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BIMETALISM AGAIN

Well, here is our old friend free silver again. It is proposed by Senator Thomas of Colorado at practically the old 1896 ratio of sixteen to one. Only Senator Thomas improves upon the Bryan idea by demanding international bimetalism, as against a lone hand by the United States.

It is not likely that the Colorado senator will get any further with his bimetalism campaign now, than Col. Bryan did 24 years ago. True, there is a nebulous belief forming in the minds of many citizens that the recent rise in the price of silver proves the Commoner was right in 1896. But the rise in silver proves no such thing; it only seems to do so on the surface. As a matter of fact, it might be shown that it proves just the opposite. There is nothing to prevent the continued rise in the price of silver, or its fall, either; we should be continually at the mercy of the silver mine owners.

Not that we are exempt at any time from the power of the gold mines, but it must be remembered that there is comparative stability in gold, while silver shows great instability. A governmental decree that so much silver shall be worth so many dollars does not really maintain the actual worth of the silver. The only salvation for the decree seems to rest in its ultimate redemption by gold.

New international standards of exchange we probably must devise, but they are extremely unlikely to come along the lines of international bimetalism.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

The board of education of New York City has gone into the lunch room business, and is now supplying noon meals for children in eight schools of lower Manhattan. During the past 10 years there have been school lunches, but these were conducted by a private committee of citizens and were largely philanthropic. The committee decided that it had demonstrated both the necessity for and the practicability of school lunches for the poorly nourished children of certain districts. It therefore formally closed its work, and the board of education took it up.

A typical menu includes vegetable soup, creamed lima beans, salmon sandwiches, rice custard, chocolate, cornstarch pudding, etc., all at three cents a portion. A generous slice of bread costs one cent.

Two good results are to be brought about by this arrangement. In the first place, youngsters who need a nourishing, hot meal at noon and who would not get it at home, are given the chance to have it at school. The promoters of the school lunch believe also that they can counteract some of the false notions of what a child may safely eat by providing suitable menus and thus educating both children and their parents in the palatableness of the simple, wholesome dishes.

Andre Tardieu urges unity with us. But if some kind soul would get a little unity for us it would be more to the point.

A college professor wants to signal Mars with a smoke screen. The amalgamated sons of nicotine will be glad to offer their services.

There is said to be an overproduction of bricks. Strange it never was noticed until after all those reds were deported.

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Comments of the State Press

What Is Linn Doing?

The Santiam mining district is to be reorganized, says the Statesman. The machinery was set in motion Saturday. This will mean co-operation, and that will help to hurry the time when shipments of ore will be made from all the mines of this district. The time is coming.

Want's Salem's Measure—

The new census figures show that Joliet, Illinois, where the penitentiary is located, has increased in population 3762 in ten years. The figures from Salem, Oregon, will also be awaited with interest, remarks the Guard.

Easier on Wilhelm—

The Oregonian, referring to M'Adoo as the crown prince. The inference, we assume, would brand his father-in-law president as the Kaiser. Not surprising from the Oregonian, in view of the fact that it has spent more space damning Wilson than it ever did Wilhelm, says the Astoria Budget.

We Don't Believe It—

A man at North Bend, Oregon, has been sleeping for 65 days and positively refuses to wake up. But why direct attention to this particular case,—that climate always has been conducive to sleep.—Suzanne Guard.

Public Entitled to Tenth—

The Portland Telegram charges that State Treasurer Hoff has invested the trust funds of the Segregated Accident Fund from which are paid the emoluments and benefits of crippled and injured employes by the State Industrial Accident Commission, in questionable securities at inflated prices and permitted excessive commissions to the bonding house of Morris Bros. Inc., through whom nearly all bond transactions have been made the past year.

The Telegram is given to wild accusations and vicious attacks upon public officials, founded upon suspicion and malice, and a desire to attract attention—hence its assertions are taken with a grain of salt. Investigation will prove whether it is another case of sensational journalism, mingled with bond-house jealousy and politics—and the public is entitled to learn the truth.—Capitol Journal

Employe Mist Have \$125 per Month—

Officials of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago are a bit arbitrary in ruling an employe must get more than \$125 a month before he can marry, unless the bride gets into gainful occupation. To be sure, \$125 a month is not much, equivalent to half that in the old days; but many made the venture then and won out. A whole lot of it was in the women they married.—Oregonian.

Women bowlers of Wisconsin are to hold a State championship tournament at Oshkosh this month.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Monday, March 8, 1920
Oliver Wendell Holmes, oldest justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, today enters upon his eightieth year.

The annual municipal election will be had today in Bangor and several other of the principal cities of Maine. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is scheduled to depart from Portsmouth, England, today on his trip to Australia and New Zealand.

A Secret Consistory is to be held in Rome today for the nomination of bishops and to arrange the preliminaries for the canonization of Joan of Arc.

The Government's motion to dismiss the original suit instituted by Rhode Island to test the constitutionality of the Federal prohibition amendment is docketed for argument in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

Today's Calendar of Sports

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

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

Automobile
Opening of shows at New Orleans and Indianapolis.

Boxing
Jack Britton vs. Dave Palitz, 10 rounds, at Hartford, Conn.
Joe Lynch vs. Sammy Weliz, 10 rounds, at Hartford, Conn.
Young Chaney vs. George Brown, 10 rounds, at Hartford, Conn.

Native Poetry

THE DEATH OF A SMILE
By Guy Fitch Phelps
We mourn when friends must leave us,
For parting brings us pain;
But hope revives the spirit,
For we may meet again.

We sing our heroes fallen
On many a bloody line,
And round their dead brows ever
Our laurel wreathes we twine.

The martial tombs we build them
Each sacred thought endears;
Where memory broods forever,
And pity melts to tears.

Yet who has time for sorrow
When some sweet smile is dead?
And who will speak the reason
Why its bright beam is fled?

Oh, there are graveyards round us
Which are not made in earth;
Where lie forever buried
The things of rarest worth.

A child's laugh killed by hatred;
A bride's joy quenched like mist;
And pallid anguish haunting
The lips which love once kissed.

For once a smile has faded
We shall live on to learn,
It has no resurrection,
And never can return.

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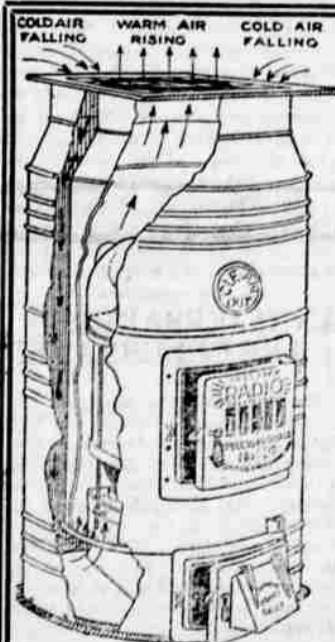
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The Land of Pretty Soon

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With the things which we meant to achieve.
It is walled with the money we meant to have saved
And the pleasures for which we grieve.
The kind words unspoken, the promise broken,
And many a coveted boon
Are towed away there in that land somewhere,
The land of Pretty Soon.
There are uncut jewels of possible fame
Lying about in the dust,
And many a noble and lofty aim
Covered with mould and rust.
And, oh! this place, while it seems so near,
Is further away than the moon;
Though our purpose is fair, we never get there,
To the land of Pretty Soon.
The road that leads to that mystic land
Is strewn with pitiful wrecks,
And the ships that have sailed for its shining strand
Bear skeletons on their decks.
It is further at noon than it is at dawn,
And further at night than at noon.
Oh, let us beware of that land down there—
The land of Pretty Soon.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The University of Copenhagen was opened to women in 1825. In sixteen towns of Florida the women now have municipal suffrage. The first woman suffrage society in Alabama was founded at New Decatur, in 1892. Indiana had the first woman's prison in the world entirely controlled and conducted by women.

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