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VALUE.

Value, whether it be reckoned because of the real use of a thing in sustaining life, or because of the convenience of using it to obtain the necessities of life, is governed by the supply and demand, by the extent to which it is used, compared with the ease of obtaining it. Money has a certain value as a medium of exchange just in proportion to the use made of it. It makes no difference of what material it is made, if it only is, by common consent and usage, the universally accepted substance as a medium of exchange, then its value reasonably uniform. Any nation may use as money any substance it chooses, and so long as the people of that nation are willing to make that use of the substance among themselves, it works all right, but as soon as they commence to use that kind of money in their dealings with other nations, then their trouble begins, and does not end until they conform to the usages of that other nation, or induce that other to conform to its usages. Of course a nation may refuse to deal with another, except upon its own terms, but as no one nation is more powerful or influential than all, or the majority of others, it follows as a matter of course that the effort would, if persisted in, result in a failure, and that nation would not be counted as among the commercial nations of the world. Now to the point. The United States could, if the majority so decided, make silver, or any other substance, her medium of exchange among her own people, but could not compel other nations to conform to that standard, and as a consequence must either cease to deal with other nations or conform to their standard, which, almost without exception, is now the gold standard. But some might say we could exchange silver for gold with which to deal with other nations that demand gold; so we could, and money brokers, the class who are most hated by the majority of silver advocates, would reap a rich harvest, always asking a large enough margin on gold to make them safe against any decrease in the value of silver. Can we afford it? Certainly not.

The natural and acquired wealth of resources possessed by the United States are so great that a war with Spain would only stimulate us, and in the end be a source of profit.

When it comes to a question of the defense of our country Republicans, Democrats, Populists and Prohibitionists forget party differences.

Weather conditions are favorable for excellent crops in Sherman county this season, and farmers are likely to receive a good price for wheat this fall.

Some of the old-time Republican "surplus" in the Treasury would be rather convenient to have just now to draw upon in our preparation for war.

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The efforts to equalize assessments in Eastern Oregon at the recent convention of assessors was a failure. B. F. Pike was in attendance, and reported, that for various reasons, they could not agree at all, and the meeting adjourned. Some wanted a heavy increase of valuation on horses. Mr. Pike couldn't see it in that way. Another proposition was to make a raise on personal property, but leave railroad property as now. Mr. Pike said "no! If we raise the valuation of the poor man's property, raise the rich man's also." So they separated without accomplishing anything.

Another old landmark is gone. The last of the houses on the old Somers & McKenzie block has been torn down to be removed. Thus the last vestige of a pioneer industry is wiped out, but another of a similar nature, though much more thoroughly equipped, is already here to take its place—the Moro Manufacturing Co's plant, consisting of foundry, blacksmith, wood-working and general manufacturing and repairing of farm machinery, an industry much needed and gladly welcomed here.

There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction among people not thoroughly posted at the delay and consequent suspense in the adjustment of the present complications with Spain over the Cuban war. While this is natural, we believe that there is an undercurrent of feeling that perhaps it is best to "make haste slowly," and that true courage does not precipitate trouble, but strives to avoid it. We believe President McKinley's course will, in time, receive the approval of all.

All who believe in the principles of the Republican party, and desire to have a voice in the naming of candidates, should attend the primaries Saturday and there register their preferences, at the same time keeping in mind that the very foundation of our government is the policy of acquiescence in the will of the majority, with the privilege always of endeavoring to show that majority that they are mistaken.

The laudable ambition of the Oregonian to furnish its readers with all the news, and the most reliable information on topics of interest, is well shown by its present portfolio series giving the fullest information of the American navy, which is being issued weekly for ten weeks at the nominal sum of ten cents per folio, or one dollar for the series.

Spain's claim for damages against the United States because of filibustering expeditions that fitted out in, and sailed from this country, is probably more in the form of a bluff to offset any indemnity that may be claimed by this country for the destruction of the Maine, and incidentally to try to get moral, if not financial support, from other European countries.

The American people are a liberty-loving people, and sympathize with the struggle for liberty wherever it may be.

A full report of the Prohibition convention was promised us, but did not arrive in time for publication, so we give a short report of it.

Republicans, remember the primaries on Saturday, 1. P. M. County convention Tuesday, 5th of April, 10. A. M., at Moro.

The first preliminary survey for the C. S. R. R. was completed into Moro Thursday.

Call for Republican Congressional Convention—Second District.

A Republican Convention for the Second Congressional District of the State of Oregon is hereby called to meet in the city of Astoria on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress. The convention will consist of 140 delegates, chosen by the several counties as follows:

Baker.....6
Clatsop.....10
Crook.....4
Columbia.....4
Gilliam.....4
Grant.....5
Harney.....3
Malheur.....3
Morrow.....4
Multnomah.....40
Sherman.....3
Union.....11
Umatilla.....8
Wallowa.....3
Wasco.....10

The same being one delegate at large for each county, and one for each 200 votes or fraction thereof, cast for President McKinley at the election held in November, 1896.

The committee recommends that the primaries and county conventions be held in accordance with the recommendation of the state central committee.

The committee also recommends that the same delegates be chosen to attend the state convention as are elected to the congressional convention, unless otherwise ordered by the proper county convention.

By order of the committee for the second congressional district.

CHAS. H. CAREY, Chairman.
J. M. VANDY, Secretary.

FUSION.

The fusion ticket in Wasco county is as follows:
Democrats—For sheriff, I. D. Driver; commissioner, F. M. Jackson; coroner, J. H. Jackson.
Silver Republican—County clerk, M. J. Anderson.
Populists—Treasurer, W. H. Arbackle; assessor, J. H. Aldrich; school superintendent, P. P. Underwood; surveyor, no nomination.

THREE-CORNERED TICKET.
For Governor—W. R. King, Populist, of Baker.

For Congressman—First district, R. M. Veatch, Democrat, Linn; second district, C. M. Donaldson, Silver Republican, of Baker.

For Secretary of State—H. R. Kincaid, Silver Republican, of Lane.

For Supreme Judge—W. A. Ramsay, Democrat, of Yamhill.

For Attorney-General—J. L. Story, Populist, of Wasco.

For state printer—Charles A. Fitch, populist, of Clackamas.

For superintendent of public instruction—H. S. Lyman, populist, of Clatsop.

Member state board equalization—O. P. King, populist, of Sherman county.

Seventh District—Judge, W. L. Bradshaw, Democrat; prosecuting attorney, A. Van Vactor, Populist.

Eighteenth Representative District—C. L. Morse and A. J. Brigham, of Wasco county.

Prohibitionists Convene.

The Prohibition county convention met in Moro at the school house on Saturday and proceeded to nominate a county ticket, as follows: For commissioner, J. D. Gibson; for sheriff, Wm. Elliott; clerk, A. C. Porter; treasurer, Henry Krause; assessor, Neil McDonald; school superintendent, Mrs. C. B. Ginn; coroner, J. B. Mowry; surveyor, O. W. Axtell. The only plank for platform were for prohibition and woman suffrage.

Those present at the convention as delegates were: C. J. Bright, chairman; F. R. Spaulding, Henry Krause and W. V. Johnson from Wasco; Albert Hennagin, H. Hennagin, D. McLachlan, Robt. Starns and J. F. Belshee from Monkland; S. L. Carson from Grant; Wesley Fuller from Bigelow; J. B. Mowry and J. M. Florer, Moro, Grass Valley, Rutledge and Kent not being represented. Their state convention will be a mass convention, and all prohibitionists are eligible to attend it.

The Eastern Oregon Land Co. as plaintiffs have filed suits in equity and actions at law with the clerk of Sherman county to clear title, for possession, etc., of lands claimed by the following named defendants, each being a separate case, to-wit: Suits in equity against J. O. Powell, F. A. Sayers, J. Jansen, Carl Peetz, Chas. Barzee, E. W. Garlie, H. E. Brown, F. C. Walton, Harry Hill, C. C. Kaseburg, T. J. Farra, A. C. Huff, G. W. Mark, J. H. Reed et al, Geo. Meader et al and Wm. Krossow.

Actions at law against Jno. Willet, A. Smith, Jack Porter, Jno. Nougaur, H. Johnson, W. F. Lemmon, A. F. Hawley, Lee Maunts, Grant Hawley, Johan Suhr, J. D. Glass, D. Patjens, Ellen McLeod, L. T. Dam, R. Smith, H. Nachand, Minnie M. Smith, E. Nachand, P. D. Cautlin, Jno. Wherry, Fred Ottman, R. Myers, Wm. A. Young, Frank Watkins, Wm. Daugherty, Harry Holman, J. K. Craig, Alice M. Guyton, Pat Macken, Geo. Simpson, A. B. Craft, L. B. Hill, David Huff, L. L. Minton, G. W. Jennings, S. C. Klair, Chas. Davis, H. L. Chenowith, W. D. Marshall, C. S. Donaldson, C. E. Brown, R. D. Allison, R. L. Allison, M. F. S. Henton, C. H. Coon, Lena Wegener, Elizabeth A. Bates, E. Lewis, A. R. McFarland, A. W. Hall, W. H. Zell, A. C. Huff, J. H. Clements, B. E. Dougherty, C. D. Clements and Louisa Clements. Seventy-five cases in all and more expected.

The Credit Money of the Country.

The cost and inconvenience of transporting money from one part of the country to another was aptly illustrated at Topeka the other day when it became necessary for the Rock Island railroad to send \$257,000 to Chicago. If the money had been sent in greenbacks or gold the express charges would have been \$351.50; if in silver, \$577.75; but the railroad people rejected all three and made the transfer with a bank draft at a cost of only two cents. The credit money is the real money of the country, and laws to strengthen it are wiser than laws in relation to the coinage of any metal.—Kansas City Journal

Slaughter of Birds for Plumage.

In one consignment, recently, a feather-dealer in London received 6,000 birds of paradise, 360,000 birds of various kinds from the East Indies, and 400,000 humming-birds. In three months another dealer imported 356,398 birds from the East Indies.—Farm and Fireside.

CLIPPINGS.

The newly arrived soul was paying his first visit to the Cave of the Winds, in the upper realms of space, and his astral body quivered and shook like a pendant ribbon in the maelstrom of sound-waves. It was a horrid din. Shrieks, wails, screeches, squeals and crashes, in major and minor keys, made up the awful discord.

"You don't seem to mind it much," said his ghostly guide. "No," said the tourist shade. "You see, while on earth I became hardened to all sorts of discords, I managed a college glee club for three seasons."—Life.

High-priced doctor—"You are now convalescent, and all you need is exercise. You should walk ten, twenty, thirty miles a day, sir; but your walking should 'have an object.'"

Patient—"All right, doctor. I'll travel around trying to borrow enough to pay your bill."—New York Weekly.

"Your little Jim seems to be popular with the other small boys."

"Popular? The other day he asked if he could give each of his boy friends an apple, and when I came down stairs the entire barrelful was gone."—Detroit Free Press.

Women should get rid of the idea that they are doing the Lord's word when out bothering busy men to buy tickets to church entertainments.—Acheson Globe.

The Kansas City "Star" says that a poet who was recently run over by a street-car has recovered \$8,000 damages. There is money in literature if you go at it right.

She—"I hope you can come next Thursday; we're having some music and a supper afterward."

He—"Oh, yes; I'll come; but—er—I may be late."—The Sketch. Mike—"How old are you, Pat?" Pat—"Thirty-seven next month."

Mike—"Yez must be older than that. When were yez born?" Pat—"In 1860."

Mike—"I have yez now! Sure, yez told me the same date tin years ago!"—Yale Record.

He—"I wonder what the meaning of that picture is? The youth and maiden are in a tender attitude."

She—"Oh, don't you see? He has just asked her to marry him, and she is accepting him. How sweet! What does the artist call the picture?"

He (looking about)—"Oh, I see! It's written on a card at the bottom, 'Sold!'"—Up-to-Date.

Gargyle (back in town after a year's absence)—"When I went away, Jones and Brown were rival suitors for Miss Twittier's hand. Which proved to be the lucky man?"

Glanders—"Can't tell that yet. She married Brown only a month ago. Ask me again in about a year."—Life.

A Binghamton pastor recently started his congregation by the following announcement: "Remember our quarterly meeting next Sunday. The Lord will be with us during the morning service, and the presiding elder in the evening."—Port Jervis Gazette.

A lady on Staten Island had a green Irish girl for a waitress. After training the girl for a month, the lady ventured to invite two very dignified people to dinner. For two courses everything went well. Bridget refrained from speech, spilled not a thing, and looked as pretty as a fresh young Irish girl can. But when she removed the fish to take it down to the kitchen she tripped on the top step, and a series of bumps and crashes accompanied the descent. The hostess tried in vain to keep foom laughing, but the two dignified guests never moved a muscle until all was still and the voice of the girl was heard calling in richest accents from the bottom of the stairs: "Did you hear me? Fell all the way down stairs an' landed on me fute loike a burrd."—Harper's Bazar.

The smallest horse in the world is a Shetland pony owned by the Marchese Carcano in Milan. It is twenty-four inches high, and when standing beside its owner the pony's back is only an inch above his knee.

A peach tree near St. Louis, of the "Early Crawford" variety, bore last year (1897) a fine early crop of peaches. Without making any blossoms it went to work and produced another crop of peaches, not quite as large, but of excellent quality and a perfect peach, except that the seed is smooth and has no kernel.

Switzerland's agricultural products are valued at about \$104,000,000 a year. This constitutes about seventy per cent of what is consumed in the country.

Irene—"She seems to have very little influence with her husband."

May—"Indeed?" Irene—"Yes; she can never get him to spend more money than he can afford."—Puck.

Has Thy Brother Fallen?

Has thy brother fallen
In temptation's hour,
Overcome by Satan,
Conquered by his power?
Cease thy cold upbraiding,
Censure not his tears;
Love will save the sinner,
Never won by sneers.

Thou art on thy journey—
Where the snares are spread,
And hast need of watching
Both thy heart and head.

If his grace be slighted
In the hour of need,
Thy own strength is weaker
Than a bruised reed.

Exercise thy mercy
Which thy God bestows;
Never wound thy brother,
Nor increase his woes.

'Tis the gospel leaven—
Charity is Christ-like,
Charity is heaven.

If thou wouldst be happy,
Kindly speak to all;
Breathe no bitter slander
O'er thy brother's fall;

Thou thyself may'st stumble;
Learn the law of love,
And the earth shall brighten
Into heaven above.

J. H.

Do One Thing Well.

One great secret in the lives of noted men is that they have done one thing well, or better than millions of others. Such men have occasionally been called "crazy" and "cranks" and "fools," but as a rule these are the men who have succeeded where other men have failed. These are the men who have attained a brilliant success where abler men have either failed or attained only an indifferent and partial success.

Everywhere the man who has mastered one thing is the man who finds places open to him. In the business world, in scholarship, in art, in military life, in religion, while others are searching for places, he finds more room at the top than he knows what to do with. Columbus the discoverer, Napoleon the general, Livingstone the missionary, Luther the reformer, Gibbon the historian, Abraham Lincoln the emancipator, William Lloyd Garrison the abolitionist, Thomas A. Edison the inventor, Tennyson the poet, Spurgeon the preacher, and a host of others, became eminent in the world because, like Paul, the supreme motto of their lives was, "This one thing I do."

The lesson here is too plain to be pointed out. We may be able to know many things, see many things, do many things in a certain way, but let us know one thing, and be able to do one thing well.—Christian Work.

Definitions Not in Dictionaries.

BY ALVA BEEKE.

A visionary—One who sees farther than I do.

A Crank—One who turns us 'round.

Contrary—The quality of doing what I don't like.

Stubborn—Won't do as I want him to do.

Kindness—Letting me do the bossing.

Conversation—Reveling in the faults of others.

Smartness—Resonant language that I do not understand.

Progress—Throwing away everything old, both good and bad.

Conservatism—Holding to the old, good or bad.

Christianity—The belief that my neighbor ought to love God and me as himself.

Liberty—The right to make everybody do as I want them to do.

Socialism—The desire to divide up when we have nothing to divide.

Democracy—Government where there are no leaders to follow.

Republicanism—A factory running full time.

Life—Worked to death.

Culture—A form of conversation like mine.

A Calamity—A situation under some one else's management.

Criticism—A method of destruction.

Reformed Criticism—The noting of enough faults to show that I can see them if I want to.

Literature—(obsolete form)—Interpreting life.

Literature—(approved form)—word-polishing.

Thinking—Having a stock of secondhand thoughts.

Education—Learning to think in other people's thoughts.

Independent—Non-committal.

Justice—Judgment from the facts which favor my side. I remember them.

Mercy—A form of leniency applicable only to oneself.

Important—A term only used in regard to visible things.

Ability—The power to take care of everybody but oneself.

A Sensationalist—One whose arrows are sharp enough to prick the hide of a pachyderm.—Ram's Horn.

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