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The Portland Sun is of the opinion that the unexpected will happen if the United States continue on the good basis as decreed by the Belmont-Morgan-Rothschild-Carlisle-Cleveland syndicate. The story of what happened once before will be found on page 553 of Ridpath's "History of the United States." It is the story of a "Black Friday," of a "Gold-Basis Friday." It follows:

"In the autumn of 1869 occurred the most extraordinary momentary excitement ever known in the United States, or perhaps in the world. A company of unscrupulous speculators in New York city, headed by Jay Gould and James Fisk, jr., succeeded in producing what is known as a 'corner' in the gold market and brought the business interest of the metropolis to the verge of ruin. During the civil war the credit of the government had declined to such an extent that at one time a dollar in gold was worth 286 cents in paper currency. But after the restoration of national authority the value of paper money appreciated and in the fall of 1869 the ratio of gold to the greenback dollar had fallen to about 130 to 100. There were at this time in the banks of New York \$15,000,000 in gold coin and in the subtreasury of the United States \$100,000,000 more. The plan of Gould and Fisk was to get control by purchase of the greater part of the \$15,000,000 to prevent the secretary of the treasury from selling any part of the \$100,000,000 under his authority. Then, having control of the market, to advance the price of gold to a fabulous figure, sell out all they had themselves and retire from the field of slaughtered fortunes with their accumulated millions of spoils. Having carefully arranged all preliminaries, the conspirators, on the 13th of September, began their work of purchasing gold, at the same time constantly advancing the price. By the 22 of the month they had succeeded in putting up the ratio to 140. On the next day the price rose to 144. The members of the conspiracy now boldly avowed their determination to advance the rate to 200, and it seems that on the morrow they would put their threat into execution. On the morning of the 24th, known as Black Friday, the bidding in the goldroom began with intense excitement. The brokers of Fisk and Gould advanced the price to 150, 155 and finally to 160, at which figure they were obliged to purchase several millions by a company of merchants, who had banded themselves together with the determination to fight the gold gamblers to the last. Just at this moment came a dispatch that Secretary Boutwell had ordered a sale of \$4,000,000 from the subtreasury. There was an instantaneous panic. The price of gold went down 20-per cent in less than as many minutes. The speculators were blown away in an uproar, but they managed, by accumulated frauds and corruptions, to carry off with them more than \$11,000,000 as the fruits of their nefarious scheme. Several months elapsed before the business of the country recovered from the effects of the shock."

city. The father is dead, and the wife and children are in most destitute circumstances. The county contributed to their support until the commissioners became aware that the son was amply able to support the family, but was simply too lazy to do so, and that source of support was withdrawn. Thus the mother and younger ones are compelled to suffer for the most common necessities of life, by the worthless ways of the son. It is said by those living in the neighborhood that the mother cuts the fire-wood for the household while the dutiful (?) and able-bodied son answers roll call in a blue coat with brass buttons at the armory at Weston, or attends regularly the meetings of the Epworth League.

THE death of Hon. A. J. Dufur say the Portland Tomahawk, brings back to memory the recollection of an anecdote as told by himself. Some years ago the old pioneer took an extensive visit to the Eastern states and among the places he drifted into happened to be Philadelphia. It turned out that one day a street car conductor in making change for a dollar gave Mr. Dufur the entire amount in pennies, large, copper pennies at that. This so amused the old gentlemen that, after shaking them in his hands for a few moments, he scattered them all over the car, and then taking from his pocket a handful of twenty dollar gold pieces he said to the conductor and others in the car, "This is the kind of money we use in Oregon, and if any of you come there I will give you a bucketful of them." The old gentleman was an enthusiastic lover of Oregon, and never failed to speak good on every possible occasion. After him was named the town of Dufur, located a short distance from The Dalles, where he died highly respected and beloved by all who knew him.

COLLEGE are going wild over athletic sports. That worshipping at the shrine of athletics detracts from legitimate collegiate work no one who has investigated matter can deny. The success of young Crum in a foot-race in the east attracted more attention than the greatest intellectual feat on record. In contests in oratory of debate among the institutions of the country a passing notice is given by the press, but when some athlete wins in a contest of muscle and endurance, possibly brute force, the whole country is aroused and column after column is written in regard to it. Exercise and recreation is all right but to place these as uppermost in a college education is all wrong.

A DRUNKEN New Yorker was in the act of cutting his wife's throat with a razor when a St. Bernard dog, owned by a neighbor, sprang upon the wretch and would have torn him limb from limb had not the owner come to the rescue. The woman had frequently petted and fed the dog and with a human intelligence he saw her danger and saved her life. Here is a spectacle for you. The man who swore to love, cherish and protect the woman repays her love with murder and the dumb brute rewards her kindness with his life's service.

THE action of the citizens of Wardner and other mining towns in the Coeur d'Alene in backing up the mine owners to the extent of allowing them to work the mines without being dictated to by the miner's union, will bring the upper country to a greater degree of prosperity than ever before.

THE Pendleton Tribune calls P. H. Winston, of Spokane, a renegade republican because he is a believer in the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. This is a powerful argument for a single gold standard and ought to silence Mr. Winston.—Union Republican.

A TRAMP is a tramp. A workman seeking employment is not a tramp. A tramp always sneaks up to the back door to frighten women and to beg food. A workman seeking employment or asking a bite to eat comes to the front door like a man and tells his wants like a man.

Those drainage troughs on either side of Main street, as usual, about this time of the year are beginning to smell very badly. In front of Mosgrove's store the water is standing with a green scum on the top of it, and a school of merry frogs croak away. Clean the frog pond out.

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Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When the tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused from catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Great Bargains in Clothing.

A tramp carries revolvers and always resists arrests and makes insolent answers to a civil question. A workman seeking employment has no use for a gun. The tramp and his supporters are the worst enemies of an honest working-man.

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