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GERMANY AND BIMETALLISM.

The decline in the prices of American securities on the Berlin Bourse on the arrival of the news of the shelving of the free silver bill in the United States senate is an evidence of the growth of bimetallic sentiment in Germany, says the Globe Democrat. Two or three years ago this action on our part would have produced any such effect. It has had no influence of this sort in England. The tendency, indeed, would have been in the opposite direction. A defeat or a postponement of a free silver bill would have appeared to Germany, as to all others of the great nations, to be an act of financial sanity. It would have been a bull factor of the highest importance for us. Prices of American stock in that country would have gone up, and the current of money in our direction for investment would have deepened. The change in the attitude of Germany on the silver question which has just been released is of considerable significance, and is of great interest to the United States.

Undoubtedly Germany is in a position to materially strengthen the cause of international bimetallicism. The double standard men have clearly obtained a large majority in the reichstag, and if they secure the favor of the kaiser for their scheme the prospects of accomplishing something in the projected monetary conference will be brightened. The kaiser has a faculty of making his desires prevail sooner or later and if the bimetallicists of his country win him to their side the whole influence of the government will be with them. Coupled with a few mediaeval notions and some obsolete and absurd opinions, as to the sanctity and authority of his guild, he has some ideas which makes him more modern than many other of the crowned heads of the time. If William II. should be enlisted in the cause of international bimetallicism that policy will have secured a powerful champion.

With Germany's weight in the scale in favor of the restoration of silver to its old place in the circulation, a new and powerful pressure would be brought to bear on England to win her over to this policy. The favor of the rest of the great nations of Europe and of nearly all the small ones can doubtless readily be gained. The prospects in favor of international harmony at an early date on this question appears brighter now than it did at any previous time since the United States started out in 1873 in the crusade for the general rehabilitation of the white metal. In the present instance, however, the initiative, as is proper, will not be taken by the United States. This country has been doing a good deal of missionary work in this case among the European nations in the past sixteen or seventeen years, but without any discernible result. We will now let some of the other countries take the lead in the enterprise, but we stand ready at all times to lend a hand in the work. All the countries of the world are interested in solving the silver problem, and the solution lies in the readjustment, under an international agreement, of the ratio between the metals and the general opening of mints to silver.

A fellow from Milton sent the Press a long communication for publication purporting to be the correct details of a scandal in that burg. He says the Eagle won't print anything about the matter.

Neither will the Press. The gentleman on the side requests us not to use his name, but signs the article "one who knows." The Press is too old a gossip to be taken in with a libelous article to which is attached a fictitious signature, and then, too, the matter is of no interest generally to the public at large.

The agency on the reservation is honored with a guard of U. S. regulars, 40 strong. It all came about from an innocent Indian dance and the timidity of an agent who never saw a swash until he was imported from Georgia to Oregon.

The Republican organs continue to laud Senator-elect McBride and his "principles." We have not as yet heard that McBride has made any declaration of principles. If we will wait we will see what we shall see.

"Is a gold dollar honest?" Asks the Portland Sun.

If there is or ever was a dishonest dollar in the world it is the gold dollar when made the sole standard.

It confiscates property, checks commerce, and paralyzes industry.

In times of trouble it hides in hoards, and gloatingly hugs itself in satisfaction that it is safe, while the people are in trouble and want.

It comes forth to serve its proper function as money only when it is held in counterpoise by another dollar, to which it cannot and dare not say: "I am better than thou."

Alone, with absolute power as redemption money, it is a merciless tyrant; but like all tyrants it is a coward and flees at the whisper of trouble or the shadow of a cloud.

Made a master, it is as cruel as fire; kept a servant, it is useful beyond calculation or description.

And there are men, even men calling themselves statesmen, who say it is the only "honest dollar."

Advertisement for Kellogg's shoes, listing various styles like Kangaroo, Calf, The Ideal, Milvauke, Grain Creedmoor, Ladies, Great, and Great, with the text 'ALL STYLES LOW PRICES'.

Given a chance, given the power of being exclusively redemption money, it is the most colossal robber that ever pillaged and desolated the earth.

The Sun is very tolerant of other men's opinions, but it wonders how men are disinterested and intelligent can speak of gold, used as the sole money-standard, being an "honest dollar."

The Branch Asylum Case. In a report of Tuesday's proceedings of the circuit court at Salem is the following: A. C. Taylor ex rel. the state of Oregon vs. Sylvester Pennoyer et al., the board of public building commissioners; motion of the defendant's attorney to dissolve the order of injunction heretofore issued for the reason: First, that the complaint is defective and fails to state a cause for injunction the same having been so adjudged by the supreme court; second, while the order of the supreme court still stood the defendants, relying on the same, bought the land near Union, Union county, as a site for the asylum and expended for the same, and the remainder of the appropriation being unexpended at the meeting of the legislature lapsed into the treasury; third, the term of office of the board having expired there can be no use of continuing the injunction.

Settled With the County. A settlement has taken place between ex-Treasurer Folsom and his bondsmen on one side and Umatilla county on the other. Mr. Folsom and his bondsmen are now free and the county has instead of its claim against them \$13,000 in cash and \$25,000 in good notes which will be paid when they fall due. The satisfactory settlement of this troublesome affair was brought about through the efforts of Thomas F. Rourke.

A LEGISLATIVE RIOT.

Revolvers Drawn and Many Injured—Knock-Down Fight.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12.—The legislature broke up in a wild riot tonight in which almost every member participated. Revolvers were drawn and many persons were seriously injured. Adams, of Park county perhaps fatally. For fully 20 minutes the state house was filled with a howling, surging mob. Men who had been friends and sat side by side during the session became deadly enemies, and made every effort to injure each other.

Myron King, Governor Mathew's private secretary, was locked in the elevator and a big, burly man guarded the door and refused to allow him to leave. The police finally drove the man away, and the secretary was finally released. When he arrived at the door of the house at 11:15, he found it locked. He had an important message from the governor, and a great deal depended upon its delivery to the speaker of the house before 12 o'clock. He pounded on the door, but was denied admission. He cried that the door was locked and requested that it be opened, as he had a message from the governor. His voice was heard by a number of democrats who were in the corridors and they ran to his assistance. An attempt was made to force open the doors, but the crowd of republicans who were bent upon the governor's secretary being kept out with his message, resisted with all the force they could command. The heavy oak doors were unable to stand the

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pressure that was brought to bear upon them and they were forced open. King, who was in the front, was forced into the crowd of republicans who were bent on keeping him from reaching the speaker. With one accord the men began striking at each other, and the secretary was in great danger of being killed. "Kill him," cried a hundred voices. In a moment every thing was confusion and friends and enemies alike were fighting. The sole aim of the democrats was to get King through the crowd to speaker's desk, with the governors veto, and the republicans were determined to hold him back until 12 o'clock, at which time the house would adjourn sine die. Inch by inch the democrats gained ground. Many persons were knocked down and trampled under foot. Revolvers were flourished in the air, but as fast as they were drawn, the men holding them were knocked down. The heavy chairs were torn from the floor by the mob and desks were broken to pieces. The doors leading to other rooms were shattered by persons in the corridors trying to effect an entrance to the chamber.

The police were powerless to check the mob, which seemed bent on destroying everything in the room. King, with his clothing torn almost from his body, and his face bleeding, was pushed by main strength through the crowd and thrown heavily against the speak-

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er's desk. He held Governor Mathew's veto in his hand, but it never reached the speaker. Just as King was about to place it in Speaker Adam's hand, that official kicked and best back the crowd, and in a voice that could be heard above the horrible din, cried: "The house has adjourned." This raised a great cry from the crowd, and everybody made a rush toward the speaker. The veto was torn from King's hand by a man who dashed out of the crowd and made good his escape. This practically ended the riot.

The trouble originated over an attempt this morning to supplant Custodian Griffin, a democrat, with a republican. The governor has three days in which to consider all measures. The bill was delivered to the governor three nights ago. It was his scheme to hold it until the last minute, and then the legislature could not pass it over his veto, as its sature adjournment would take place at 12 o'clock. The governor's secretary started with the bill with 10 minutes' time.

CONGRESSMAN ELLIS HOME.

He fears that Mr. Cleveland Will Pocket His Land Bill.

Congressman W. R. Ellis passed through Pendleton this week on his return from Washington. He spent a day or two at his home in Heppner and is now visiting in Portland.

In reply to inquiry says the Heppner Gazette, Mr. Ellis stated that his bill which passed the house amending the law so as not to require actual residence on railroad lands, also passed the senate

without amendment, and went to the president for his approval. This much which the papers had previously stated was welcome news to many settlers in Eastern Oregon who had cultivated railroad lands for years without actually residing on them. Justice demanded that their rights should be respected and had the measure received the president's signature, it would have been the means of securing to settlers the fruits of their hard labor, but Mr. Ellis is of the opinion that Mr. Cleveland will pocket the measure as the secretary of the interior is antagonistic to this measure because of the fact that he is laboring under the delusion that it would mean an enlargement of the homestead privileges. Senator Mitchell also labored hard for Oregon's interests, but many of the western measures were either pigeon-holed in the committee room or defeated when brought up for passage.

A Rich Strike of Gold.

In the discovery of the mines they have called the Desert Chief, the Desert Queen, Chief of the Hills and Dry Lake Valley mine, located near Indio, the McHaney boys, William and James, have probably located the richest group of gold mines ever discovered in the world. The discoverers and owners of the claims say there is more than \$1,000,000 worth of gold in sight, and old mining men, who have no interest in the claim whatever and the McHaney boys say they will not sell a foot of what they have located, say the mines will make multimillionaires of every man interested. The richness of the mines can be judged from the results obtained from working a hatful of the ore mined years ago. It was put through a three stamp gold mill and yielded \$953 in gold. The gold was first discovered in an old cave located in a canon, which had evidently been inhabited by a tribe of Aztecs. The cave was strewn with human bones. Work on the mines will be started at once, and a big mill will be erected in the canon as soon as the road, on which the men are now working will allow its transportation.

Died in the Insane Asylum.

Sheriff Houser received word Thursday night that Samuel Aulguire, sent from Pendleton to the insane asylum at Salem, has been released from confinement by death, which resulted from injuries to his skull received in the mountains near there.

Fireman's Association.

The following fire companies have paid their initiation fees and are now members of the association: Tiger No. 1, Rescue No. 2, Our Boys No. 3, Walla Walla; La Grande hose company, La Grande; Protection No. 1, Alert Hook and Ladder, Pendleton; Athena No. 1, Athena; Washington No. 1, Watsburg; Columbia No. 1, Dayton; Colfax No. 1, Colfax.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATHENA

No. 4516. Athens, in the State of Oregon, Close of Business March 5, 1895.

RESOURCES.

Table listing resources: Loans and discounts \$101,277.83; Overdrafts secured and unsecured 1,949.73; U.S. bonds to secure circulation 12,200.00; Premiums on U.S. bonds 1,500.00; Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 1,967.02; Due from State banks and bankers 2,355.80; Due from approved reserve agents 2,601.26; Due from National and State banks 4,684.58; Fractional paper currency, notes, and specie 4,900.00; Real estate mortgaged with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 542.50; Total \$133,566.94

LIABILITIES.

Table listing liabilities: Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00; Surplus fund \$2,115.90; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 111.94; National bank notes outstanding 11,350.00; Due to other National Banks 22.75; Due to State banks and bankers 31.36; Individual deposits subject to check 22,534.27; Demand certificates of deposit 13,275.50; Time certificates of deposit 10,251.50; Total \$133,566.94

State of Oregon, County of Franklin, I, L. D. Lively, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. L. D. Lively, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Mar. 1895. E. D. BARNETT, Notary public for Oregon. CORRECT—Attest: Clark Walter, C. A. Barrett, Directors, P. E. Colburn.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 30th day of March, 1895, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in the Matlock building situated on lot 4, in block 17 of said city, dated Feb. 25, 1895. LEW SHAW, Applicant.

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