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## REASON WHY.

The second section of the Sherman law makes the notes issued in payment of the silver purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury legal tender for all purposes, including customs, dues, and available for national bank reserves, and provides for their redemption on presentation to the secretary of the treasury in gold or silver coin in his discretion.

It is frequently asked why the secretary does not redeem these notes in silver. As we understand the matter, the reason is this. It is the established policy of the United States to maintain the two metals on a parity with each other upon the present legal ratio or such a ratio as may be provided by law. When the Government can meet its obligations only by paying out its hoarded silver, and cannot exchange silver on demand for gold, then the silver dollars will drop instantly to its bullion value of about 60 cents. The drop from the gold to the silver standard would come with astounding suddenness at the very first whisper that the Government could no longer exchange silver dollars for gold dollars. The banks would get the news instantly, and from the banks it would spread to the tradesmen, who would instantly mark their prices up to the requirements of the silver standard, that is, more than a third above their former level. The local tradesmen would have to do this because the merchants in the large cities from whom they purchased their supplies would do it the moment the country slid from the gold standard. But while prices would be advanced instantly, wages of all kinds would advance at a much more moderate pace, and the result would be the same that it always is in such times of inflation—the wage-earner and the poor man generally would be the chief sufferers from the change.

## WATER WORKS.

The City Council decided at its meeting last Monday evening to try once more to sell the city bonds, and will receive bids for the same until September 1st. We do not wish to criticize their actions in this matter; for we believe they will do all in their power for the best interest of the city, and that they considered it to the city's interest when they modified the contract sent there by DeVan & Rutledge. But Athena needs water works, and her citizens desire them, as was shown by the unanimous vote to bond the city for that purpose. It is very doubtful if the bonds can be sold the 1st of September for money enough to build and equip the system adopted by the council. But, if they should sell for something like their value, by the time the contract for putting the works in can be made, it will be too late to do much toward them this year. Would it not have been better to have given some one a franchise to put in the adopted system, and to have given a part or all the bonds as an inducement to them to put in and maintain such a system for a certain number of years? The City would have the benefit of the fire protection, and the water would not cost the citizens any more than it would if the city owned the works.

## JACKSON AS A POPULIST.

In the issue of July 3rd, the East Oregonian, in the article headed "Simpler System Necessary," produces some very plausible arguments, some that are surely pleasing to the wing of the populist

party that advocate the sub-treasury scheme. Among other things it has this: "If there was no gold and silver used as money, and banks were authorized and regulated by government to issue money as it was needed in exchange and business to those who possessed collateral in the shape of products, including gold and silver, there could be no hard times among producers, as under our present system, which only has confidence at the back of it."

This would be quite a "Simple System" had we no commercial relations with other nations. But since we are continually doing business with other nations, which every year amounts to many millions of dollars, will our esteemed contemporary explain how we would adjust the balance of trade with our currency based on "products?" In this age of telegraphs, steam ships, and sub-marine cables, no civilized country of any importance can exist independent of the rest of the civilized world.

## THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

The People of Umatilla Celebrate it in a Fitting Style.

Athena had no celebration this year, so her citizens went to Weston, Cayuse and Pendleton, while a few enjoyed the quiet and recuperating merits of the classic Umatilla in the vicinity of Thorn Hollow.

## AT PENDLETON.

A large number of people came in from the country early in the forenoon and the excursion train from Walla Walla brought a large delegation down from the Garden City, Milton, Athena and Adams. The procession formed at the corner of Webb and Main streets, and although not being as large as former years it surpassed anything of a previous nature in the way of splendor and brilliancy.

First came the Pendleton cornet band followed by the speakers and officers of the day in carriages. Next proudly marched the veterans bearing the old flag and Kit Carson post colors. They were followed by the Hose companies, Hook & Ladder wagon and fire engine. Then came the Athena band in their gaudy uniforms. The liberty car was the prettiest feature of the parade. The uniform rank, K. of P., followed and then came the floats and citizens in carriages and on horseback.

The "Clam bake" was a fizzle; but not owing to the lack of clams. A box car in the lower end of town was full of clams, seasoned with a nameless odor, and people who came to get clams got it in the nose. The fact of the matter is the clams were out of water too long and spoiled on the hands of the committee, and many who went to Pendleton were severely disappointed for the clam bake was to be the feature of the program.

## AT CAYUSE.

The people who went to Cayuse to spend the glorious fourth were not disappointed in having a good time. They feasted from baskets of good edibles, swung, laughed at the three-legged race, cheered the favorite ball club, fished, if so inclined and were carried away to the realms of bliss by the sweet strains of music from the Adams and Helix bands.

## THE WESTON CELEBRATION.

The farmers' picnic and alliance celebration at Weston was attended by at least 3500 people from the surrounding country, quite a number coming from the Juniper and Cold Springs neighborhood. Mayor T. T. Davis delivered a pleasant address of welcome, to which Col. Parsons of this place responded in his usual eloquent style. Hon. W. G. Burleigh, the silver-tongued orator of Willowa county followed with a splendid essay on the present political outlook from a populist standpoint.

Afternoon exercises consisted of a two-hour speech by Hon. S. S. King, of Topeka, Kansas, which was listened to with wrapped attention, and was frequently interrupted by vociferous applause. The whole program was neatly interspersed with sweet strains from the Weston Cornet band, and campaign songs by the Milton Glee club. Nathan Pierce was master of ceremonies.

## In a Trance.

A young lady, Miss Bunch, of Portland, while attending the campmeeting at Dufur, went into a trance and remained unconscious for 12 hours. After she became resuscitated she related her experience. During the twelve hours she journeyed through the unknown world and saw several persons in the future place of punishment and some in the heaven of reward. Some people who still reside in Dufur she saw in her trance as suffering the torments of future punishment. This created considerable excitement, and there are quite a number of disbelievers in Miss Bunch's "vision."

## COUNCIL MEETING.

The city council met in regular session at the city hall July 3rd. Mayor Hollis and the full board of councilmen present. A petition of several citizens owning property within the fire limits asking that Bergevin Bros. be given a permit to build an addition to the rear of the Corner Grocery was read. But it was decided that the council could not grant such a permit without first repealing the ordinance establishing a fire limit. The Recorder was instructed to advertise in the Portland Oregonian for bids for the city bonds, the bids to be received until September 1st.

The ordinance committee was instructed to amend the ordinance regulating the sale of stock placed in the city pound, by having them advertised in the newspaper instead of posted as is now done.

The finance committee was instructed to ask for bids from the two papers in the city to do the city advertising.

The marshal was instructed not to pay more than two dollars per day for street work. He was also instructed to give ten days notice in the newspapers that he would strictly enforce the dog ordinance.

The ordinance committee was instructed to amend the ordinance creating a fire limit so as to allow parties to build additions to the rear of their building within the fire limits, when such additions would not increase the rate of insurance.

The following bills were allowed:  
Jarvis Hurd..... \$ 13 00  
Buckley Lumber Co..... 179 45  
Wm. Post..... 3 32  
Chas. Gay..... 1 25  
Crow & Thompson..... 111 65  
W. T. Gilman..... 20 00  
D. M. Lewis..... 22 50  
S. A. Ayers..... 19 50  
H. L. Thompson..... 20 00  
W. H. Post..... 16 25  
J. N. Stamper..... 25 00  
W. J. Gohlsch..... 12 00  
Jones & Winship..... 66 35  
A. D. Blue..... 17 50  
Jas. Stamper..... 75 00  
G. W. Titworth..... 7 50  
J. C. Tompson..... 8 75

There was some discussion concerning the Buckley Lumber Co's. bill as it was used for building a cross walk belonging to private parties and should not be paid for by the city. Most of the other bills were for work done on Main street and were refused payment at the former meeting.

## OVER A PRECIPICE.

A Frightened Team Dashes into the Clackamas With Fatal Results.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 4—An otherwise pleasant and uneventful Fourth culminated in a serious and fatal accident at the Clackamas river, two miles north of this city, at 8:45 o'clock tonight, when M. P. Bradley's team became frightened and ran away, throwing the wagon containing himself, wife and four children over a rocky precipice 40 feet high. As the wagon was going over Mr. Bradley jumped and caught upon the verge of the precipice, but the rest fell to the bottom and were all more or less seriously injured. Mrs. Bradley struck upon the rocks at the bottom tearing the scalp loose from the top of her head. Her body rolled into the water and was found, after an hour's search, 300 yards down the stream. The baby, 18 months old, was brought up unconscious and is seriously hurt. The eldest, a boy 10 years of age, sustained a concussion of the brain, and is in a critical condition. The other two children escaped with serious but not fatal bruises, while Mr. Bradley himself has no serious injuries.

The injured children were immediately carried to the nearest house—that of Rev. Gilman Parker—where Dr. Locke, who assisted in rescuing them, did all that medical science could do for their relief and in this critical emergency it was fortunate that he was near at hand to render immediate assistance. He remained until Dr. Carl, of this city, could be summoned, who took immediate charge of the patients and is now carefully attending their wants. Harry Dyer, superintendent of the East Railway Company, was present and immediately placed a car at the disposal of those who had found the body, and the remains were brought to this city, where an inquest will be held in the morning. From the nature of the injuries sustained by Mrs. Bradley they must have proved fatal, even if she had not fallen into the river, and it is probable that she was killed before striking the water. [Mrs. Bradley is well known in this county and has relatives and friends in Weston.]

## Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that ten days after the date of this notice all dogs, or dog kind, caught running at large on the streets of the city of Athena, Oregon, and not wearing a license collar will be killed by the city marshal, in compliance with the order of the city council.

Dated this 6th day of July, '93.  
JAS. C. STAMPER,  
City Marshal.

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## Ladies

Our new stock of Dress Goods has arrived from New York, and we will be pleased to show them. Among the dress goods will be the latest patterns in Pointelles, Grendines, Sateens, Chainbrays Cashmeres, Sublime, Summer Suitings, etc etc.

## LATEST NOVELTIES IN TRIMMINGS TO MATCH.

Chiffon and Oriental laces, embroideries, Hamburg edgings, fancy Ties, Gloves mitts, Handkerchiefs, etc. Entirely new and complete line of Ribbons, unique in design and very pretty, Underwear and Hosiery in all grades, and remember that we

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of Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boy's and Children's Shoes ever brought to the city. They comprise the latest styles and for neatness and elegance cannot be beat, and will be sold at hard times

## Prices.

We would respectfully ask your inspection of these goods, knowing you will be pleased, and it will be a pleasure for us to show them to you.

# BERGEVIN BROS.,

Athena

Oregon



## Bad Roads

Makes trade slow, but we offer such RARE INDUCEMENTS to Customers who venture forth, that they come to town in spite of

## A Foot Pace.

Whenever they are in town they find just what they want and are able to make

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Do not neglect the CHANCE, but take ADVANTAGE of our OFFER.

## C. W. Hollis,

ATHENA,

OREGON.