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MEXICO AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

On the first of May Mexico will begin a process, which will be necessarily somewhat slow, of changing over her monetary system to the gold basis. The first step becomes operative at that time when President Diaz will fix a par of exchange between gold and silver coins, take steps to restrict the increase in silver coins and provide for the redemption of silver in gold on demand. The ratio between silver and gold will not be the ex-divine ratio of 16 to 1, but for the present 32 to 1. Until Mexico has an adequate supply of gold coins, foreign coins are to be legal tender at their gold equivalents; taxes on the production of gold are to be lowered, and an import duty is to be placed upon Mexican silver pesos to prevent their return from the Orient where they are to be found in great quantities. The president is authorized to prohibit their importation altogether. A special fund of \$10,000,000 gold is to be set apart as a redemption fund for silver on demand. This may be increased to \$15,000,000. The object of this fund is to maintain the parity of the metals at the ratio of 32 to 1.

The coinage of silver is to be suspended, as per executive order just announced, on April 15. It is estimated that the country has 100,000,000 pesos of silver, worth therefore 50,000,000 in gold; the redemption fund provided for will hence be ample to meet the demands. So long as the amount of the domestic coin is limited, the further coinage subject to the president's will and imports suspended, the home demand will, as in the case of our own fractional coinage, limit the redemptions so that the stability of the exchange can be maintained with little difficulty.

Mexico has been preparing for this transition from a silver to a gold basis for a long time, and it will doubtless be effected without any financial disturbance. The reform, says one of the leading financial journals, will unquestionably prove of very great advantage to Mexican home interests, as well as to investors in her industries; her silver production will not be seriously affected, if at all; her rapidly increasing gold production will soon help render her more independent commercially, financially and politically; her progress, which has been astonishing under Diaz' rule, will be even more rapid in the next quarter of a century.

Circuit Court Recess.

Department No. 1 of the circuit court disposed of the following cases yesterday: R. W. Carey, plaintiff vs. H. S. Gile and W. T. Jenks, defendants, for money. The court ordered that the plaintiff recover \$112.88, with interest at 6 per cent, and the costs of the action.

The State of Oregon, plaintiff, vs. Arthur Freed, defendant, for the larceny of a cow. The defendant waived counsel, and was arraigned. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months in the county jail. The court then adjourned until Thursday.

Tax Turn Over.

Sheriff Culver today turned over \$26,264.88 to County Treasurer W. Y. Richardson, as the total amount of tax collections from March 1st to March 7, 1905.

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STATE NEWS

Grants Pass has an anti-spitting ordinance.

Roseburg is to hold a district fair this fall.

The first strawberries of the season were received at Portland last week.

Grants Pass is already taking steps to have a Fourth of July celebration this year.

The Baker City basket ball girls won from the Weiser, Idaho, team, by a score of 14 to 4.

The Seio railroad is to be put in operation again this season to take care of the freight that is tributary to the road.

Weston's brick yard expects to put out 5,000,000 brick this season—1,000,000 more than in any previous year.

The Astoria fire department has organized a relief association. The association starts out with \$176 in the treasury.

Midnight Row.

What promised to be a first-class row started in a State street saloon last night about midnight, but ended rather tame, the only visible evidence being a black eye of one of the participants.

A couple of loggers and an employee of a construction gang framed up a scrap with a dishwasher in a local restaurant, and for a time there was a regular Chinese pow-wow.

There were a couple of knock downs, and then one of the parties made for a hallway and climbed the wooden stairs. A little more bombastic language and the affair was settled.

Prunes Not Dangerous.

A State street grocery firm had a box of prunes displayed in front of their store this morning. The prunes were of the ordinary Oregon bulk variety, and had been dumped into the box. The latter bore the inscription on the end: "Explosive; Highly Dangerous." The sale of prunes for a time was not very brisk, as there was a falling off of several appetites for the standard fruit, until the groceryman explained that the sign did not refer to the present contents of the box.

What Time Proves.

This thing of being sick and looking for a cure is a mighty serious business. People are not given to joking even at the first symptom of the approach of the Grim Destroyer. They do not want to be the subjects of experiment, but want medicine that has had the test of years behind it. A medicine that has been made and used for 20 years gives assurance of its worth, and can be taken with a faith that they have the very best cure the world affords. All this can be said about Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills as a remedy for sick headache, dyspepsia and indigestion, it begins right at the source of the trouble and removes the cause. Sold by all druggists for 25c per box. One pill a dose.

For sale by Dr. S. C. Stone, druggist.

Visiting From Salem.

Mr. Al. Welch, formerly manager of the Baker City Electric Light and Gas Co., now of Salem, is visiting old friends in Baker. He says that Salem is pushing ahead at a rapid rate and that over two hundred new houses are now in construction there.—Baker City Democrat.

Plans to Get Rich

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies, and give you a new start. Cure headache and dizziness too. At J. C. Perry's drug store; 25c, guaranteed.

A strength tonic that brings rich, red blood. Makes you strong, healthy and active. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents Tea or Tablets Stone's Drug store.

New Lumber Firm in Salem.

Messrs. Thurston & Gilbert, representing the Calapooia Lumber Co., of Linn county, have opened offices over the Salem State Bank, where they will conduct a jobbing business in their line. They are interested in the big mills at Crawfordville, but ship in all kinds of lumber from many different points. They will do no retailing, but simply supply the local dealers.

Don't let the children suffer. If they are fretful, peevish and cross, give them Hollister's Rock Mountain Tea. The best baby tonic known. Strength and health follow its use. 35 cents. Stone Drug Store.

French Military Plot.

Paris, April 11.—Capt. Valpert, of the 11th infantry, was arrested today on a charge of complicity in the supposed military plot against the security of the state.

BUSINESSMEN'S CLUB PERFECTS ORGANIZATION

Another meeting of Salem's business men was held last evening at Buren & Hamilton's furniture store for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Salem's Business Men's League. About 50 of the best and most active business people were present, and some work was done which will surely bear good work in due season. Hal D. Patton was elected permanent secretary, Geo. F. Rodgers having previously been chosen president. A committee was appointed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the trading stamp nuisance. The ordinance was approved and sent to the council, asking that the same be passed. The board of directors was authorized to secure a room for a permanent place of meeting. The constitution and by-laws were received and adopted section by section, with amendments. There is still one place to be filled by the board of directors,

that of auditor, which is one of the most important places in the gift of the organization. The auditor will be expected to keep the records of the credit department, and supply tabulated statements concerning the standing of patrons to the members of the league. The auditor will also be expected to furnish legal advice on matters pertaining to the league.

The meeting was pervaded by the most excellent feeling, and all present are confident that great good will result from the organization. Its purposes are for mutual benefit and protection, and among the numerous objects it will look after is the extermination of fake advertisers and begging schemes. The business men realize that they can save to the town thousands of dollars every year by an organized effort along these lines, and all the members feel a keen interest in carrying out those provisions.

BUREN WILL CASE

Some Points Made by Witnesses on Both Sides

During the past month a case has been on trial in the county court which is of more than passing interest to the people. Yet little concerning the details of the case has crept into the newspapers, probably for the reason that there was lack of continuity in the matter of taking testimony. It was done piece-meal, and little opportunity was afforded the newspapers for reporting a coherent story. It is learned that, after closing the general testimony in the case, both parties in the contest called in expert testimony, which is always of great interest to newspaper readers.

As is well known, Max O. Buren began proceedings in the county court contesting the legality of his father's will, on the ground that the latter had been incapacitated through disease and the administering of drugs to transact business rationally. The result of the contest will hinge almost entirely upon this one question. The testimony of the expert witnesses will, no doubt, be paramount in the conclusion of the court and for this reason a Journal reporter has made an effort to round up some of those witnesses for information.

The executrix called Messrs. George Griswold, J. P. Frizzell, R. R. Ryan, John P. Robertson and others, who testified that they had known the deceased, A. B. Buren, and, in their opinion, he was a good business man, and possessed all of his faculties up to the time they last saw him, during the fall of the year 1903. Upon objection being made to this class of testimony the court ruled that the testimony ought to be confined to Mr. Buren's condition at the time he signed the will, upon the ground that any one might be all right mentally at one period, and altogether mentally unsound at a later date.

Through Dr. Cusick, who has had many years' experience with patients suffering from nervous diseases, and who has made a life study of mental phenomena from the medical viewpoint, it is learned that half a dozen prominent physicians were placed on the witness stand. First were the attending physicians of the late Mr. Buren, Drs. Frank B. Smith and J. N. Smith. The former testified that he had treated Mr. Buren during the last year of his life as attending physician. The patient was suffering from locomotor ataxia, and his case was considered incurable. He gradually grew worse, and at times was childish. During the last few weeks of his life he was confined to his room. Dr. Smith called twice a day, and the remedies given were simply morphine and bromide. Dr. Smith testified that the patient was given morphine in quarter-grain doses every three hours, and during the last week of his illness, at which time the will in question was made, the same dose was administered every two hours. Dr. Smith admitted on the witness stand that, as a result, his patient was in stupor or semi-comatose condition, and that it required a little effort to arouse him in order to administer the medicine.

Dr. J. N. Smith was called in as consulting physician the evening before the will was made, and testified that he found Mr. Buren talking in an incoherent manner. Both these physicians were of the opinion that Mr. Buren was

hardly able to transact important business intelligently.

Drs. McNary and Tamasie, assistant physicians at the asylum, were called in by the defense. Their testimony was of a highly technical nature, and consisted largely of the history of the disease known as locomotor ataxia. The point sought to be established by the testimony of these two physicians was that insanity was not necessarily an accompaniment or result of this particular disease, and their testimony made it clear that the nature of the disease itself was not such as to incapacitate rational mental activity. Dr. Williamson was also called. He is widely known for his many years' of experience as head physician of the asylum, and for that reason his testimony was considered important. He, with Dr. Cusick, had submitted to him the facts as stated by the attending physicians. Both of these gentlemen were quite positive in stating that, under surrounding conditions, the patient was in such a condition as to make it impossible for him to understand the nature of any business transactions. In an interview with The Journal reporter, Dr. Cusick discussed at some length the different forms of psychological law, showing more clearly the lines along which rational and irrational conditions prevail. Dr. Cusick has written numerous theses upon these and relative subjects, and proves a most entertaining talker concerning them. He pointed out the wonderful effects of morphine upon the mind, and repeated the statements to which he had testified, that the amount of morphine given Mr. Buren, viz: an excess of two grains every 24 hours, was sufficient to make the strongest person mentally irresponsible, even mandarin, and in the case of many an absolute blank. The doctor explained to the reporter, with great clearness, that the use of morphine virtually puts a man into dreamland. That, when under its influence, he has no care, nor any conception of the serious things of this world, but that he revels in the bliss of his mental exhalation. In short, that he cannot be rational. He explained that this effect is of such a character as to make the man absolutely happy without pain and devoid of any responsibility. He says, knowing these facts as he does from long study and practical experience, that he is confident that it would have been utterly impossible for Mr. Buren to have made a rational effort, and that if the will is as he wanted it, it must have been purely accidental. For, the doctor says, after absorbing two grains of morphine per day, no human being could be considered rational at any time.



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