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THE CAPITAL JOURNAL. (DAILY AND WEEKLY) BY HOPER BROTHERS. TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1896.

Of course, any vigorous or truthful discussion and dissection of the Eastern Oregon enterprise, by which the state became the owner of a section of land in Union county for a cool \$25,000, at a time when there was no sale of lands and no market for any to speak of, will cause resentment among those concerned in the transaction.

Referring to your statements as to the value of the lands bought for the Eastern Oregon asylum, I beg to assure you that the land referred to can now be sold to private parties for the full amount paid by the state; that, at the time of their purchase by the state, no private parties could have purchased them at the same price; nor for a sum less than \$3,000 in excess of that price; and that lands of the same quality in the vicinity of Union are now selling at an average price of 50 per cent in excess of the price paid by the state for these lands.

State Treasurer Metcham makes virtually the same statement. We have no doubt that Mr. Penneyer will make the same assertion. We have no doubt that all these gentlemen acted in good faith in closing this transaction for the state and paying over the warrant. But that does not concern the ordinary citizen and taxpayer. It does not settle a principle in the constitution that is involved in all these gentlemen acted in good faith, and if Salem is a hog. The local interests of Salem have about as much to do with the proper construction of the constitution as a business man's profits have to do with the interpretation of the decalog. So far as a public newspaper is concerned, it has no interest in the acts of individuals or the deals by which communities get state institutions. A public newspaper should seek to protect the general welfare. THE JOURNAL has always been of the opinion that the whole scheme was a part of the jute mill deal of the sixteenth general assembly, when a few gentlemen, headed by Mr. Gullison, formed a combination that scattered nearly a million dollars for new institutions that were never asked for by the people. It should have been the duty of state officials to not carry out such combinations. But Governor Penneyer never struck at a single job. He helped the deal by appointing a soldier's home commission to buy a similar site at Roseburg, when others just as good and better, were offered free. The McElroy folly of a farm for the deafmutes was in the combine. Everything went. These matters were all discussed at the time and shown up in THE JOURNAL, but the public were not aroused to the turquity of such legislative methods as they are today. Nothing but the legislative deadlock prevented a similar combination in the last legislature. In that respect, the fight to defeat Dolph was a God-send to the people. With a state twice as big as Iowa, and about one-seventh the population, and nearly one-third of that concentrated at Portland, there is nothing easier than to form a combine that would locate a branch institution anywhere in the state, or take the Capital itself away, if the people had no protection in the constitution. All that is needed is state officials who will carry out the combine and muric who will sanction for them. Salem has and has entered these combine in the past for local profit and protection, and will always make more out of a combine than the rest of the state will.

The framers of the constitution knew what they were about when they put in the restrictive clauses governing the location of state institutions. They struck at the whole industry of legislative combinations and inguiling schemes. As few institutions as possible and those economically administered, is the only policy that ought to be adopted in any state.

It took that Salem judge a long time to say what everybody expected he would say, but which no one in the state outside the capital, thinks he ought not have said in the session case. —Union Republican.

I can happen that Mr. Hewitt is not a "Union judge." His home is in Lane county.

According to the latest advices, more than 1,000,000 industrial workers have within two months received a voluntary advance of 10 per cent in wages. This is a note of advancing prosperity that gives no uncertain sound. If it shall prove a prelude to a note of advance in agricultural products that will allow the farmer a reasonable margin of profit for his labor, the best news of the country will soon take care of itself. With industrial workers well paid, and farm products bearing a fair price, money will soon come out of hiding and resume its place as a circulating medium.—Oregonian.

If the advice is true, and we have no doubt of it, what business of the argument that the tariff is the only hope? The Wilson-Gorman tariff is highly protective in nearly all its features. It is not as high a protective tariff as the McKinley tariff was but it protects the sugar trust and other trusts that were not so fully cared for in the McKinley bill. It has not the reciprocity feature that the McKinley tariff had. For that reason the farmer's products will not find the foreign market that they found under that tariff. The farmer must sell his products in the foreign market in competition with countries that produce grain and flax on a silver basis, while he must meet all his obligations in this country on a gold basis. A protective and financial system that merely protects the manufacturer is a double fraud on the American farmer.

The alleged program of the western silver men, to both the national conventions and put up a silver man of their own, comes from suspicious sources. The Chicago News and the Portland Oregonian are rank Cleveland worshippers and goldbug organs and would like nothing better than for every sincere bimetalist to leave the Republican and Democratic parties. That would leave the goldbugs in absolute control of both parties, and free to denounce every silver man as a Populist, socialist, soft money crank, etc. That is undoubtedly the program and genuine bimetalists who hope to retain any standing whatever for silver as one of the money metals of our country should not fall in or help carry it out.

Dr. Binswanger, University of Oregon: It is also my opinion that there exists no purer, better or stronger baking powder than the ROYAL. I confidently recommend it.

Bimetalism has not a single point of contact with the Populist Omaha platform. It means the gold and silver coinage of the constitution and silver as money of intrinsic value without first being redeemed in gold. The Omaha platform demands fiat money to be loaned to the people at two per cent, and intelligent men who believe in no paper money but what is redeemable in gold or silver metallic money of intrinsic value have no use for that crazy proposition. The effort of the goldbug press to run all bimetalists out of the old parties will not work.

Politics will work into the most sacred gatherings these days. At the Chautauque assemblies in this state nearly all the candidates for congress are billed for speeches, of course not on "politics" but as most of these gentlemen have no other object in life but to get a nomination and to that end get continually before the people. At Ashland all the candidates for congress and even Binger Hermann himself are looked as attractions. The local Chautauque announces the Hon. F. V. Carter, the leading Populist from California, as a great card and all the Populists are urged to turn out and give him a rousing welcome. It would seem as though we are to see something, even the church, for some political purposes in these days.

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VALLEY LOCAL NEWS.

Aumville. The Turner celebration was a success, not much patriotism, the speakers forgot all about it, and kept to the old rut, bemoaning our departed greatness. The Republicans and Democrats thought of nothing but roast beef, pig and mutton. They had one true sign of identification. They carried off the largest plate of Populist roast meat, and never satisfied with one variety, but a full assortment of roast beef, mutton and pork. One old Republican dinner, dressed in gray was noticed with a plate in each hand claiming that he had several young ladies depending upon him for food. Conspicuous among the Republican meat carriers were Weaver, Bard, Go-dell and Porter, and the Democrats were represented by Mr. Garb and family. Perfect good will prevailed at the picnic. The Populists said what they wanted to, and the Republicans didn't contradict, fearful of losing their meat. The good Lord did not seem to like the speakers, for he kept pouring the rain down upon their heads as long as they spoke, and while Judge Bole was talking the sky looked very dark, but the very moment that he took his seat, the sun flashed out in all its glory, and smiled upon the children while they spoke their little pieces, and all the afternoon while the men, boys and girls were running races, and the ladies were harnessing horses it did not rain, but at 8 o'clock the time announced for more speeches it commenced to rain again. Taken in all it was a good celebration, and if the weather had been fair it would have been a great success. The speakers could not help their great array of figures "billions upon billions" nor could the Republicans and Democrats help acting as they did about the meat, for they were so very hungry, and their stomachs will hold the Populist in grateful remembrance for some time to come. The great wagon from Aumville containing 200 persons and drawn by twelve oxen created great enthusiasm all along the route, and upon reaching Turner was met by the brass band, and in triumph marched through the streets of the town, to the enjoyment of all, the patient oxen performing their part well received their share of praise.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kien fell from the carriage while partly asleep, on the Fourth, and was badly hurt, but is now much better. Mr. Frank Pound, Mr. Winston and



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