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Crater Lake Discovered by Fremont.

Crater Lake, Or., Aug. 19.—The Mazamas left Crane creek yesterday morning, arrived at the lower camp ground at Crater lake early last evening, and came up to the summit this morning, where they found four government parties awaiting them. There are several hundred persons in camp, including about 40 members of the Klamath Crater Lake Club. Owing to the late arrival of the club members, Mazama day has been changed from Friday to Thursday, at which time interesting exercises will be held on Wizard island.

While at Pelican bay I met, accidentally, J. C. Bennet, of Gridley, Cal., who visited Crater lake with John C. Fremont, in January or February, 1849. This would make General Fremont the discoverer of this lake. Mr. Bennet says Fremont called it Sunken lake.

The members of our party are in excellent spirits and perfect health, and continue to enjoy every moment to the fullest extent. Moonlight nights add greatly to other pleasures, and the campfires are scenes of hilarity and profit. This evening informal addresses will be delivered by Mr. J. S. Diller, of the United States geological survey, who has been here for some time, hard at work on a geological map of the lake and environs; Mr. F. V. Colville, botanist of the agricultural department, and Dr. C. H. Merriam, chief of the biological survey. The entire camp has been captured by the unique recitations of Miss Newman of Louisana. W. G. STEEL.

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Klamath County News.

Among those from Klamath Falls at Crater lake were: Capt. I. D. Applegate and family, Hon. O. A. Stearns and daughters, Blanche and Eva, and Miss Nettie Sharp, Misses Addie Lindsay, Gerta Marple, Stella Smart, Etta Smart, Lena Cottle, Messrs. Andrew Fuller, Jack Cottle and Frank Giles, Chas. Brandon and family, Misses Nellie Lewis, Edith Daggett, Francis Brietenstein, and Messrs. Ross Boyd and Bert Withrow. Dr. E. J. Boyd and J. F. Goeller and family, Judge Hale and family.

The following government parties are in camp at the lake: J. S. Diller, and assistants of the Geological Explorations of the Department of the Interior, Dr. Merriam and assistant, V. Bailey of the Biological Explorations of the Department of Agriculture and Prof. Coville and party of Botanical Explorations division of Agriculture. Also C. J. Fox, a well known civil engineer of San Diego, Cal., and J. H. Ginder, a mining man of San Francisco.

John Fountain is running a passenger and fast freight wagon between Fort Klamath and Crater lake, while W. W. Nickerson, Seldon Ogle and Mr. Fountain are feeding the Crater lake campers with Fort bay.

The Fredenburg dance hall music is supplied by the Woodruff sisters.

Nerves On Edge.

I was nervous, tired, irritable and cross Karl's Clover Root Tea has made me well and happy. MRS. E. B. WORDEN.

It is claimed for an electric carriage constructed in Chicago that it can travel 18 miles an hour. It is propelled by a storage battery fixed under the seat. The crying need of the time is not, however, for pleasure carriages run by mechanical motor, but for heavy hauling wagons thus propelled. It is the huge trucks with the heavy pounding horses attached to them that block, defile and wear out the streets. A horse to a light driving carriage is a pretty sight and one that it would be a pity to lose from among mankind.

MARRIED.

BOYNTON—TORREY—In Medford, Aug. 16, 1896, Chas. Boynton and Miss Mary Torrey, by Rev. Edw. Gittins.

GOLDSBY—DUNLAP—In Jacksonville, Aug. 23, 1896, Mr. Jos. Goldsby and Miss Rosa Dunlap, Judge R. S. Dunlap officiating.

SMITH—AXTELL—In Jacksonville, Aug. 22, 1896, by Judge W. S. Crowell, Alonza Smith and Miss Cady Axtell.

BORN.

HURST—In Ashland precinct, Aug. 20, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurst, a daughter.

GEER—At Central Point, Aug. 15, 1896, to the wife of C. J. Geer, a son.

STARNS—In Central Point precinct, Aug. 14, 1896, to the wife of J. D. Starns, a daughter

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PRESSED BRICKS.

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W. W. Scott and family of Central Point are camping at Crescent City.

Oscar Gillihams has bought W. L. Townsend's barber shop at Medford.

Giant Powder, 13½ cents per pound, at R. S. Barclay & Son, Talent.

Mrs. Paul Edwards of Siskiyou visited her sister at Grants Pass this week.

Mrs. Ed. Murphy and infant went to Woodville Friday to visit relatives.

Lee Rogers and family, Mrs. P. Griswold and Jesse McCall are at Pelican bay.

D. R. Hill, wife and son returned to Medford Sunday from their eastern trip.

The carpenter R. R. crew have put in a new turn table at the Ashland yard.

Vint Beall, the Central Point farmer, was in Ashland Saturday selling wheat.

Drs. Darrin, quack doctors and bilks of the fair school, are doing southern Oregon.

If you want first-class Photos, go to the first-class artist. Larson makes the platino.

All kinds of razor grinding and repairing at the Gem barber shop, opposite town hall.

F. K. Boito and family and A. F. Eddy and family returned Saturday from Crescent city.

H. J. Hicks and R. K. Sutton, accompanied by their better halves, are doing Crater lake.

W. H. Powell and G. B. Blood and their families of Steamboat have become residents of Ashland.

Samuel Smith, railroad agent at Hornbrook, has returned from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Chas. Benham and wife who have been visiting D. F. Fox, returned Sunday to Virginia City, Nev.

Geo. W. Trefren, who has been in New York and London for some months past, returned last week.

Max Pracht went to Portland Sunday. Miss Lottie Pracht accompanied him to remain a several weeks.

B. F. Smith, the Yreka pioneer citizen and silversmith, was on Monday's train for a visit in Minnetota.

Mrs. Nellie Newell, who has been visiting her folks, L. A. Sackett and family, returned to Portland Monday.

Dr. Pickel and wife, Prof. Gregory, W. T. Kame, and L. H. Faucett and sons, of Medford were doing Crater lake.

W. H. Mowat and Chas. Loomis, who are at work repairing the Postal telegraph line, were up from Grants Pass over Sunday.

Miss Martha Cardwell, who has been teaching school at Tule lake, Klamath county, has returned home to Jackson county.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Kubli of Jacksonville, left Monday for San Francisco. Mr. Kubli has been very ill with stomach trouble and goes for his health.

Gen. Wade Hampton, U. S. railroad commissioner, and party including Capt. Lounsdes of South Carolina, have been loafing at Sisson, Cal.

O. A. Thornton resigned his position in the Ashland public schools to accept a better offer in the public schools of Astoria. He left Sunday for that town.

V. L. Holt, the Talent school teacher, leaves so on for Eugene to take a course in the state university. His folks contemplate moving to Eugene, also.

J. W. Hamakar of Klamath Falls was in Ashland last week. He came on his wheel and took the train for the state bar association meeting at Portland.

1 300 cords of wood have been delivered at the Ashland R. R. yards this week for use on the Shasta division, an extra force of 9 men being employed to handle it.

Rev. E. E. Thompson has quit Medford and will re-enter the Methodist ministry again. He will be assigned a place by the conference in session this month.

Ray Satchwell of the Postal telegraph, is up and around again from his late siege of illness. His mother, who has been down from Newberg, returned home Friday.

J. R. West was granted a divorce from his wife, Susie M. West, in the Reno, Nev., court recently on the grounds of desertion. They are both well known at Medford.

For first-class dental work see Dr. A. Hinman, Masonic block.

Owen Keegan of Jacksonville, has gone to St. Paul to attend the old soldiers reunion. His wife and daughter, who have been east some months, will return with him.

Norman Hunsaker, the 6-year-old son of E. B. Hunsaker, formerly of Ashland, was killed at Dexter, Lane county, last Thursday afternoon by a horse he was riding, rearing back and falling on him.

Geo. P. Thresher and family of Boston, were stopping at Hotel Oregon and on Monday were taken to Crater lake by R. M. Garrett. They have traveled for two years and have several years more sight seeing mapped out.

The Last Chance placer mine near Callahans, Siskiyou county, was sold to S. J. Fore of Quartz Valley for $30,000. Fore is a Portland man and is in Portland making arrangements to put in improved machinery to operate the mine with.

Judge H. H. Northrup, late "sound money" candidate for congress from the second district, came out from Portland last week with Max Pracht on a quiet political mission, returning northward Saturday.

Barney O'Neil, W. B. Roberts and wife, R. H. Halley and wife, F. M. Stewart and family, Mrs. J. Gallagher, I. A. Mounce, C. E. Stewart, E. M. Orr and G. Weeks are some of the Medford people at Crescent City.

Some 300 white men and 48 chinamen are at work on the McCloud river railroad near Sisson. H. Cooley, civil engineer of the S. P. at Dunsmuir, is the engineer and head of the construction department. He and W. W. Van Arsdale, are the principal holders in the McCloud River Lumber Co., who are building the road.

Dunsmuir Herald: E. J. Payton, Frank Walraven, Jim Dickey, A. H. Woodin, Otia Clausnitzer and H. L. Walthers returned from their trip to Medicine lake, they report a good time, shot one deer: no fish in the lake, but prospecting and hunting was the main pastime, returned home dusty and hungry.

Emil Peil, the blacksmith, is agent for Buckeye mowers and farmers implements of all kinds. Corner Main street and 1st avenue.

In an altercation at Wedderburn, Curry county, Sunday, H. W. Fountain, of Marshfield, shot and killed Ulysses G. Baxter, well known as a sport all along the coast. The trouble grew out of the attention of each to a female resident of that place, and has been brewing for several days. At the preliminary examination Fountain was exonerated on the grounds of justifiable homicide.

The Oregon Press Association annual meeting at Astoria last week was well represented. The new officers are: President, A. W. Patterson, Heppner; vice-president, E. L. E. White, of Portland; second vice-president, D. M. Gault, Hillsboro; secretary, A. Tozier, of Portland; treasurer, Chas. Nickel, Jacksonville; sergant-at-arms, C. C. Doughty, Dallas; historian, Geo. H. Himes, of Portland. C. C. Doughty retains his position as national committeeman, having been reappointed by the national convention.

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Jack Pelton Turns Statesmam.

Heretofore Max Pracht has had all the glory of being the Oregonian's chief and only savant located in this town. In reading Sunday's Oregonian, however, we notice that J. E. Pelton, ex-democratic sheriff of Jackson county has turned to be a nation saver. Here it is:

Ashland, Or., Aug. 22—The solid democrats of Jackson county are for McKinley and sound money. J. E. Pelton, late sheriff of Jackson county, and a life long democrat, gave to an Oregonian correspondent a list of names of democrats who would vote for McKinley in November, and added: You can say for me that as a business man, a flour miller and wheat buyer, I cannot see how any intelligent man of business, one owning property, can endorse the Chicago platform, or support its candidate. Farmers are men of business, and owners of the greatest area of property in the United States. As the success of the anarchistic circus sideshow of populistic freaks gathered there, means the destruction of business, and a reduction of values of all farm lands, the farmer is the last man who should lend his influence or give his vote for the ticket of repudiation. Wheat will be worth from 3 to 6 cents per bushel more in this valley from the day that the news reaches us that McKinley is elected.

Probate Court.

Guardianship of minor heirs at O. Vincent. Mary A. Vincent appointed guardian and J. G. Martin, M. A. Houston and Thos. Bailey appraisers.

Guardianship of Sydney E. Cole. Jesse A. Cole appointed guardian.

Guardianship of Thos. Brown. Petition for appointment of guardian.

Guardianship of minor heirs of Jas. W. Collins. Final report of guardian approved.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. WM. KEIL, 678 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn. For sale by Ashland Drug Co.

The Man Killed Near Hornbrook.

A laborer, who had given his first name as George, was employed during the haying season on the ranch of William Fox, near Hornbrook and was paid off on Friday evening of last week, receiving $24.50. He bid his fellow workmen goodbye and stated that he was going to his home in Grants Pass, Oregon, where his mother and brother live. He stopped at Henley and became intoxicated and the saloonkeeper of that place refused to sell him any more intoxicants. He then went to Hornbrook, where it is said he purchased a bottle of whisky and started up the railroad track towards the Oregon line. Saturday morning the south bound freight train came around a sharp curve on a down grade and struck the man, who was evidently asleep on the track. On account of the curve the engineer, Joseph Poor, was unable to see the man until within a few yards of him. The unfortunate man was struck in the back and hips. He was placed on the train and carried to Hornbrook, but died just as the engine reached the woodshed and the body was carried on to Montague where the Coroners inquest was held. The man was about 45 years of age. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts exonerating the trainmen from all blame.—Yreka News.

A Great German's Prescription.

Diseased blood, constipation, and kidney, liver and bowel troubles are cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea. For sale by T. K. Bolton.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled in the Ashland P. O., for Aug. 24, 1896:

Herron, Joe | Marquam, Miss Susie
Stockum, Mrs. | Schorn, Dr. W. A.

Persons calling for same will please say "advertised." W. H. BRUNK, P. M.

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Old miners claim that Chinese have worked out nearly all the bars in Rogue river with rockers 30 to 40 years ago, but white men are making wages on the same ground now. What gold is found this time has drifted in with each freshet since then and now it is of a very light flaky order; so light and flaky that it takes a spoonful sometimes to make a dollar. This looks big in the eyes of the tenderfoot as he first gazes on it, but like the black sand mines at the sea beach it requires experience to catch these flakes which float off on top of the water while the black sand sinks.—Grants Pass Courier.

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Pope as a Trickster.

Mr. Leslie Stephen writes strongly, but not too strongly, when he says in reference to the correspondence of Pope, "It is painful to track the strange deceptions of a man of genius as a detective unravels the misdeeds of an accomplished swindler." Pope was a confirmed liar, and he lied very hard indeed about the publication of his letters. Having by means of a trick secured their publication by a notorious piratical bookseller, he at once declared that the letters were forgeries. Yet while he was calling out for their suppression he was really anxious for their sale. The details of all his trickery and lying need not be gone into here.

Pope, full of vanity and longing to publish his correspondence, had purposely employed a notorious bookseller to issue an edition in order that he might then be able to say that the version was a piratical one, and that in self defense he must publish the genuine text. The odd thing is that, though the whole affair was exposed at the time, it does not seem to have done Pope any harm. Dr. Johnson, indeed, says that it did him good, and that the nation was full of praise for the admirable qualities of candor, benevolence and fidelity which the letters revealed. Here is some comfort for any living literary genius who has not yet published his private correspondence. — Longman's Magazine.

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The Democratic Candidate's Formal Acceptance of the Presidential Nomination.

MR. CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE AND FELLOW CITIZENS—I shall at a future day and in a formal letter accept the nomination which is now tendered by the notification committee, and I shall at that time touch upon the issues presented by the platform. It is fitting, however, that at this time, in the presence of those here assembled, I speak at some length in regard to the campaign upon which we are now entering. We do not underestimate the forces arrayed against us, nor are we unmindful of the importance of the struggle in which we are engaged; but, relying for success upon the righteousness of our cause, we shall defend with all possible vigor the positions taken by our party. We are not surprised that some of our opponents, in the absence of better argument, resort to abusive epithets, but they may rest assured that no language, however violent, no invectives, however vehement, will lead us to depart a single hairbreadth from the course marked out by the national convention. The citizen, either public or private, who assails the character and questions the patriotism of the delegates assembled in the Chicago convention assails the character and questions the patriotism of the millions who have arrayed themselves under the banner there raised.

It has been charged by men standing high in business and political circles that our platform is a menace to private security and public safety, and it has been asserted that those whom I have the honor for the time being to represent not only meditate an attack upon the rights of property, but are the foes both of social order and national honor.

Those who stand upon the Chicago platform are prepared to make known and to defend every motive which influences them, every purpose which animates them and every hope which inspires them. They understand the genius of our institutions, they are stanch supporters of the form of government under which we live, and they build their faith upon foundations laid by the fathers. Andrew Jackson has stated, with admirable clearness and with an emphasis which cannot be surpassed, both the duty and the sphere of government. He said: "Distinctions in society will always exist under every just government. Equality of talents, of education or of wealth cannot be produced by human institutions. In the full enjoyment of the gifts of heaven and the fruits of superior industry, economy and virtue every man is equally entitled to protection by law." We yield to none in our devotion to the doctrine just enunciated. Our campaign has not for its object the reconstruction of society. We cannot insure to the vicious the fruits of a virtuous life; we would not invade the home of the provident in order to supply the wants of the spendthrift; we do not propose to transfer the rewards of industry to the lap of indolence. Property is and will remain the stimulus to endeavor and the compensation for toil. We believe, as asserted in the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, but that does not mean that all men are or can be equal in possessions, in ability or in merit. It simply means that all shall stand equal before the law, and that government officials shall not, in making, construing or enforcing the law, discriminate between citizens.

Quotes From President Lincoln.

I assert that property rights, as well as the rights of persons, are safe in the hands of the common people. Abraham Lincoln, in his message sent to congress in December, 1861, said, "No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty, none less inclined to take or touch aught which they have not honestly earned." I repeat his language with unqualified approval and join with him in the warning which he added—namely, "Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess, and which power, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the doors of advancement against such as they and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost." Those who daily follow the injunction, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," are now, as they ever have been, the bulwark of law and order, the source of our nation's greatness in time of peace and its surest defenders in time of war.

But I have only read a part of Jackson's utterance. Let me give you his conclusion, "But when the laws undertake to add to those natural and just advantages artificial distinctions, to grant titles, gratuities and exclusive privileges, to make the rich richer and the potent more powerful, the humble members of society, the farmers, mechanics and the day laborers, who have neither the time nor the means of securing like favors for themselves, have a right to complain of the injustice of their government." Those who support the Chicago platform indorse all of the quotation from Jackson, the latter part as well as the former part.

The Income Tax Decision.

While the money question overshadows all other questions in importance, I desire it distinctly understood that I shall offer no apology for the income tax plank of the Chicago platform. The last income tax law sought to apportion the burdens of government more equitably among those who enjoy the protection of the government. At present the expenses of the federal government, collected through internal revenue taxes and import duties, are especially burdensome upon the poorer classes of society. A law which collects from some citizens more than their share of the taxes and collects from other citizens less than their share is simply an indirect means of transferring one man's property to another man's pocket, and while the process may be quite satisfactory to the men who escape just taxation it can never be satisfactory to those who are overburdened. The last income tax law, with its exemption provisions, when considered in connection with other methods of taxation in force, was not unjust to the possessors of large incomes, because they were not compelled to pay a total federal tax greater than their share. The income tax is not new, nor is it based upon hostility to the rich. The system is employed in several of the most important nations of Europe, and every income tax law now upon the statute books in any land, so far as I have been able to ascertain, contains an exemption clause. While the collection of an income tax in other countries does not make it necessary for this nation to adopt the system, yet it ought to moderate the language of those who denounce the income tax as an assault upon the well to do.

Not only shall I refuse to apologize for the advocacy of an income tax law by the national convention, but I shall also refuse to apologize for the exercise by it of the right to dissent from a decision of the supreme court. In a government like ours every public official is a public servant, whether he holds office by election or by appointment, whether he serves for a term of years or during good behavior, and the people have a right to criticise his official acts. "Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism. Free government exists in jealousy and not in confidence." These are the words of Thomas Jefferson, and I submit that they present a truer conception of popular government than that entertained by those who would prohibit an unfavorable comment upon a court decision. Truth will vindicate itself. Only error fears free speech. No public official who conscientiously discharges his duty as he sees it will desire to deny to those whom he serves the right to discuss his official conduct.

The Paramount Question.

Now let me ask you to consider the paramount question of this campaign—the money question. It is scarcely necessary to defend the principle of bimetallism. No national party during the entire history of the United States has ever declared against it, and no party in this campaign has had the temerity to oppose it. Three parties—the Democratic, Populist and Silver parties—have not only declared for bimetallism, but have outlined the specific legislation necessary to restore silver to its ancient position by the side of gold. The Republican platform declares that bimetallism is desirable when it pledges the Republican party to aid in securing it as soon as the assistance of certain foreign nations can be obtained. Those who represented the minority sentiment in the Chicago convention opposed the free coinage of silver by the United States by independent action on the ground that, in their judgment, it "would retard or entirely prevent the establishment of international bimetallism, to which the efforts of the government should be steadily directed." When they secured that the efforts of the government should be steadily directed toward the establishment of international bimetallism, they condemned monometallism. The gold standard has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Take from it the powerful support of the money owning and the money changing classes, and it cannot stand for one day in any nation in the world. It was fastened upon the United States without discussion before the people, and its friends have never yet been willing to risk a verdict before the voters upon that issue.

What is the test of honesty in money? It must certainly be found in the purchasing power of the dollar. An absolutely honest dollar would not vary in its general purchasing power. It would be absolutely stable when measured by average prices. A dollar which increases in purchasing power is just as dishonest as a dollar which decreases in purchasing power. Professor Laughlin, now of the University of Chicago and one of the highest gold standard authorities, in his work on bimetallism not only admits that gold does not remain absolutely stable in value, but expressly asserts that "there is no such thing as a standard of value for future payments, either in gold or silver, which remains absolutely invariable." He even suggests that a multiple standard wherein the unit is "based upon the selling prices of a number of articles of general consumption" would be a more just standard than either gold or silver, or both, because "a long time contract would thereby be paid at its maturity by the same purchasing power as was given in the beginning."

Purchasing Power of the Dollar.

It cannot be successfully claimed that monometallism or bimetallism or any other system gives an absolutely just standard of value. Under both monometallism and bimetallism the government fixes the weight and fineness of the dollar, invests it with legal tender qualities and then opens the mints to its unrestricted coinage, leaving the purchasing power of the dollar to be determined by the number of dollars. Bimetallism is better than monometallism not because it gives us a perfect dollar—that is, a dollar absolutely unvarying in its general purchasing power—but because it makes a nearer approach to stability, to honesty, to justice, than a gold standard possibly can. Prior to 1873, when there were enough open mints to permit all the gold and silver available for coinage to find entrance into the world's volume of standard money, the United States might have maintained a gold standard with less injury to the people of this country, but now, when each step toward a universal gold standard enhances the purchasing power of gold, depresses prices and transfers to the pockets of the creditor class an unearned increment, the influence of this great nation must be thrown upon the side of gold unless we are prepared to accept the natural and legitimate consequences of such an act. Any legislation which lessens the world's stock of standard money increases the exchangeable value of the dollar. Therefore the crusade against silver must inevitably raise the purchasing power of money and lower the money value of all other forms of property.

The farmers are opposed to the gold standard because they have felt its effects. Since they sell at wholesale and buy at retail they have lost more than they have gained by falling prices, and besides this they have found that certain fixed charges have not fallen at all. Taxes have not been perceptibly decreased, although it requires more of farm products now than formerly to secure the money with which to pay taxes. Debts have not fallen. The farmer who owed $1,000 is still compelled to pay $1,000, although it may be twice as difficult as formerly to obtain the dollars with which to pay the debt. Railroad rates have not been reduced to keep pace with falling prices, and besides these items there are many more. The farmer has thus found it more and more difficult to live. Has he not a just complaint against the gold standard?

Effect on Wage Earners.

The wage earners have been injured by a gold standard and have expressed themselves upon the subject with great emphasis. In February, 1865, a petition asking for the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at 16 to 1 was signed by the representatives of all, or nearly all, the leading labor organizations and presented to congress. Wage earners know that while a gold standard raises the purchasing power of the dollar it also makes it more difficult to obtain possession of the dollar. They know that employment is less permanent, loss of work more probable and re-employment less certain. A gold standard encourages the hoarding of money because money is rising. It also discourages

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