

THE PRICE OF GOLD.

A question arises, what fixes the price of gold? One little thing seems to have escaped all the good misanthropes who advocate "sound money" and a "stable currency" - and think only gold will fill the bill because gold does not fluctuate in price.

Why does it not? Simply because its price is fixed by law.

By the Peel act of 1844 the price of gold is fixed in England. This act passed July 19, 1844, compels the Bank of England to pay £3 17s and 9d for every ounce of standard gold presented at its counter, and this is what keeps the price of gold stable all over the world at \$18.92 less carriage and insurance. By the provisions of its character, the Bank of England is obliged to purchase all the gold bullion brought to it at \$18.92 an ounce. This statement can be verified by reference to Chamber's Encyclopedia; Lippincott's edition of 1866, Vol. 1, page 667, or the Encyclopedia Britannica, ninth American edition, Vol. XVI page 485.—People's Guide.

The National Advertiser asks this office to designate the twelve most prominent people in Oregon—the best known. We only jump at things on short notice in a daily evening paper, but here is a list just first come to mind: John H. Mitchell, Geo. H. Williams, Sylvester Penneyer, A. Bush, Binger Hermann, Wm. P. Lord, H. R. Kincaid, C. W. Fulton, Sol. Hirsch, D. P. Thompson, Mrs. Dunniway. We let you name the twelfth man to suit yourself.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

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abouts have to take what they can get, same as folks.

The next morning Betty took her father out to examine the tree, but, though he looked very wise, and even broke off a tiny twig and smelt and chewed it, he only said:

"It ain't any kind at all, I'm thinking—just a bush like; but you can't rightly tell till it gets leaves."

So every day the children ran out as soon as they were dressed to see how the little brown buds were swelling, and Betty always said, "Hurry, little tree, and make your leaves!"

"I'll give you some glory seeds to plant around it," said Betty's mother. "They'll run up fine and be all over blooms, pink and purple and red."

But Tim and Joey had a far finer picture in their minds of every twig hung thick with shining apples and long-stemmed cherries and purple plums, such as old Nicholas sold at his stand on the corner.

Very slowly, as the weather grew warmer, the pale-green leaves began to push out of their snug brown wrappings, such a lovely, lovely green! But one little twig at the very top had the queerest little knobs, not at all like leaves, just a brown scale and a soft gray thing that crept out further and further from its house.

"It's a caterpillar," said Joey; "they grow on trees."

"They're three-kittens," said Jimmy, stoutly; "the teacher had some once in school."

"Oh," said Betty, "do you s'pose they'll stay up there? 'cause then we couldn't have a bird's nest!"

"They're just a kind of a flower," said Jimmy, walking off in disgust, "and don't anything come of 'em—apples nor cherries, nor anything 'all."

But Betty reached up her finger and softly stroked the pretty gray things, and said: "It's a dear, lovely little tree, and it's making the best things it can."

The next day, when the downy catkins were lightly powdered with gold, Betty led her father out again to see them.

"Sure," he said in surprise, "and if it isn't a pussy-willow! There's not much to that."

"It's the prettiest thing in the world," said Betty, "and I just love my dear little tree!"

She patted it with her rough little hand, and her father looked at her with a queer smile about his mouth.

"It's a brave little thing," he said; "but I know of something a deal prettier and sweeter," and he lifted Betty up and kissed her on both red cheeks.—Emily Huntington Miller in People's Guide.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The representatives of the Republicans of the State of Oregon in convention assembled, call attention to the condition of industry throughout the country, as a proof of the necessity of changing the policy of the Republican party under which there was a general depression of business.

We reaffirm the principles of the Republican party of 1852, and assert that the results that have followed the change effected by the election of that year have justified our protest against the national policy adopted by the Democratic party.

We believe that the government should have an ample revenue, with a sufficient surplus over ordinary expenditures to provide for coast defenses, for the steady building up of the navy, and for the constant reduction of the public debt. We believe that the present tariff, with its lowered rates and its destructive and dishonest system of undervaluations and discriminations as to localities, should be replaced by one founded on protective principles similar to that of the McKinley bill and arranged to give ample protection to American wages and American industry, and to restore the reciprocity policy of James G. Blaine.

We have always given protection to our shipbuilders. In late years we have neglected to protect our shipowners. We believe that time has come to restore the policy of Washington and Hamilton, which, by discriminating duties in favor of American bottoms, secured 93 per cent of our carrying trade to American ships, and which, if now restored, would again revive our shipping and cause American freights to be paid to Americans.

The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetalism, and the Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money with such restrictions and under such provisions to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal.

The interest of the producers of the country—its farmers and its workmen—demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government shall be as good as any other dollar.

Resolved, That we earnestly endorse the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote, recently reported from the committee on privileges and elections by Senator Mitchell and now pending consideration in the United States senate.

Resolved, That the application of the Oregon delegation in congress to the president of the United States and now pending before him, praying a modification of his proclamation creating the Cascade forest reserve, is hereby earnestly approved, and we appeal to the president to grant the prayer of our delegation in congress.

We realize the importance and magnitude of the fishing industry on the Columbia river and would recommend that some provisions be made for a state hatchery for artificial propagation, and that the laws regulating the closed season be rigidly enforced.

That we endorse the efforts of our representatives in congress to secure repayment to the settlers of Oregon of the excess of \$1.25 per acre wrongfully collected by the government on lands located in the line of the nearmed Northern Pacific railroad land grant so forfeited.

The construction of the Nicaragua canal is of the highest importance to the American people, both as a measure of national defense and to build up and maintain American commerce. It is moreover of special importance to our Pacific states and we demand its incorporation into the general appropriation bill of items for the expenditure of public money not authorized by law.

We demand the enactment of rigid restrictions on foreign immigration, both for protection of our country against illiterate and vicious classes from foreign lands and for protection of our labor and preservation to our own people of the remainder of our national domain.

We commend the policy of the Republican party in relation to internal improvements, and in particular in opening our waterways to commerce, and we denounce the illiberality of Democratic party in these important matters.

Respectfully submitted, T. E. FALL, Secretary, SOL. HIRSCH, Chairman.

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