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The Portland Sun of Friday the 7th inst., says, "let our friends if they cannot borrow a copy of the mouth piece of the advocates of the single gold standard invest a nickel in yesterday's issue and read its editorial "Shall There Be An Election."

And further "the majority of the republican members of the Oregon legislature are in favor of an advocate of free coinage to the U. S. Senate" Mr. Dolph is not a free coinage man consequently stands a fair show of being defeated. The Sun says: "Hence we take the position that it is extremely poor politics for the manager of any candidate's campaign to acknowledge him to be irretrievably defeated some fifty days before the battle."

We are not surprised at the suicidal move made by our contemporaries, but are surprised that the advocates of the single gold standard have not in their ranks sufficient political sagacity to prevent such folly. The mouthpiece of the single gold standard first attempted to drive the advocates of the double standard out of the party.

It then realized the foolishness of the course it had taken, finding that it did not have the power to enforce its edict, and appreciating that the great bulk of the republican party were in favor of the double standard, it attempted to wheedle and cajole itself back into the republican party. It then changed its bulldozing tone to one of supplication and begged that the silver issue should not be made a factor in the coming election speciously pleading that such action would greatly jeopardize the party's future. It now entirely throws off its cloak and openly concedes that the advocates of the double standard will control the coming election, but threatens, however, as a minority, to prevent any senatorial election. Such is its solicitude and care of the republican party. However, the people are perfectly cognizant of its past loyalty to that party and will not be surprised at any of its inconsistencies.

Not doubting its willingness to disrupt the party had it the power, we predict that, regardless of its inclination, it will be unable to prevent the election of a United States senator, and further predict that the gentleman who may be elected will be an advocate of free coinage of silver.

CHAIRMAN Springer, of the House committee on Banking and Currency, is not hopeful of any financial legislation at the short session, although he fully recognizes the urgent need for speedy legislation on the subject. He thinks it absolutely impossible for either President Cleveland or any other man to propose any scheme of currency reform that will secure the support of a majority of the members of the House, not to mention the Senate, where there is also a numerous assortment of disagreeing financial opinions. Others think differently, however, and believe that some common financial basis can be found upon which all good democrats can stand, although they admit that it will be as difficult as to make it improbable that an agree-

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