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A DOUBLE MONEY STANDARD.

The whole civilized world is moving along the line of financial enquiry as it never has been since the dawn of the Christian era.

Great Britain is the chief creditor of all nations and through her financial and commercial relations she virtually rules and controls the toiling millions of the earth.

From the wheat fields of India she compels the helpless peasantry to ship their wheat to Liverpool where it must be sold to meet the claims of English creditors at a price which must fix the compensation of labor at a figure unparalleled since the reign of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

Nor is this picture of poverty and helplessness changed by a change of the theatre of British action. Go to EGYPT and stand in her open ports and one will see the English creditor demanding the payment of all his balances.

Australia, a continent of natural wealth and greatness, lies prostrate with all her industries, like a ship, sailorless, rolling upon the sea, without compass, sail or rudder, the prey of British creditors.

To our neighbors on the north there is no escape from the calamitous consequences of the single gold standard of money as the measure of British exaction upon all of her countless debtors.

It only remains to be seen to what extent that grasping empire has extended its conquests over this great republic and how long she can hold the American people yoked as her bond slave to the single standard of gold as our only redemption-money.

Are we to continue an active ally of England in depressing the price of our own American silver and enhancing the value of British gold? It must not be forgotten that we are paying England about \$300,000,000 in gold settlements annually as the interest on our bonds, national and private, held by her people, and to meet this annual interest we must surrender about \$300,000,000 in products and manufactured property, at such prices as can be obtained in the open competitive markets of the world, to obtain the two hundred millions of gold.

Silver constituted the redemption money of America long before the Declaration of Independence and has continued through all the financial history of the republic as our standard redemption-money, holding sacred trust with almost unwavering value with gold ratios never ranging as low as 14 or as high as 17 to one of gold.

For nearly two hundred years this precious metal has stood the test as the standard of value and many of the redemption on a par with gold until February, 1873, the United States closed its mints against silver and made gold the

sole measurement of values, requiring silver as well as all other kinds of commercial and financial exchange, to be redeemed in gold. Since that day silver has ceased to be money only in the sense as a medium of exchange and since the day of its demonetization the British lion has torn the plumage of the American eagle and otherwise so defiled it that our American silver dollar is quoted at half price in the London exchange.

Our silver dollars are at par with gold by reason only of our enforcement of the gold standard, redeeming silver with gold, and we are able to accomplish this gigantic folly by selling gold bonds and heaping up our interest bearing national debt, otherwise we are—with reference to debts—drifting into the same gulf of ruin as our South American republics, with this difference which is not in reality a difference but only a distinction.

While they settle their foreign debts only with gold we settle both our foreign and domestic debts on our gold basis, and when we come short of gold as we frequently have and will continue to do, we resort to the sale of more gold bonds to meet the demands of Great Britain whenever she sees fit to attack our treasury and thus imperil our national credit.

Nor is this the most humiliating of all. There are those who call themselves republicans who seem to be bereft of financial sanity, those who profess national honesty advocate the continuance of the single gold standard to the utter ruin of every American industry, if it does not in its logical consequences lead to the overthrow of the republic itself through greater provocation than was found for the French revolution.

Against the continuance of this monstrous wrong, a wrong against which every true American patriot will stand opposed at the ballot box in 1896, the columns of the HATCHET will be found active and untiring to the end of the contest, for gold and silver as our final redemption-money at as near the historic ratio as possible.

THE NEW CONSERVATORY.

The proposed conservatory of music is something we will all welcome. Its backers are men of abundant means and of Prof. Greene's ability there can be no question, while the advantage of having an institution in the Northwest where a thorough musical education with every convenience can be had is easily apparent.

With so evident a need of it, with means and ability to fill that want it starts out most favorably, and Forest Grove is the place for it. Everything is here in surroundings and appearance to please and gratify the lovers of the beautiful. Nature seems here in perfect harmony. To come down to more prosaic reasons, it is filled with lovers of good music, living expenses here are light, Portland prices prevail in all lines and it is easily accessible.

That the conservatory will be established is assured, that it will come to Forest Grove is not yet settled, though she will have the preference, that it may should be the ardent desire of every well wisher of our city, and every effort should be used to that end. Such a school would draw numbers here from all the Northwest, people that would bring in money but take none away. It would advertise the Grove broadly and in the best way. It would make it more desirable as a residence through the attractions in the way of famous artists performing here which the large cities cannot surpass. It would make this more a city of homes of people coming here to educate their children. It is worth having, worth working for.

FIRE WOMEN.

Now that the fire department is thoroughly organized a great lack is apparent—there should be a ladies' company. The women come back after their severe exertion in quelling the flames, tired and chilled and hungry, a good warm fire and a lunch and a cheerful welcome would be a wonderful aid to making contented members of society again. The masculine non-combatants might build a fire in the stove and carry wood and water, and there are surely many ladies who would be glad to boil the coffee. Occasionally a social when there was no one to the members of the department would get better acquainted. The HATCHET will be glad to publish a call for a meeting to organize a coffee club here and will do all in its power to help it along as it aims to do with everything that is for the interest of Washington county people.

Hon. I. A. Macrum's name was inadvertently omitted from our reported list of delegates elected by the McKinley club to the state convention. As the Oregonian item was taken from our proof sheets of course the same mistake occurred there.

Hurry in our make up last week made a slight mistake in our editorial on "Our Politics". Of course "clutched" should have read "touched" where the reference is made to the goddess of Liberty. In hand writing we take after Horace Greeley.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Council Meetings to be Monthly—A Street Widening—Public Baths—Dogs.

When the council opened its session Wednesday all members were present except Mr. McNamer, who was in Portland and Mr. Stewart who came in later, the Mayor presiding and the Recorder at his desk.

The committee on widening a street made partial report and was granted further time, after much discussion, of what the probable expense of the improvement would be. One of the South Park streets which had been ordered extended but had not yet been graded was spoken of. A largely signed petition to repeal the ordinance licensing public balls, laid over from previous meeting was read and proper committee instructed to embody the relief desired in an ordinance so as to get it properly before the council. The resignation of Councilman Sappington, who expects to be out of town part of the time through the summer, was read but no action taken as the council thought he would be present often enough to give his office proper attention. Mr. Walker moved an amendment to the rules of order changing the meeting night to the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

A warrant was ordered drawn in W. W. Langley's favor for services in prosecuting Chamberlain (the man arrested last summer for disorderly conduct and who jumped his bail bond), the bill having been favorably reported by the finance committee. That committee also recommended the payment of Joe Bailey's bill for expenses in connection with going to Salem to inspect fire apparatus, \$5.75; J. T. Buxton's bill for repairing the fire truck, \$2.50 and Aaron Wells, \$10.25, for copying ordinances, notices, etc.

The recorder was instructed to notify Wm. T. H. Tongue that he had been appointed the city's counsel in the matter of the forfeited Chamberlain bail bond. A proposition from the WASHINGTON COUNTY HATCHET for publishing city ordinances and council proceedings was read and referred to the committee on printing. The fire warden stated the fire company had only thirteen buckets and needed one and one-half dozen more, also an axe. The mayor was requested to procure the required number of fire buckets, also the axe. Mr. Stewart reported some of the rock hauling done last summer had not been paid for. The owner of the property where the improvement had been made was ordered notified. Marshal reported a pony in the pound, sorrel, harness worn, gaunt and lame in its fore feet. The owner of the animal has been unsuccessfully advertised for. A special council meeting will be held next Monday to make arrangements for the sale which will probably be next Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. at the public yard. L. C. Walker, president of the council, was called to the chair and the mayor retired. The cow question came up with reference to cows breaking in gates and an ordinance was ordered drawn excluding vicious dogs from the streets. Marshal was authorized to have a notice on the dog tax and a summary of the ordinance relating to it published in one of the papers.

Council adjourned a little after nine until next Monday evening at 7:30.

G. A. F. and W. R. C.

J. B. Matthews post had a very profitable and enjoyable session Wednesday night. After the business in the post closed, and the latter session announced the presence of the Relief Corps who marched in under command of Comrad. John Baldwin exchanged songs and took seats with the post. Very appropriate speeches were made by Comrad. Smith, Mrs. G. and others, and Mrs. Jones presented an excellent selected piece. They sang their patriotic womanhood they yanked forth and pinned a garland of beautiful flowers on the coat lapel of each member of our country's flag and broke forth in strains of inspiring music such as cheered the weary soldier in the sixties, filling them anew with that patriotic inspiration that has ever maintained us a nation. To them much more credit is due than is generally given. All honor to the patriotic of America is the sentiment of this post.

M. F. Church.

Sunday—Services will be conducted by the pastor. Sermon at 11 a. m. "The Excellent Freedom and Privilege of the Christ Life." The evening topic will be "The Church of Babylon and Confusion of the Tongues" Music by the choir and organ. A cordial welcome to all.

Two Runaways in One Ride.

Sunday night a party of three coming down a hill near town suffered a serious mishap. Starting off with one rig they had a runaway, then changed wagons and had another—both through not having any brake on their wagons. The second time they lost control of their horses all three were thrown from the wagon and badly hurt. George Holscher was mangled about the head, especially about the eyes and nose. Richard Holscher was also injured about the head, one cheek being nearly torn away and John Meyer, the third unfortunate, had his leg broken. Dr. Ward, who is attending them, reports them doing well now.

A New Conservatory.

There is considerable talk of the kind that tells going on among some of the city's solid men about establishing a conservatory of music here patterned after the best eastern institutions. Prof. Green, already known throughout the Northwest as one of its ablest musicians, has received flattering offers from various places to take charge of such schools, the one from Salem especially being strongly backed financially. Already his classes are double what one man should attempt to instruct and there are numerous other pupils desirous of joining them. Recognizing that there was nothing in that line north of San Francisco, that Forest Grove had exceptional advantages for its location and that there was no other way to keep Prof. Green among us, a number of music lovers and moneyed men have practically formed a joint stock company, the formal organization of which will be completed shortly. Suitable grounds will be purchased, a handsome building especially adapted to this use erected and it will be fitted with every appliance which can in any way render it better or more convenient for the use of a conservatory. Instruments of the best make will be supplied, including eventually a good pipe organ, the best of instructors secured and with Prof. Green at its head the institution will be on an equality with eastern conservatories and furnish every advantage to those desiring a thorough musical education. A large hall, seating five hundred, will be one of the features and here the best artists that visit the Coast will appear. Everything will be completed and the conservatory opened a year from this fall.

Song Talk.

Mrs. McClelland gave the third of her "song-talks" to the vocal class, Friday, on "The Aria and Scena," which was afterwards illustrated by the following program:

- Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre Miss Stewart. Mendelssohn Oh Rest in the Lord Miss Jones. Handel With Verdure Chorus Miss Stewart. Handel Let the Bright Seraphim Miss Stewart. Mozart When You're Absent Mrs. McClelland. Mozart Dove Song Miss Stewart. Liszt Piano Solo—Rigoletto Miss Cooley.

School Statistics.

County Superintendent Bond has courteously furnished several reports about the Washington county public schools which will be of interest to many. There are 6038 children of school age (that is between 4 and 20 years of age) of whom 4113 were enrolled during the year, 184 of these under 6 years, on average 3128 pupils were studying each day, an average of 7 to each school, 165 teachers taught them, receiving for their services for month, men \$33.68, women \$29.25. The average school time for each child is 136 months. Altogether there was paid out a teacher's salaries last year \$264,77.88. Public school property in the county is valued at \$58,715.

GASTON.

The Congregational church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday. Rev. Fauschard preached and thirty-six new members joined the church. Charles Danfield is still quite sick with a slow fever. He is being well cared for by the I. O. O. F. Raymond Bros. are constantly putting new goods in their store. Mr. Jeter, the druggist, has just been putting a new stock into his store. They after in Wapato lake is fast going out and the plow will soon be running where water now stands. H. C. Raymond, Y. J. Bay and P. S. Hudson were elected delegates to the meeting of the State League of Republicans, Club of Gaston. On Mrs. Gillett's table, under the big grandstand of Grandmother Gillett, the old folks in Washington county are getting on in the state, their ages are respectively 91 and 92 years. They have been married 65 years. Mr. Jeter shot the wild geese last Tuesday evening. The geese are intending to build a new nest each during the summer. H. C. Tupper has started out with his new peddle wagon. He will carry almost everything the farmers want and will take their eggs and chickens in exchange.

Twice Told Tales.

It is not our rule to let a good thing drop when we have spoken of it once, but we keep talking about it—get more interested in it ourselves and get you interested. The columns of the HATCHET are filled with good things, some new and some you have heard before—for instance our

Sermon on Hard Times

One year ago, set many a thoughtful person on the right road to prosperity. Pay as you go and you will never be hard-pressed by the credit-merchant dunning you for store bills on which you pay treble profits, a reasonable profit for selling the goods and an unreasonable profit for charging the goods and last, but not least, a large percent allowed for goods sold to certain customers who never pay. And as the credit merchant can not know how many such customers he may have he adds a good round percent to all goods charged to be sure to cover losses. Do you want to continue to keep paying for goods some one else buys? If so, stand by the credit system. But if you feel you have paid dearly enough by patronizing the credit system, then try our CASH store where goods are sold for spot cash or produce and no percent added for bad debts.

Hard times and people being hard up is caused to a great extent by recklessly going in debt and paying long time prices and large profits for the sake of a short accommodation. Often a customer will pay twenty five per cent more for an article at a credit store than would buy the same identical quality at a Cash Store, paying this difference without advantage. At the same time if the credit merchant would offer you the goods at a cash price and ask two and a half years interest at ten percent in advance for the sake of a few weeks' accommodation, you would think it very unjust. Nevertheless either way the price amounts to the same. We do not deny the fact that a large amount of our purchases are made from those who are forced to sell nor do we deny that we are from time to time buying immense quantities of first class goods in job and forced sale prices. Though we never touch "risky stuff" the would-be (if they could) competitors cry, "risky job lots, damaged goods," and other things to prejudice you against our goods. But it is the fellows who see only the surface of things that can be influenced by these high price dealers.

The deep resourer takes no stock in them, he sees at a glance that if our goods were not just as we say we could not afford to guarantee every dollar's worth of them and give the privilege of returning the goods at any time in good order and we will pay back the money if the goods are not as represented. We have Bargains in Dry Goods.

- Bargains in Dress Goods. Bargains in Clothing. Bargains in Dress Trimming. Bargains in Men's Shoes. Bargains in Ladies' Shoes. Bargains in Groceries. Bargains in Hardware. Bargains in Upholstery. Bargains in Glass Ware.

To find out many bargains to find space to put them in all here. It will pay you to come and see our spring stock. The show is free, it will cost you nothing to get yourself on present values. Do not let interested parties scare you from examining our goods for yourselves by crying "job lots." We own our goods far less and will sell them for less than any credit store in Washington county. Yours for Business,

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