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TRUE AND FALSE BIMETALISM.

The true significance of the recent election is clearly set forth in the following article by Senator Wm. E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, published in an English Magazine. It should be borne in mind that it is the expression of one of the leaders of the senate and the representative of a staunch republican state of the far East.

European bimetalists need not believe that the selection of McKinley and Hobart by overwhelming majorities is a decision to permanently accede to the single gold standard. The Bryan proposition was soon seen by the American voters to be simply that the United States should accept silver monometalism, should give up all attempts to keep gold and silver at a parity, should send gold to a premium and thereby make it merchandise merely, and should base all American prices upon silver only. It can hardly be considered, upon reflection, by any true bimetalist, that such action on our part would have helped the cause of bimetalism in any country in the world.

It is true that the Bryanites called themselves bimetalists, and that Mr. Bryan, in his recent outcry from his temporary political entombment, addresses not the people, but the bimetalists. This, however, is a sheer affectation. No Bryan orator or writer has seriously denied that the adoption of his policy—the immediate unlimited free coinage of silver by the United States alone—would send gold to a premium and keep it there for an indefinite period. Surely that would be silver monometalism; and can it be contended that silver monometalism is any better stepping-stone to bimetalism than gold monometalism? I had supposed that it was generally agreed by thoughtful and rational bimetalists everywhere that it would not help, but would rather hinder the cause of bimetalism for the United States to leap at once to free coinage. How, then, can the late decision of the people against free coinage injure the contest for bimetalism? Here the question might be left, but a fuller survey of all the causes of the defeat of Bryan and the election of McKinley may be useful.

Conservative people—and America has more conservatives than Europeans think—were alarmed at the character of the followers of Mr. Bryan and their doctrines additional to the one favoring free silver coinage. All the socialists, anarchists and wild men of society whom Europe has sent us shrieked for Bryan, although the great bulk of our adopted citizens voted for McKinley. The platform seemed to countenance rioting as a means of redress of grievances, and it made one of its planks a reconstruction of the supreme court, in order to change a legal decision.

A majority of the people wish for a more energetic foreign policy than they believe will come from any democratic administration. They are deeply affected by the lamentable condition of the Chris-

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tian subjects of the Turkish empire. They mean to annex Hawaii. They desire to see Venezuela allowed to retain her rightful sole dominion over the mouth of the Orinoco. They are intensely anxious to see arrested the atrocities in Cuba, and to aid in making the island free and independent.

But none of the foregoing reasons, not even the one concerning the national honor in connection with the currency, influenced so many voters against Bryan as did the determination of the American people to plainly vindicate and firmly establish the principle of protection to American industries by adequate tariff duties on foreign products.

That the United States is opposed to the single gold standard, and is in favor of retracing, in due course and with careful regard to the national honor, the steps taken in the demonetization of silver, until gold and silver shall be admitted to free coinage at the ratio of 15 1/2 to 1, and made the standard money of the world and the measure of values of the world, is a proposition which would receive the suffrages of four-fifths of our voters, if this proposition alone could be fairly presented to them, even without further debate.

To such convictions, entertained by a vast majority of American voters committed to bimetalism, the friends of such a monetary system may confidently appeal. The question is not one for four years, or for a decade. It may take as long to remonetize silver as it has taken to realize the paralyzing influence of demonetization. But the fact that 6,000,000 out of the 13,000,000 of American voters have given their ballots for the wild protest of immediate free silver coinage by the United States alone shows that the question is one which must be compromised and adjusted in some way. The advocates of gold monometalism are crying out that the silver question is dead. They hope, but not really believe, that this is true. Never was it more important for bimetalists to exert themselves. Mr. McKinley is pledged by his own words to cooperate with us.

HILLSBORO.

L. E. Wilkes was in Portland Tuesday. Ex-Gov. Thayer attended court here last Friday.

A new son has been added to the family of Pastor Hughes of the Congregational church.

The ice on the Jackson lake proved quite an attraction Sunday. Many parties remaining until after dark.

The city council met in special session Saturday evening and appointed judges and clerks of the city election to be held on Monday the 7th.

Jesse T. Stewart who has clerked in the Bryan-Laidlaw store for several years and Fred Root, of Farmington, went to Portland Monday evening to enter the Portland Business College. Success to you boys.

The recent cold snap caught many house plants without protection and the inevitable result followed. The light and water people are busy looking after frozen pipes. Such weather for November has not occurred within the recollection of the "oldest settler".

The third semi-annual convention of the Washington County Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the Congregational church in Hillsboro Saturday and Sunday, delegates being in attendance from most of the societies in the county. The closing session was held in the court room on Sunday evening. Principal Bates, of Forest Grove, preached the sermon in the evening.

The time of circuit court is occupied this week in the case of the State vs. Steeves, on change of venue from Multnomah county. Dist. Attorney's Lord of Portland and Cleaton of this district conduct the prosecution, while S. B. Huston, of this city, Judge M. L. Pipes, of Portland and Jas. McCain, of McMinnville, appear for the defense. A host of witnesses have been subpoenaed for each side and the trial will last for several days.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. J. C. Clark, Druggist.

County School Notes.

Report of district 49 for month ending Nov. 25. No. enrolled 19. Average attendance 18. Cases of tardiness 20. Days taught 20. Visitors 24.—Mrs. J. F. Steventon, Laurel, teacher.

Report of district No. 53 for the month commencing November 2 and ending November 27. No. days taught 18. No. days attendance 609. No. pupils enrolled 41. Average daily attendance 33. Those neither absent nor tardy during the month were: Gilbert, Byron and Lester Mooberry, Clarence Gray, Joseph Wunderlich, Mary and Emma Hullsman. Those who were not absent during the month were: Bertha and James Boyd, Julia and Mary Mariner.—Louisa Mooberry, teacher.

Following is the report of Helvatia school, district No. 55, for the second month of the term which began October 5. No. of days taught 19. No. of days attendance 625 1/2. No. of days absence 75 1/2. Average No. belonging 37. Average daily attendance 33. Total No. enrolled 40. No. of cases tardiness none. Roll of Honor: Pauli Bishop, Estella Guerber, Lillie Guerber, Fred Picon, Chris. Ritter, Mollie Ritter, George Ritter, Carrie Ritter, Fred Tschabold, Lena Waeffer and Robert Yungen.—Eva A. Miller, teacher.

Report of Middleton school district No. 22 for the month ending Nov. 23. Whole number of days attendance 985. No. of days absence 235. No. enrolled 61. No. of boys enrolled 32. No. of girls enrolled 29. Average daily attendance 50. No. of times tardy 18. The following named pupils were neither absent nor tardy: Earnest Meier, Roy Harrington, Clifford Saitus, Blake True, May Driskel, Clara Harrington, Arthur Rahn, Maude Buffington, Lester Aspole, Florence Gardner, Melvin Harrington, Roy Crawford, Gilbert Crawford, Ralph Beane, Francis Saitus, Mary Spath, Anna Spath, Ray Reasoner, Jennie Reasoner and Wilda Ferguson.—Mary C. Saitus, teacher.

CORNELIUS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Report of district No. 2 for month ending Nov. 27:

Table with 3 columns: I, II, III. Rows include: No. enrolled, Average daily attendance, Cases of tardiness, Per cent. of attendance, Average of deportment, Average of scholarship, No. of visitors, Pupils belonging at close of month.

No. of days taught, L.—J. T. Dorrien, principal. Roll of honor: Minnie Neep, Lulu Noland, Nellie Pomeroy, Maude Points, Robert Irmler, John S. Noland.

II.—Mrs. Alma L. Dorrien, intermediate department. Roll of honor: Theodore Neep, Willie Vickers, Fred Johnson, Emma Ehlert, Alvo Anderson, Atta Merrill.

III.—Miss Stella M. Miller, primary department. Roll of honor: Lillian Points, Harry Neep, Hedwig Matthies, Tracey Neep, Charlie Points, Willie Krause, Katie Keim, Lillie Ehlert, Nellie Johnson, Claude Noland, Kenneth Dorrien, Rinehard Matthies, Edna Freeman.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The programme committee, comprising G. A. Jones, A. P. Armstrong, H. G. Starkweather, C. L. Hunt, J. N. Hart and State Superintendent G. M. Irwin, has arranged the following programme for the holiday session of the State Teachers' Association:

Monday, December 28, 7:30 p. m.—Address of welcome by Mayor Claud Gatch, and response by P. L. Campbell, president Monmouth normal school.

Tuesday, 9:30 a. m.—Organization; Reading by Hiram Tyree, of Albany, followed by discussion of use and time given to supplementary reading. "The Need of Studying Pedagogics," W. H. Allen, of Monmouth, and D. V. S. Reid, of Eugene. Afternoon session—"Duty of the State Toward Deaf Mutes," by Superintendent P. S. Knight; "Relative Importance of Intellectual and Moral Culture," W. C. Kantner; "United States History in Our Public Schools," Frank Rigler, of Portland. Evening session—Music; address, C. M. Ideman.

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.—"Penmanship, Spencerian or Vertical," A. P. Armstrong, of Portland; "Elements of Success in Teaching," J. T. Gregg, Portland; "Teaching a Profession," M. G. Royal, Weston; "Music in Public Schools," F. Berchtold, of Corvallis; "Language Teaching in Public Schools," J. H. Ackerman, Portland; "Science in the Common Schools," Professor Froedell, of Eugene. Evening session—Music; address, C. H. Chapman, Eugene.

The session is to be held in the First M. E. church. Other features may yet be added to the programme.

SCHOLLS.

Mrs. Ella Wideking is reported as singing.

Thanksgiving passed very quietly at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groner spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

Mr. A. Wilkes, of Hillsboro, was in our midst Sunday.

Miss Anna Meyers spent Thanksgiving at her home in the Grove.

Will Taylor and Miss Lena Gassner spent Sunday at Cooper Mt.

Chris and Arthur Nelson spent the latter part of last week in Portland.

Mrs. Clara Skeels has returned from visiting her daughter in Washington.

Mrs. Stank who is visiting her parents at Cornelius is reported as being quite sick.

Mrs. B. T. Flint is still very low. Small hope is entertained of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmeltzer and Miss Genevieve spent Thanksgiving at Forest Grove.

Mr. Edd Goughner, of Sherwood, was shaking hands with his old friends at this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wallen and Mr. and Mrs. Stutton, of Laurel, spent Tuesday in the metropolis.

Mr. Nelson had the misfortune to lose his residence and all its contents last Saturday evening by fire. Several sacks of flour were all that was saved. The fire originated from a defective flue. Estimate of loss was not learned.

One of our citizens like "Samantha Allen" was so elated over the prospect of a day spent in town that she quite forgot the principal feature of her toilet and was only reminded of it when some distance from home, her husband exclaimed, "Why! Rachel, where's your hat?" Since then there has been a good deal of laughter at her expense. She borrowed a hat at the next residence and nothing further occurred to mar her day in town.

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The Union Thanksgiving Services.

EDITOR HATCHET:—The public services held on Thanksgiving day in the large auditorium of the M. E. Church at Forest Grove was not of the usual character which distinguishes the annual commemoration of that canonized day in the United States. The character of the audience was perhaps as rare as the occasion, for only now and then do we see such an assemblage of representative citizens at a public meeting in this city.

Our Pacific University was well represented by Doctor Joseph W. Marsh and several other members of the faculty. The ladies of our city were well represented by the young and beautiful, by the mature and thoughtful mothers, while the gentlemen were in force from the noble commoner to our venerable senator, and all made up a thoughtful and appreciative audience.

A composite choir from the various churches rendered excellent music, closing with a national hymn in which the congregation joined. Rev. Mr. Rogers presided with characteristic ease and dignity. The opening invocation was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Walker, so well-known in missionary fields. The reading of the sacred text by the Rev. Mr. Staver was excellent and impressive.

The oration-address by the Reverend Mr. Starr, pastor of the M. E. church, was logical and eloquent in a rare degree. The speaker opened his address founded upon the scriptural declaration, "He hath not done so to any other nation," and awoke within his audience rapt attention to his astronomical and geological descriptions of the creation of the universe, which has received the ministering and fostering care of the Creator ever since light,—the prime work of God, dawned upon the pathway of every creature. His historic epochs have their providential characters from the Hebrew commonwealth with Moses, Abraham and Jacob, to the Apostolic Epoch with John the Baptist, Paul and Our Redeemer. The splendor of the Moorish civilization, the glory of its arms, its commerce and colonization, all were swept away giving place to other types of civilization. The Reformation with Luther, spreading like flames of fire from Germany to Holland, Sweden and all over Europe; establishing the commonwealth of England under the providence of God and bringing out a Cromwell who gave to the Anglo-Saxon race that imperishable love of civil and religious liberty which we inherited from a noble ancestry.

The orator's conception of God walking in the earth guarding the gateway of civilization in its march westward, was as beautiful as his profound views of the German Reformation which by Divine Wisdom was planted on deeper soil than resistance to the sale of papal indulgences. So the Divine forces of the

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American Revolution were planted on deeper principles than resistance to arbitrary taxation, and as God in Germany had ordained reformers to prepare the way, like John in the Wilderness, for the Reformation under Luther, so in the American colonies God had appeared as the special champion and defender of the right of popular government long before the battle of Lexington had made that a question to be decided at the cannon's mouth. Thus had God done with this nation, in a special manner reaffirming His special purposes visible in the government of the Teutonic race which for long was well nigh lost through the usurpation of religious despotism in Britain, but now transplanted to the virgin soil of America and invigorated by Divine purposes. The Teutonic constitution was a representative system and grew under the providences of God and has developed into our present national government, the transcendent glory of the earth as well as the ineffable glory of His Divine Administration which awoke the Anglo-Saxon race to the consciousness of that spiritual life which God had planted in the organic structure of the Teutonic government and character, centuries before.

The orator's most sublime epoch was the discovery of this continent by Columbus, giving a new theater for the founding of a Christian Nation dedicated to the cause of civil and religious liberty, guarded by divine providences from the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers to the adoption of the Federal Constitution, upon which the magnificent structure of this National Republic stands four square to all the blasts of that Spanish and French system of colonization which threatened to establish a monarchy of the most despotic character.

The speaker's reasoning was clear, logical and conclusive. His historic account of the character of the Spanish, French, Dutch and English settlements for purposes of conquest for papal and hereditary monarchies of Europe was grand indeed. His glorious characters divinely appointed from Washington to Lincoln were true to the logic of historic events. His allegories and metaphors were replete with wisdom and instruction. Mr. Starr, in a most vivid manner, called attention to the condition of that branch of the Caucasian race known as the Armenians. That wonderful branch of the noblest race on earth inhabit the country of the beautiful, historic Euphrates and Tigris and the table land which can boast of the great Ararat, a people who are proud of their lineal descent from Noah through the line of Japheth, a brave people once powerful who were able to defeat and drive back the Babylonian and Mydian invaders. They built beautiful cities, founded national institutions which gave character to their splendid Christian civilization. Once numerous and powerful, now depleted and decimated, the unequal match of the pagan vampires who have dismembered their native land for spoilation under the sharp edge of the cruel sword. This remnant of a glorious nation has been anathematized as heretical by both the Greek and Roman Catholic churches, and for the past half century has been the subject of the most cruel persecution, slaughter and pillage ever recorded in history, not excepting the slaughter of seventy thousands of Protestants of France. If our eloquent divine will pursue this study of Armenia to a logical conclusion, he will find abundant reason for the opinion that the Pope of Rome and not the Emperor of the Turkish Empire, can and should be compelled by the Protestant Nations of the World, to put a stop to the undistinguished slaughter of Armenian Protestants who reside within the papal diocese of Armenia.

His elegant tribute to our flag, the emblem of the nation, which God through His invisible but omniscient providences has established, moved the whole audience to feelings of gratitude that our lot is cast under the protection of that flag which makes us free to worship God and enjoy the rights of civil, religious and constitutional liberty under the government of the United States.

The speaker summed up results under the providences of God: A republic in awful grandeur dressed, combining liberty with order, private right with public duty, individual independence joined with national sovereignty. All of this has been accomplished without the aid of hereditary monarchy, but in spite of its sharpest sword. Under a National Constitution, self-government has been demonstrated by the descendants of the Teutonic race. Nowhere else has government so ennobled; so elevated woman; so inspired its young men with heroism; so protected every creed and faith; so smoothed the road of life and given Christian morality and happiness to homes, and a hope of everlasting life.

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