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ALUMINUM DOLLARS

There was a time when silver money almost disappeared from circulation in this country. That was after the discovery of gold in California, when silver became so valuable compared with gold that the coins were hoarded or melted down for bullion.

There is danger of the same thing occurring again, Representative McFadden suggests that if the present situation continues, we may have to use postage stamps for change. Silver bullion has been selling lately as high as \$1.37 an ounce. At this price, it is profitable to melt the coins for their bullion value. Although it is unlawful, that very thing is doubtless done to a considerable extent, and the silver thus obtained is exported or used in mechanical arts.

The remedy proposed is the same that was adopted in the former case—the reduction of the silver content in coins to a degree that will bring the bullion value once more safely under the face value. The government itself, having a surplus of silver dollars in the treasury, has been melting up millions of them, and apparently reaping a profit by so doing. That process, however, is limited by legal requirements. The danger comes from private meddling.

It has been suggested that the complete elimination of silver currency would do no harm if proper substitutes were provided. This might, indeed, prove to be the best solution of the troublesome problem of trying to maintain a two-metal money system on a one-metal basis.

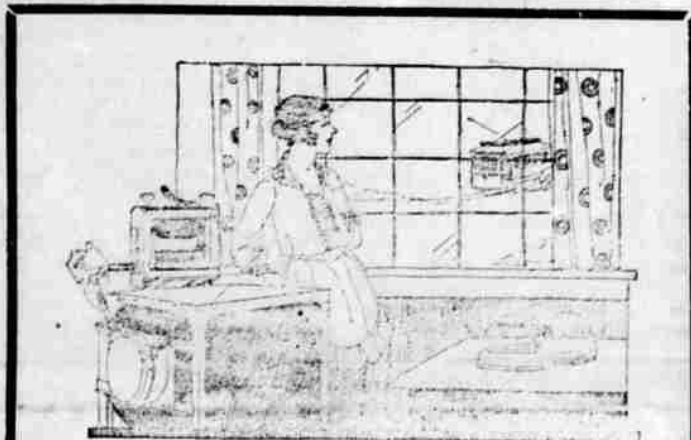
Why not make gold the sole standard in practice as it is in theory, and make all other coins mere counters, valueless in themselves, as paper money is, but acceptable as money because they are exchangeable directly for gold? If this were done, a piece of copper stamped "One Dollar" would presumably serve the purpose just as well as a piece of silver. Or aluminum could be used, having the double advantage of looking like silver and at the same time being far lighter and more easily handled.

It is possible that aluminum dollars and half-dollars, at least, would become very popular when once people got used to them. Such an innovation, moreover, would release many hundred million ounces of coin-silver for currency, and would virtually add to the nation's wealth the difference between the bullion value of all that silver and the cost of replacing it with the cheaper metal.

VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

Those who maintained that the draft would have to be continued if there was to be any American army after the war have been refuted by facts.

The army, as everybody knows, is now recruited entirely by the pre-war plan of voluntary enlistment. In the last eight months, without any special effort, more than 150,000 men have joined the colors. This has been enough to supply all necessary demands, and no doubt is now entertained as to obtaining enough soldiers to raise the army to



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whatever size Congress may establish.

Most of these recruits, too, are said to be former service men. This fact itself seems sufficient refutation of charges that the troops in general suffered undue humiliation or hardship during the war. If they like the service well enough to return to it of their own free will, in preference to taking easily obtainable jobs at high wages in private life, the American army at its worst must be pretty tolerable.

COUNTY NEWS

Notes from all parts of Linn County

Lyons News

LYONS, Ore., Jan. 24—The Hot Tamale supper and entertainment given by the Lyons Library committee Saturday evening was well attended and a neat sum was realized to be used for purchasing new books.

D. H. Mercer attended the Good Roads meeting in Albany Saturday.

Marion Forrest, of the Fox Valley has purchased the C. D. Wilson farm Geo. Balisger, the Lyons merchant, will soon move into his new store building at Mehama.

Mrs. C. B. Trask is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Hill of Stayton this week.

R. R. Trask, the Lyons Wood Dealer, is having a busy time supplying his many patrons, on account of Road conditions.

Mrs. C. D. Wilson and daughter Fannie expect to move to Salem in the near future, to make their future home.

Ben Bodeker, of Mill City has purchased Mrs. Fenton's property in Lyons.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Saturday January 24 1920

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

Opening of 100-day meeting at Tia Juana, Lower California.

Automobile

Opening of annual Chicago Automobile Show.

Shooting

Close of Midwinter Handicap Target Tournament, at Pinhurst, N. C.

Boxing

Johnny Kilbane vs. Johnny Murray, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.

Willie Ryan vs. Eddie McAndrews, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.

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Comment of the State Press

Soapy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

No Jelly Fish—

In preventing the wreckage of the state highway system by pork-barrel scandal, in nullifying ill-advised and unconsidered legislation, in vitiating vicious bills for special interests, the governor exhibited none of the characteristics of a jelly-fish.—Capitol Journal.

Short Session Best—

The legislature adjourned without doing too much damage, remarks, Woodburn Independent. If it had been in session forty or even twenty days there would doubtless have been done much that would have to be undone.

Just Two Days—

"Where is yesterday?" inquires the Des Moines Capital, editorially. As a matter of confidence, and for the benefit of the Capital editor, yesterday can always be located just two days behind tomorrow.—Telegram.

Should Say So—

If the Lodge forces are not ready to accept the treaty without the Lenoir resolution they are not for the treaty at all. They are against it and should frankly say so.—East Oregonian.

Reasons Threadbare—

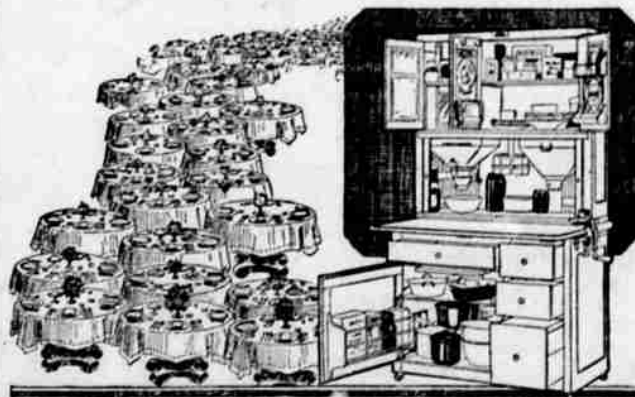
Senator W. W. Banks of Portland is a fair sample of the sentimental advocates of non-punishment for crime. He made a strong fight against the restoration of capital punishment during the special session of the legislature, and the reasons he gave were old and threadbare, says the Eugene Guard. The squeamish fear of occasionally punishing an innocent person was the burden of his plea, but there was no expression of sympathy for the innocent man or woman who becomes the victim of the unpunished criminal.

An Axe to Grind—

The Harrisburg Bulletin of last issue states: The good roads meeting at Albany last Saturday was attended by 150 farmers and business men from all parts of the county. Some of the delegations were there with "an axe to grind." The Santiam country was well represented in behalf of the state road which is planned across the mountains. The Harrisburg delegation had in mind their welfare as affected by the Pacific Highway.

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	12.00 to 10.00	9.00 to 7.50	7.00 to 6.00	5.50 to 4.50	5.50 to 3.00

MUSKRAT

Winter	6.00 to 5.00	4.75 to 3.75	3.50 to 2.75	2.50 to 1.75	2.50 to 1.50
Fall	4.50 to 3.75	3.50 to 2.75	2.50 to 2.00	1.75 to 1.50	1.75 to 1.25

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- 85c (Among the Whispering Pines, Henry Burr.
- 2826 (I Know What it Means to be Lonesome— Tenor Solo.
- 85c (I Never Knew—Tenor Solo by Geo. Meader.
- 2827 (I'll Always be waiting for you—Harrison.
- 85c (Bye-Low, Tenor duet, by Campbell & Barr.
- 2825 (Don't Take Advantage of My Good Nature, Tenor Solo.
- 85c (I Gave Her That, by Al Johnson.

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- 2834 (Temperamental Rag, by Guido Deiro, Accordion.
- 85c (Lolo One-step, by Guido Diero, Accordion.
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