows by his actions, without fear and with no hesitation, that right must prevail and justice must be given.

The untold of pages of corruption, naturally, puts a check on the regular runs of business and a curb on the money circulation or necessary medium of exchanging values. If we would put the curb on dishonesty, the sooner the better; but, as we have said, there are many honest men in business, we should and could see for ourselves at this time of abundant harvest and wonderful prosperity shared by all, that disaster can come only to those that are proven to be guilty. Let the wheels of commerce and exchange go on; hoarding our money is dangerous and not in any way profitable; we can't eat it or take it with us. It is given us as a means whereby we can buy and sell; loan and borrow, but of no earthly use if stored away.

Money makes the mare go; if everybody was as timid as a few are, the brake-beam travelers and the tie walkers would have the walk of their lives. If you can't use your money, find out your banker, you know who bank officials are, and if you use judgment, you need not take half the risk that the old sock is in danger of.

What the public and particular the investing class, needs in this

be calmed and reassured and made aware that there is a silver lining to every cloud, and no good reason for their loss of confidence; for the country is still as great and grand and prolific in its resources as ever, with its future no less promising and magnificent than it was before this crisis darkened the sky.—Nugget.

Without a dissenting voice, Oregon business men's representatives, at a meeting at the Portland Club Sunday evening, voted that no special session of the legislature should be called at this time and that the holidays should be continued until a date 10 days following resumption of specie payments in Chicago and New York. It was the sense of the meeting that, should this period extend beyond 30 days from the present date the governor should call an extra session for the purpose of amending the holiday law and the attachment law.

The meeting was called to order by C. W. Hodson of the Portland Commercial Club, at whose summons the delegates had gathered to Portland. The purpose of the conference was to determine whether the governor should be requested immediately to call the legislature in special session so to amend the holiday and attachment laws that courts could regularly proceed with their business during banking holidays, but that an attachment could not be levied in advance of judgment excepting in cases of alleged fraud or attempted removal of property from the state.

Judge Arthur L. Frazer died Tuesday as a result of an operation for appendicitis. Judge Frazer was born in Polk county, Oregon, and was forty-seven years old. He is the second state circuit court judge to pass away in the past three months. He was especially well known by his labors in connection with the juvenile court, which was patterned after the Denver idea. Governor Chamberlain announces that he will make no immediate appointment of a successor to Judge Frazer.

The Oregonian formally announced its complete divorce from the Republican party organization in the state, and declares that in the future it would discuss political policies from the standpoint of an independent newspaper. Should Roosevelt be renominated the paper states it will support him, but declines to commit itself as to any other position on a Republican candidate.

The Jury acquitted Mrs. Bradley for murdering Ex-Senator Brown, of Utah, on the second ballot. The verdict is generally approved. He deserved it!

REGIMENT ABOLISHED

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Reorganization will play havoc with other Southern Oregon officers as promotions have been numerous since the regiment was organized out of a separate battalion nucleus. Company commanders and lieutenants have been appointed to staff positions, and their places filled from the ranks. Sixteen commissions are attached to the colonel's staff, but all have not yet been filled.

It is only through the present strength of organization that Oregon is able to meet the emergency at all. States not having official military boards will be totally unable to make the necessary charges within the specified time, being compelled to await a special enactment of the legislature to make such a stand.

Fortunately, Oregon will be able to act without awaiting a session of the legislature. The state military board with headquarters in Portland is authorized by law to take official action in any matter relating to National Guard control that may come up.

FAULT BELONGS TO DEPARTMENT. Oddly enough, the fault of in-

proper organization belongs to the war department at Washington, D. C. In decreeing that all states failing to place their Guards on a regular army footing, the department makes no reference to its own set of modern rules for the National Guard, based on an enactment of 1904. These rules, article 2, page 18, contain this paragraph in bold type:

"When impracticable to assign three battalions to a regiment, it may be composed of a smaller number, not less than two each of which shall consist of four companies; but where four companies cannot be assigned to a battalion, it may be composed of three companies with the fourth skeletonized."

These rules and regulations for the guidance of organized militia of the country were issued by the war department in 1904, and a year after the Dick bill went into effect. That measure was contradictory to the foregoing order, providing for strict compliance with regular army formations. Section 3 of that act the one which has fallen as a bombshell, reads as follows:

"The organization of the organized militia in the several states and territories and in the district of Columbia shall be the same as that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed for the regular and volunteer armies of the United States, within five years from the date of the approval of this act."

This was doubtless lost sight of in view of the subsequent ruling that eight-company militia regiments might be formed. Oregon and California were the two coast states that found it convenient to form two-battalion regiments. Many Eastern states and states of the Middle West took advantage of the same opportunity to get an additional regiment with a minimum outlay of men.

While it is obvious that the board has no recourse except to destroy the identity of the Southern Oregon regiment, it is hardly probable that the staff officers of the regiment will be mustered out. Instead they will doubtless be retained as state officers for service in case of internal troubles, but not subject to government service. If the event that two separate battalions are created out of the hapless regiment, the two majors will retain their places. Major Creed C. Hammond of Eugene, commands the first battalion, and Major Frank B. Hamlin, superintendent of schools at Roseburg, the second. If one battalion of four companies is retained and the three remaining companies divided into separate companies, one major will have to be withdrawn from active Guard service.

Others in the regiment who will be affected by the change are Captain F. E. Taylor, regimental adjutant and Captain Frank L. Chambers, regimental quartermaster, both of Eugene; Captain Berton K. Lawson, Cottage Grove, regimental commissary; Captain Waldo L. Cheshire, Eugene, assistant surgeon. A number of first lieutenants and subalterns already appointed but not yet regularly commissioned by Governor Chamberlain will likewise be affected. Readjustments, of course, may be made within the regiment whereby several officers will be enabled to return to the positions in the separate battalion held by them prior to the organization of the regiment last August.

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