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The financial editor of the New York Tribune (Hon. Roswell G. Horr) says, "I have always insisted that silver should be used as the money of final redemption, but upon a new ratio, fixed after taking into consideration the cheapening of the metal, which has been produced by conditions entirely outside of legislative enactments." It is really encouraging to hear so stentorian a voice as Roswell G. Horr's crying in the financial wilderness for silver as money of final redemption. The ratio is established according to the relative cost of production of the two metals. The ratio is not established, as some suppose, according to the relative products of the two metals. For example: From 1851 to 1872 the product of gold was 74.1 per cent, silver 25.9 per cent—ratio 15.5 to 1; from 1873 to 1892, the product of gold was 48 per cent, silver 52 per cent—ratio 24 to 1. When the American ratio of 16 to 1 was established the actual ratio was 15.5 to 1, but Thos. H. Benton, and other leading men of that day, favored the 16 to 1 ratio because that was the amount of silver contained in the Spanish dollar, which was then largely in circulation in the United States. We are a confirmed believer in bimetalism and consider it the duty of congress to give the country safe and consistent silver legislation, but we do not insist on the coinage ratio of 16 to 1. The ratio should be based upon the actual cost of production of the two metals, for it is a very difficult matter for a nation to keep its money at par when coined below the production cost of the metal. But to insist that the market value of bullion regulates the coinage ratio is absurd, it is always based upon the cost of production.

The new Pacific cable to Hawaii is a step towards an American protectorate over those islands or perhaps their ultimate annexation. As was to be expected the great majority of democratic senators would oppose an appropriation, for it is one of the fails of the administration to oppose anything looking towards the extension of American authority over the Hawaiian islands. The infant republic in the mid-Pacific is struggling valiantly for self-existence against internecine foes and foreign aggression, and the day is not distant when the strong arm of the United States must be extended for the protection of Hawaii. Mr. Cleveland lost an opportunity to make his administration historical when he stubbornly refused to recognize the Hawaiian people's plea for annexation. The president seems to have a congenital weakness to always stumble at the wrong moment. He is utterly incapable of coming in touch with the spirit of the American people or comprehending the manifest destiny of the Great Republic. He is the unfortunate victim of his own colossal egotism. The loss to the republic is only temporary, for a few years is of small moment in the life history of a nation. The present generation will see Hawaii an outpost of the American republic.

It is a decidedly humiliating spectacle to the people of the United States to see the secretary of the treasury pleading with a New York banking house to lend its influence at home and abroad to protect the treasury "against withdrawals of gold pending the complete contract" of the new bond issue. This, then, is the complexion to which the single gold standard has forced the country at last. The demand for gold has become so great that the depletion of the treasury reserve is continual and inevitable. The banks accumulate large amounts in greenbacks and treasury notes and then systematically present them to the subtreasury for payment in gold. The secretary of the treasury then puts this paper currency into circulation again, and a continual drainage is thus kept up on the treasury. The only hope for the country under the present administration is either an increased revenue tax or the cancellation of this paper currency as fast as it is taken in at the treasury.

It is claimed by the gold organs that lasting prosperity cannot be restored to this country until all of the United States paper currency is retired—greenbacks and treasury notes—and bank circulation substituted. We are of the opinion that it will be difficult to convince the people that the banks are a safer medium for issuing money than

the government. When the United States becomes insolvent, when they lose their credit both abroad and at home, there will be no hope for the people from that aggregation of greed and supercilious arrogance the national banks. The people of this country will yet be heard from in the halls of legislation. There is no self-respecting, independent people in the world so slow to act as the Americans, and none so irresistible when they do move. Legislation is too far removed from the people, they must and will come in touch with the law-making power. And that day is not far distant.

The new bond purchase of gold is to be largely negotiated in London. Our banks do not care to further deplete their gold reserve by the purchase of bonds. When English gold is put into the treasury the great banking houses of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc., will flood the treasury with paper currency and draw out the coveted gold. The new bond issue will not about \$65,000,000, in gold, but it will prove only a temporary expedient, unless the revenue of the government is increased, and another bond sale will have to be made within three months. The money operated as a good deal like pouring shot into a sieve. The gold runs out as fast as it comes in. Would it be possible for the silver standard or no standard at all to place the country in a worse predicament.

"Dolph or nothing," is now the slogan cry raised by the majority faction among the republicans of the legislature. Is it possible that the republican party of this state has come to so desperate a strait that it has only one man fit to represent it on the floor of the senate? Where is Scott, Corbett and Hirsch and Simon? Just think of it only one man, and that man Dolph! Why, there are a dozen as able men as Dolph. Gentlemen, if you have any conception of the eternal fitness of things you will "pool your issues" and send Joe Simon to the United States senate. He is as shrewd as the best of you, besides he knows the line and outs of the political virus better than any dozen of the he's and fronts of your party. Simon is the dark horse that ought to win the race in an easy canter.

The people of the United States will have to pay \$2,000,000 annually in interest on Mr. Carlisle's recent purchase of \$65,000,000 in gold. These bonds run 30 years at 4 per cent which means a total interest payment of \$78,000,000 on this single issue. When the principal falls due in 1925 it is probable that the purchasing power of gold will be thrifble what it is today. We are certainly entailing a heavy burden upon our children. And yet the gold monometalist cry out "silver fanatics" at the men who wish to enlarge the volume of money of final redemption.

It now appears that the victorious Japanese will yet dictate terms of peace within the hoary walls of Peking. The Chinese seem utterly incapable of realizing when they are soundly thrashed, and nothing short of complete humiliation and helpless impotence will bring them to a sense of their utter subjugation. The Japanese are already complete masters of the gateway to the imperial city and it is only a question of good weather when their Krupp guns will be battering down the walls of the capital.

There has been another Belshazzar's feast and this time it was held in Oregon's proud metropolis. The members of the legislature were "wined and dined" at the expense of the plethoric bank account of Oregon's distinguished Ex-Senator W. H. Corbett. The banquet was ostensibly a social affair but the ungodly press has dared to hint that it was really a still hunt for a lucky senatorial "dark horse" as Mr. Dolph's possible successor.

It would be well for our factions and belligerent legislators to give a part of their valuable time to considering the question of retrenchment and economy. The taxpayers of Oregon keep a watchful eye upon state expenditures and they will hold their representatives morally and politically responsible for any extra burdens of taxation. The legislature has already wasted thousands of dollars of the people's money in useless contention.

There are not wanting signs of the revival of business in the state on our southern border. The new San Joaquin railroad is putting new life into the dormant energies, besides San Francisco is making strenuous efforts to extend its municipal boundaries and rehabilitate the normal activity of trade. May the good work go on until it invigorates the stagnated industries of the Pacific Coast from rim to circumference.

The Examiner suggests: "While we are investigating one of the most useful investigating commissions we could get would seem to be one to investigate the sanity of the president."



M. L. Cheuvront Leonard, Mo.

In Agony

15 Years With Salt Rheum

Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave a Perfect Cure.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Hood's Sarsaparilla is an excellent medicine. I had eczema in my left leg for fifteen years. Part of the time my leg was one mass of scabs, and about every week corruption would gather under the skin and the scabs would slough off. The itching and burning sensation made me suffer intolerable agonies. I spent a great deal of money for different remedies but did not get relief. About a year ago leading physicians advised me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did so and have taken five bottles. Now all the sores, scabs and pain have vanished and I am enjoying perfect health. I think Hood's Sarsaparilla is second to none and fully recommend it to all suffering humanity." M. L. CHEUVRONT, Leonard, Missouri.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Hood's Pills not only yet promptly and efficiently, on the liver and bowels.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Three years ago H. B. Grant slashed some large grub oaks and turned in goats and they have already completely killed the stumps. Wm. Comegys sold D. W. Ralston forty-six head of mutton sheep at \$2, and the same gentleman gave Henry Hyerly \$2.39 apiece for his thirty-seven head. Judge Burch disposed of his marketable ones at \$2.

C. W. Smith, of Dallas, has a twenty day's job at \$7.50 per day as an expert, examining the state treasurer's books.

J. M. Grant has been appointed marshal and D. P. Stoffer has been chosen to fill out the unexpired term of City Auditor Snyder.

J. B. Nunn is back from Missouri and reports the weather very cold and times very hard in that country and says that many streams and wells have gone dry.

There were five bids for building the Ash swale bridge as follows: H. S. Montgomery, \$448; R. M. Gilbert, \$424; J. E. McCoy, \$376; H. B. St. John, \$359; T. P. Royal, \$334. The contract was let to the last named.

(Transcript.)

Frank and Linden Whiteman left Dallas last Saturday for California, where they will enter the employ of a nurseryman.

Harry Connaway has been appointed express agent at Whiteson.

Riley Hubbard has resigned his position as postmaster of Crowley.

Grand Master Parker returned Monday last from his visit to Corvallis, Philomath, Toledo and Newport. He will leave again Friday on a visit to Southern Oregon lodges.

The man who, while having no advertisement in his home paper stands on the street corners and talks about his interests in the community and the beauty and wisdom of patronizing home industries, should be regarded with suspicion. Such a man has no interest at heart except his own, and he is on the spot for what there is in it and to take advantage of the business brought to town by the people who do advertise and do not send outside to have their job work done.

(Observer.)

The county court made the following changes in road matters: One mile of road was added to the Monmouth district and F. S. Powell appointed supervisor. District 32, J. L. Stoddard appointed; Mill Creek District, J. H. McGee; District 10, J. K. Hubbard.

Mr. A. B. Enns, who lives one mile east of town, has a ten-acre gooseberry farm, and this season's crop amounted to 3,000 pounds of dried gooseberries. Mr. Enns manufactures these berries into jelly, and he now has an order for his entire crop. To make the 3,000 pounds of berries into jelly, it will take a car load of sugar, which has been ordered. The industry is a new one here, but Mr. Enns thinks he will make it a paying success.

On Wednesday, Banker M. M. Ellis of this place purchased the valuable Dixie mill property of McDaniel & White. The consideration will be about \$27,000. Mr. Ellis informs us that he will start the mill to running immediately.

Judge Burch has been suffering with an attack of the "grip."

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

SHOE SALE
 At Independence.
 I wish to close out my entire stock of Boots and Shoes.
 Any pair of goods in my stock at first cost and freight.
 Goods are all new and bought at lowest prices. Now is the time to buy.
W. H. PATTERSON.

THE Harness Shop
 F. E. SHAFER, Prop.
 Sells the best hand made harness and other saddlery goods for less money than ever before offered. Don't buy factory made stock when you can get the hand made for the same money.
 Repairing neatly and promptly done.
 ST. INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.
M. T. CROW
 Manufacturer of Sash AND Doors
 Everybody.
 Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

DRESS MAKING
 Miss Sophie Goff.
 Has lately returned from San Francisco and is prepared to give her patrons the benefit of a new system of Dress Cutting and Fitting.
 Cor. Railroad and D Sts., INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

PANIC SALE
 —OF—
VANDUYN, VENESS & WILCOX,
 [Successors to J. M. Vanduyn.]
WILL CONTINUE ALL NEXT WEEK.

Dress Goods	Ladies' Wool Hose
Trimming Silks	Misses' Wool Hose
Selicias	Children's Wool Hose
Flannels	Men's Wool Hose
Muslins	Ladies' Underwear
Ginghams	Ladies' Combination Suits
Calicos	Ladies' Kid shoes
Skirtings	Men's Shoes
Table Linens	Men's Boots
Towels	Storm Rubbers
Handkerchiefs	Cotten Pants
Corsets	Umbrellas
Silk Mittens	Clothing, 1/2 off
Wool Mittens	Men's Underwear
Kid Gloves	Macintoshes
Silk Alines	Duck Coats
Ribbons	Gloves

Just received A NEW line of Men's fancy bosomed White Shirts. The proper style for evening wear.
 Our New Stock will be Complete by the first of March.

Two Questions
 Are just now agitating the minds of the people of Independence. The first is:
 Who will be elected Sen.
 The second question is where to get the best
Bargains in Groceries
 The future alone will decide the first question. The second is being daily decided by
DOUTY & LOCK
 The bargains we are offering right along are the best you'll find anywhere, and the goods cannot be excelled.
 Headquarters for Strong's Bakery.

New Year's Proclamation.
 THE people of Polk county will take notice that during the year 1894 the BANNER CASH GROCERY led the procession with fine groceries and low prices. This year they propose to put a still greater distance between themselves and all competitors. They will sell goods at bottom prices.
J. P. IRVINE
 GROC.

A Few Pointers
 HAVE you ever considered the appearance of the stationery used by a business man has a great deal to do with the opinions formed of him by those with whom he corresponds?
 You have doubtless learned long ago that
Brains are used
 To make a good job of printing. So is conscience. A job made without skill and honesty is a good.
THE ENTERPRISE
 Has the best equipped office in the county and employs the most skilled artists. Its reputation for fine work is becoming rapidly known.
Remember that it Costs No More
 To have your work done here than it does to have it done any other place.
 The Enterprise also carries the best line of Legal Blanks in Polk county.
 They are correct in every particular. We solicit a trial order.