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### WE STEAL THEIR STYLE.

An "obscure, moss-back, daily rag," published somewhere in Portland, is a mono-maniac and a plutocrat on all economic questions. We intimate its style once in giving our own opinions. Do you recognize the bl'ningsgate and abuse as a fair sample of what you see on the editorial page of the aforesaid "insignificant sheet?"

### MANIACS AND CRANKS.

**THE GOLD LUNATICS WILL WRECK THE COUNTRY.**

The goldites are viciously crazy and their financial schemes are impractical and unsafe, as have been proven. These cranks are now bordering on anarchy, and propose to ruin the country. Their propositions are simply preposterous, and they have the one idea that gold is the only salvation of the country. They are blindly following the Wall street contingency, and are struggling to see who can make themselves the basest slaves to the money power. Any man who can not see the fallacy of a single standard is a fool, an idiot an ass, and a crack brained lunk-head. Any sensible man who doesn't say that the gold bugs are ruining the country, is not honest. These gold-bug cranks should be suppressed and not be allowed to vent their feelings before a long suffering public. Choke them off thump them into silence, until the country can get relief. The sooner they get out of the republican party the better. They will have to get out any way. Let them work harder and be more saving, and then they will not have to depend on legislation to replenish their pockets. Do some honest work and learn to be economical, and then you will not have to beg the government to help you out by keeping up the price of gold! It is about time a quietus is being put on some of the loud-mouthed gold bug ranters.

### REGARDING ASSESSMENTS.

EDITOR HEADLIGHT—Please give me a chance to say a few words on a subject in which all are more or less interested. Viz:—Assessments. Last year, at my earnest solicitation our county board granted me permission to attend the assessor's convention and state board of equalization, where I had an opportunity of studying and discussing the work and method of my brother assessors; also a chance to compare my work with other counties, and as a result decided that we were entitled to various reductions, and in conjunction with our representative on the Board; Mr. S. D. Gibson (who, although he had never been in our County, took great pains to find out all he could

pertaining to our situation fertility, products, marketing facilities, etc.) obtained reductions on four classes of property, whereby our county was saved many dollars.

This year the Assessors meet again, and I am in receipt of several urgent requests to attend. In my work this year I made quite a material reduction from the figures of 1893, on account of the depression in values of all classes of property, and in doing so presumed I would have an opportunity to present my reasons for so doing, and support my work when the day came for having my county before the State Board, and earnestly requested our County Board to provide for my attendance and showed them the importance of our being represented there. But they have taken no action in the matter, giving as a reason, that they could not determine who should go, myself or Mr. White (my successor.) Now the Court knows full well, or should know, that Mr. White has no right in the premises whatever. The assessor's office, and all work pertaining thereto, I am responsible for until my term expires. Besides, of what use would Mr. White be to handle my work? He does not know my basis of assessment much less my reasons for making reductions, or why certain classes of property, or certain localities were reduced more than others. Other Courts encourage their assessors to attend; which of a right they should do, as it is only by a comparison with other counties, that an equality can be maintained, and each assessor should be there to support his work and see that his county gets a fair show.

My attendance on the board last year, cost the county just \$25, as I charged up only actual expenses. The best I can do now is to correspond with our representative and the secretary of the board, but I will have no chance to compare with other counties' figures, and if our county suffers in the end, I want those interested to know where to place the blame. I have done the best I could.

**CHARLES PYE, County Assessor.**

People seem to be set in a headstrong manner, pretty generally, regarding all political questions, and it seems useless in many cases to try to convince them that any change would be beneficial. This paper is bound to express its opinion, at any rate, though it does not ask anyone to believe the same way. If there are any who wish to inform themselves upon the financial question, we will gladly give information whereby they may secure the best of books and literature, by the best of authorities on both sides, treating on these questions. The best way to knock

the gold bug conceit out of the public, is to get the people to read up on both sides. The more this matter is understood, the better it is for the country. The people should think for themselves and not allow any man or newspaper to dictate to them. Read both sides before you form a set opinion.

The Oregonian completely ignores all newspapers of this state that do not agree with its financial policy. It never mentions their names or copies from them, and it is presumed they will all die as a result, the papers now represented in the Oregonian's exchange column number not more than four or five. Of course, the great big, only paper, would not be fair enough to publish extracts from all the papers in the state showing the general feeling and argument on the financial question. Practically speaking, all of the papers in this state are publishing strong articles denouncing the Oregonian policy, but the people who read only the Oregonian never know anything about it. Those who take the Oregonian to be a political bible for the republican party will find out they are far from republicanism before they are through with it.

When the Oregonian refers to a paper as an "obscure country publication," an "insignificant sheet," "a paper not worth mentioning," the "venal press," or a "rural journal," it always refers to the HEADLIGHT. We mention this so that people will know what paper the Oregonian refers to so often.

Astoria has a railroad assured now, and work is to begin on it before April 1st, and \$50,000 is to be expended each month. The road will be built up the Columbia river to Goble, connecting with the Northern Pacific at that place.

There is talk of forming a company and raising a subsidy to build an electric road from here to Portland, via Forest Grove and Hillsboro. A meeting will be called soon, and the matter will be pushed vigorously.

Now for the Nicaragua canal. Congress can't get on it to quick to suit us. V The bill is passed lumber with up, timber claims will double in value and transcontinental rates will begin to drop.

Anyone who has doubts on any points regarding the financial question can have questions promptly answered, according to our views, through these columns.

The cash dollar discount rate is not good after Jan. 1, 1895.

Ferdinand De Lesseps is dead, aged 89 years.

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