

IS HARVEY SCOTT CRAZY?

People from fresh green country are likely to overestimate their powers when they start out to astonish the world. It is thus not surprising that the bumpkins "boy orator" has become practically speechless after dispensing populist ideas of finance from a car platform for two days at the top of his very lusty lungs, and that his unsophisticated, country-bred wife "shows evident signs of exhaustion" as she essays to take the pushing, curious, perspiring throng by the hand individually and smile upon it collectively in fresh, winsome, girlish fashion.—Oregonian.

Those green country people, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan of Nebraska, stand infinitely higher in the opinion of Americans with the least bit of common sense than the author of the above.

Harvey Scott is so in the habit of setting down people who do not agree with him as crazy that he has gone to the verge of insanity himself. If the above paragraph is not written by an insane man he deserves contempt for his insulting fling to country people. It is high time an American born and bred, with an "unsophisticated country-bred wife" took possession of the White House and rescued this country from the blight and gangrene of a city politician.

THE FARMER AS A CHEAT.

Farmers think the silver standard will not hurt them, because they do not work for wages and because they own few securities to shrink in value. They think they occupy a happy position between the laboring man and the capitalist, where they can profit at the cost of both, paying both the farm laborer and the mortgage creditor in money of half value, and selling their products for twice as much nominal and the same real value as now. Even if they pay double nominal value for all they consume, they think they will still gain by cheating their two classes of creditors, the money-lenders and the workmen.—Oregonian.

This is jamming the farmer pretty hard.

How many Oregon farmers will swallow the above from Oregon's only metropolitan paper?

How long will they keep on taking a paper that calls them cheats?

Farmers do work for wages and are their own paymasters but are getting poor pay for their time and have a right to complain.

If farmers could make wages at their own work they might possibly be able to employ labor and pay wages.

Will the Oregonian tell the public how the prices of farm products can be stopped from sinking lower and lower under the gold standard?

Will it tell us how labor can be employed unless farmers can make enough off the land to pay wages?

Now laborers are all driven into the city or to tramping on the road. When enough are idle under the gold standard there will be a revolution.

VALUE OF FOREIGN COINS.

Will some of the gold standard advocates tell us why the 5 pesetas, of Spain, which have a pure bullion weight of 347.22, have an exchange value of 75 cents, while the 5 franc, of France, which has a pure bullion weight, of 347.22, has an exchange value of 81.

[According to the law of October 1, 1890, the gold value of both the French coins referred to is 96 2/3 cents. If the facts are as above stated, perhaps our correspondent can tell us why.] Ed J.

The Speakership.

WOODBURN, Aug. 12, 1896.

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ED. JOURNAL.—The writer wishes first to acknowledge to Mr. C. B. Moores his obligations for pleasure derived from reading that gentleman's article, in the Statesman, on the Johnson matter. After reading the nauseating sort of home-made rot, with which the Statesman's columns are so plentifully besprinkled, it is really refreshing to peruse the writings of a person who, although on the wrong side of the case, has so much of the ability of a skillful special pleader. He has brain and knowledge enough to back up some of his theories with facts and statistics, well knowing that any proposition can be proven by statistics. In fine, Mr. Moores is no Sardine.

Now let us take a partial review of his article. Of course he indulges in the usual ridicule of these misguided mortals who are unable to believe that the Wilson tariff bill is responsible for all the decline in the price of wheat, but we are used to all that. Then he repeats the charge that we "garble" the utterances of Blaine and Carlisle, because we do not give a certified copy of all proceedings of congress whenever we quote from one of their old speeches. At the same time he can not deny the main fact, which is all we claim, that Blaine and Carlisle both did, in 1878, denounce the demonetization of silver in the strongest terms.

Mr. Moores himself quotes Blaine as saying that the action, with ourselves, of Germany and the Latin union in demonetizing silver had "been the leading and dominant cause for the rapid decline in the price of silver." That is one of our fundamental arguments—that the demonetization of silver has been the cause of its decline in price as measured in gold, and it is one of the goldites most strenuously deny. Thank you, Mr. Moores! He also quotes Mr. Soetbeer as testifying to the rise in the value of gold. That is another of our facts which the goldite deny. Thank you again, Mr. Moores!

However, he is unfair in saying that the silver men "won't have an international agreement," for we would be glad to have it, and will have it much sooner than would the Republican gang of goldbugs with all their pledges; but we don't propose to sit down and patiently wait on England, for we have sense enough to know that she will never consent or allow it as long as she can prevent it. England, being the creditor nation of the world, has everything to gain by the world's adoption and retention of the single gold standard, and England has never been justly accused of being any eleemosynary idiot asylum; but she can neither bulldoze nor bamboozle the United States, a debtor nation, into playing into her hands much longer. It is positively amusing, in this connection, to see Mr. Moores quoting that England is today enjoying "an expanding trade, a marked decrease in the volume of commercial failures, and a buoyancy in the stock exchange." Truly, the Republicans are making the utterance of the British journals do double duty. Mr. Moores uses it to show what the gold standard will do for a country, while his colleagues use it to show how the iniquitous Wilson bill is enriching England at our expense. Surely Mr. Moores forgets the Wilson bill when he tells us that, "hard as times are today every one familiar with our national history knows that at various periods in the past they have been a great deal worse."

In this line Mr. Moores arrives at two widely varying conclusions. He tells us: "Farm products today will buy twice as many of the necessities of life as they would in 1840 under free coinage, and one day's labor will buy twice as much." On the principle that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to each other, this shows that one day's labor must buy the same amount of farm products as it would in 1840. But he tells us that, "hard as times are today every one familiar with our national history knows that at various periods in the past they have been a great deal worse."

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sets now as in 1840. But he proves from the figures of the Aldrich senate committee that the purchasing power of wages with all articles of ordinary use, including meat and bread, which are surely farm products, stood in 1890 at 1.72 as compared with 84.4 in 1845. From one point of view a day's labor buys the same amount of farm products as it did fifty years ago, while from another point it buys over twice as much. Truly, there is nothing in the round world like figures in the hands of an expert.

He also tells us that, "just prior to 1890 one day's labor would buy three pounds of coffee or eight yards of calico or one-half pound of tea, while it took five day's labor to buy a pair of thick boots." He should stop to consider that this proves nothing unless we reckon on how many more yards of calico or pairs of thick boots can be produced now by one day's labor with improved machinery than could be produced by one day's hand labor at that time. He might also profitably inquire into the wearing qualities of the calico and thick boots of those days. It is hardly necessary to remark that comparative prices of tea and coffee are worthless in this connection, for they have been affected by too many influences on which it is impossible to figure. In any case, Mr. Moores might be more convincing if he would go back only 25 years for his statistics, instead of 40, 50 and 60 years.

Now let us have a little fling at the much-bombed Mr. Johnson. The goldites seem greatly disturbed because the bimetalists haven't all rushed into print with assurances to Mr. Johnson that his salary of \$70 per month (for doing two men's work) would be instantly doubled by Bryan's election. If we were as good at promising and pledging as our Republican friends, we should undoubtedly do so, but, strangely enough, even at the risk of losing a vote, we prefer to tell the truth. If Mr. Johnson's salary is fixed and unchangeable at \$70 per month for the rest of his natural life, then his purely selfish interests are with the gold standard. If he is liable to ever lose his job; if his salary is subject to either reduction or increase, and the law of supply and demand will cause his wages to bear about a certain relation to those of men in other occupations; if he wishes to invest his surplus in anything but bonds and mortgages; if it would be worth anything to him to see the country enjoying genuine prosperity; if any of these things are true, then he is in the wrong pew, if he signs any of the blanks which the railway companies are sending to their employes for the purpose of finding out who among them can be depended on as good gold standard suckers.

DAVID BURR CHASE. SALEM, Or., Aug. 9, '96.

Mr. Johnson's Reply. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12, 1896.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—On August 1st THE JOURNAL published my answer to S. T. Johnson of Jefferson. Between August 1st and August 8th the Statesman had given about six columns to a notice of that answer, claiming continually that Mr. Johnson had not been answered. On August 8th I handed the editor of the Statesman my answer to Johnson with request that it be published that his readers might judge for themselves as to whether or not Mr. Johnson had been answered. The article has not yet appeared in the Statesman, but that paper asks this morning, "Why don't some one answer Johnson?" Apropos to this question I will say: "none are so blind as those who will not see," "none so deaf as those who will not hear," "none so foolish as those who will not reason."

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G. P. TERRELL, County Judge. 7-3-d&wtf

STATE NEWS.

Potatoes sold for \$1.50 per bushel last week in Roseburg. Last Monday snow fell in the mountains in Grant county. The teachers of Douglas county are holding an institute at Roseburg. J. Altine, of Plainview, killed a rattlesnake 43 inches long. It was a ten rattler. W. J. J. Scott, a pioneer of Lane county, died at his home at Creswell, aged 72 years. J. C. Gillette, a veteran of the late war, and of the Mexican war, died at his home in McMinnville last Sunday morning. Company C, O. N. G., of Eugene, will start next Friday to Newport to take part in the voluntary encampment. At the county teachers institute at Oregon City 151 teachers were enrolled, 102 of them received institute certificates. Rabbits are so thick in Harney county says the items of that county that one can see 2000 in a single evening. Some of the fields of grain are swarming with rabbits. By a contract filed for record, J. H. Epler, of Wilsonville, agrees to sell 12,000 pounds of hops to Lillian Thal & Co., of San Francisco, at 6 cents per pound, 3 cents to be advanced at picking time.

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