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Volume number two of the INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE begins its existence under a new management and most encouraging auspices. The undersigned have entered into a joint co-partnership in the publication of this paper and the conducting of business connected therewith. The name and style of the firm is the "Enterprise Publishing Company." J. B. Morin is to be business manager and J. T. Ford, editor.

The political policy of the ENTERPRISE will be along the same lines in the future that it has followed in the past, tempered, however, by experience and broadened, we hope, by contact with the throbbing brain and manly, generous heart of the Oregon press.

We have made a marked change in the typographical and mechanical appearance and make-up of the ENTERPRISE, which, we trust, will meet the approbation of its readers, besides we have also enlarged it to standard seven column size.

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GOLDBUGISM GONE TO SEED.

The Oregonian is always forcible even when its premises are utterly fallacious and misleading. In a recent editorial it says: "If the United States should at once withdraw from gold its legal tender function, people would still want gold, and would accept it in payment of debts, just the same. But if the legal tender quality were withdrawn from silver, even with free coinage, the dollar of that metal would go at but one-half its nominal value." The assumption that the people of this country would accept gold in payment of debts even if its l tender function were withdrawn by ernment is purely hypothetical. r of the Oregonian does not her they would or would not payment of debts at its pre- gal tender value. It would cer- depreciate in value in this try. No single nation can by ad- rse legislation debase a metal which is recognized by all other nations as money of ultimate payment. Great Britian practically went to the gold basis in 1816, but silver bullion still recognized legal tender function among other nations when coined into money.

Gold possesses no magical properties in itself. Money is purely a creation of man. Gold is used as a money metal because of its peculiar adaptability for that purpose. Neither God nor Nature made it money. We read in an ancient book, of some authority in these days even among gold-bugs, that gold was once made into an image and worshipped as a god, but whether it was unto the image or the gold of which it was composed that those primitive people rendered their ignorant homage, we do not presume to say. But there is not the remotest hint of a doubt that the modern worshipper of the gold-god gives his devout and undivided devotion to the yellow metal itself. By some kind of hocus pocus method of reasoning he arrives at the absurd conclusion that gold would st the g wi

THE president's message is a rather conservative document, and will not compare with some of his former state papers. President Cleveland is forcible only when he discusses the Monroe doctrine in its bearings on the attitude of Great Britian in the Bluefields affair. His recommendations in regard to free ships, free coal and free iron ore will hardly attract the serious attention of the present congress. The president earnestly recommends the repeal of all discriminating duties on sugar. It is probably safe to say that the house is in touch with the president on this subject, but the senate will never permit this part of his tariff policy to be enforced. The president's currency scheme is something comparatively new to the country, and the American people will want to first seriously consider the so-called Baltimore plan before passing any favorable legislation. The scheme may be feasible, but there are certain features which appear visionary, besides it squints strongly in the direction of the old state bank system of odious memory. Taken as a whole the message is a fairly creditable state paper, but it bears only a few of the strong characteristics of its author.

ALLEN W. THURMAN states the currency question fairly and squarely when he says: "The currency question to be decided is whether this country shall have both gold and silver as money of ultimate redemption and paper redeemable in the same, or whether its basis money shall consist of gold alone and paper promises to pay issued by the banks based upon other paper promises to pay. In other words, is the currency of the country to based be upon debts or coin?" This is a clear, precise and definite statement of the financial issue before the people of this country. The political campaign of '96 will probably decide which policy the government of the United States will establish once and for all.

WE publish in another column a very readable article on "Single-tax vs. Wealth." The writer is one of the ablest single-tax advocates in Polk county, and whatever he has to say on the subject is always expressed with vigor and intelligence. The ENTERPRISE is always glad to publish communications which deal with live topics. We wish to make our paper an open court wherein can be heard the opposing arguments on questions of local and public moment. Of course it is understood that all questions must be discussed in a decorous and candid manner, for none other will be permitted to appear in this paper.

THE thunder of Japanese artillery at Port Arthur has even silenced the public ear to the loud "chin music" of Champion Jim Corbett and his frothy challenger Bob Fitzsimmons. The phenomenon is prophetic. It means that the great unwashed American public still takes a live interest in the mighty world-events going on around them.

SENATOR VEST is credited with saying: "I won't talk about the election. I won't talk it over with anybody. I won't talk it over even with my wife for fear I would lick her." It is safe to say that Missouri's distinguished senator has never tried his hand at that little game or he would not be troubled with the "fear" that he "would lick her."

THE Chinese Empire, in its egotistic ... cringing and ...man.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Their Origin Traced to the Jewish Law-giver.

And Jethro said, "Appoint Rulers over the People, some over Thousands and some over Hundreds.

EDS. ENTERPRISE:—In speaking of these courts it will be proper to consider their origin, the reasons for their existence and their history.

Go back with me five thousand years to the land of Egypt, and we find two nations inhabiting one country, one nation in subjection to the other, the subject race beings the Jews. A jew named Moses killed one of the Egyptians, and fearing discovery he fled the country and went to the New Mexico of that day, a land called Midian, and camped near a public well, and to this well came the seven daughters of a wealthy farmer living near by, bringing their father's flocks to water them at the well. Certain scoundrelly sheep herders came along and tried to drive the girls away from the well and water their own herds first, but Moses stood up for the girls, made the sheep herders stand back, and himself drew water and watered their stock for them and sent the girls home rejoicing. And their father, one Jethro, a prominent man there, wanted to know of them how it was that they had gotten home so quickly and they answered that an Egyptian had delivered them from the herders and had drawn water and watered their stock for them. And Jethro said, "Where is the man? What did you leave him for? Bring him in and give him something to eat." The acquaintance so agreeably struck up, resulted in Moses staying right there, surrounded by seven handsome young ladies and a large farm, as pleasant an outlook as any young man need desire, and the usual result followed; he married one of the young ladies. He remained there quite a while assisting in conducting the farm until it became his duty to go back into Egypt and bring from that country his people or brethren who were recieving "Hail K'lumby" from their brutal oppressors. After much trial and tribulation he got every one of them away under his leadership, and they struck out for a new country, and after a long journey they stopped in the ... tory of R... The fame of Moses' performances and successes had reached clear to Jethro's farm in Midian, and Jethro gathered up Moses' wife and children and took them down to him. Whether Jethro did this because he thought Moses ought to support his own family or not is not stated, but a well-to-do farmer who has made his property himself, and has six girls yet on hand, is not usually liable to overlook a little matter like that. At all events Jethro kept his thoughts to himself, and Moses, who wrote the account, was shrewd enough not to mention it, but he went out, greeted his father-in-law, invited him in and a big dinner was had, and the notables came in and ate with Jethro, the guest of the occasion.

The next day Moses held court and a vast crowd of people stood around all day while court was in session, and Moses performed the duties of judge, teacher and clergyman. Jethro asked what it meant, Moses explained, and Jethro said: "Now young man let me put a pointer in your ear. You cannot do all this work yourself. It is too ... for one man. You pick out ... men, of good hard ... appoint them to giving to ... thou- ... some ...

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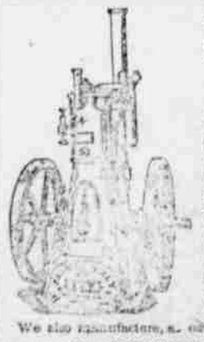

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