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Personally appeared before me this day Orville White, foreman of the pressroom of the Republican-Press, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has charge of the presses in the office of the Republican-Press, and that the average number of copies printed weekly is over eleven hundred.

(Signed) ORVILLE WHITE,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1897.  
WILLIAM HELD,  
Notary Public.

The best way for a peace-disturber to keep his name out of the newspapers is to get properly.

The Spanish newspapers are emulating the Democratic journals of this country in attacking President McKinley.

There seem to be many roads which lead into the Klondike country, but thus far few have been found which lead out.

The Dingley law furnished, during the month of December, the first surplus the country has had for some years past. Popocrats are appalled.

The anti-annexation rot published daily in The Call should be collated by the Messrs Spreckels and furnished their readers a souvenir on All Fools day.

The Trinity Journal has entered its forty-third volume. It is a valued exchange and fittingly represents one of the greatest mining counties in the state.

When Brother Smalley delivered his address against the United States some days ago, it was not, as assumed by the press, done to cater to the English. It was to please the popocrats.

The state of Washington has returned to her first love—the Republican party. Late elections in that commonwealth have shown that her people have had enough of populism and its vagaries.

PRESIDENT ANDREWS of Brown university declares that Robert E. Lee was the greatest general of the civil war. It might be well to parenthetically remark that Professor Andrews will shortly leave for a lecture tour in the southern states.

The report from Washington that the Hawaiian annexation project is gaining strength can easily be believed. William II.'s demonstrations in China and Hayti will make votes for annexation. If the United States declines Hawaii's overtures the future of the islands will be very uncertain. Germany just now has the "colonizing" fever in an exceedingly aggravated form. Within twelve months after the defeat of annexation, if it should be defeated, the Kaiser's flag might be run up in Honolulu, and then the United States would have another Franco-Mexican problem on its hands, with a much more obstinate man to deal with than Napoleon III.

The crossing of the \$160,000,000 line by the gold reserve in its upward movement, which is the highest point touched since September, 1890, is a financial event of great importance. Ever since the overthrow of Bryan, nearly fourteen months ago, there has been a steady increase in the treasury gold, except during the two or three months in the latter part of the spring and the early part of the summer when gold exportation was under way. Financial confidence has been completely restored. All that is needed now to make the treasury situation ideally good is an abundant revenue, and the constant gain in governmental income ever since July shows that that condition can not be far off.

## GAGE ON FINANCE

At the Nashville session of the American federation of labor recently that body severely denounced the financial attitude of Secretary Gage. The secretary thereupon formulated a letter of which the following is an extract:

If, instead of denunciatory resolutions, which are not argument, you or any one on your behalf will show that the views I entertain and advocate are other than salutary to the great economic body of which we are all independent members, I will abandon them without hesitation. My present conviction, the honest fruit of sincere study and reflection, is that a breakdown in our present money standard would be a most disastrous blow to all our commercial and industrial interests, and that upon the wage workers as a class would be entailed the most serious effects of the disaster. Believing this, I must so bear witness.

Commenting upon this very business like excerpt a contemporary remarks that it is a common error of men to assume that those who differ from them on economic propositions are necessarily actuated by the basest motives. Denunciations then follow as a matter of course, when the true policy should be a re-examination of the facts, to see whether their own position is really sound and logical, and whether those who differ have solid ground for their opposition.

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In its resolutions, the federation of labor declared entire opposition to the Gage financial bill, on the ground that, if made a law, it would "more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country, and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form." No doubt the members are sincere in their view, and supported the resolution because of that belief. But a man may be sincere, and yet be mistaken. Is the assumption that the gold standard is disastrous, well founded? And would free coinage be less disastrous? The experience of every nation in the world's financial history has been that when two kinds of coin are given unlimited coinage with full legal tender powers, and circulate side by side, the one of least bullion value will alone remain in circulation, and the other disappear. No exception to this can be found in history. To adopt the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 would be to repeat the old experiment, and the outcome would be as it always has been. Silver would remain in circulation, but only at its bullion value; our paper money would sink to the same level. How could this benefit the wage-workers who compose the federation of labor?

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Each one of them would receive the same number of nominal dollars as he does now for wages, but they would not buy quite half as much as they now do. The prices of clothing, food, fuel, and all other necessities of life would be a little more than doubled in the depreciated currency. The merchants would see to that. Does any one imagine that wages would go up at once, and as rapidly? Does any man now getting, for instance, \$1 a day, suppose that his employer would at once, and without urging, pay him \$2.12 a day? Yet that would have to be the rate to give him wages equal in purchasing power to \$1 a day, gold value. The effect of free coinage would be to cut down the wages of every wage-worker in the United States to 46 cents for every dollar he now receives. How long would it take to raise wages, counted in the depreciated currency, to the present level? It would require years. No one can doubt that who has studied the subject in the light of history. What advantage could possibly come to compensate them? The federation of labor should investigate the matter and listen no longer to emissaries of the silver trust. They will find Secretary Gage is nearer right in this matter than they are.

AN INTERESTING DECISION The supreme court has rendered a decision in a case in which the payment of taxes on personal property is involved and in which a majority of the court held that "where a taxpayer has no real property or none sufficient to pay the payment of his taxes the assessor is required to collect them at the time of making his assessment, and in case of failure to pay, to sell sufficient of the property of the delinquent to make the amount of the tax, with costs. As this collection must be enforced before the meeting of the board of equalization and before the rate for the ensuing year is ascertained and the levy made, it is provided that it shall be made according to the rate levied the previous year, and as this may be, and generally is, greater or less than the subsequent levy for the current year, provision is made for refunding to the taxpayer any excess in the collection, and for the payment by him of any deficiency."

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The case was that of C. B. Rhode and others who objected to the assessor threatening to seize their personal property and sell it, and they commenced action in mandate against the San Francisco assessor, to enjoin him from forcing them to pay the tax before the time of payment of realty taxes. The superior court decided against the plaintiff, and the supreme court has affirmed that judgment. Chief Justice Beatty presented the prevailing opinion, which was concurred in by Justices Henshaw, Temple, Garoutte and McFarland, but Justice Van Fleet and Justice Harrison both wrote dissenting opinions. Justice Van Fleet holds that the law works against the poor, in that there may be times when the poor man cannot raise the amount of the assessment upon demand. Justice Harrison holds that the law is manifestly unjust for the reason that the taxpayer may be deprived of the use of a portion of his money for six months and no return by way of interest given.

The prediction recently made by Messrs. Dingley and others that this will be a short session may come true after all. Most of the appropriation bills seem to be well in hand, and from present indications all of them will have passed the house before the end of February. Hawaiian annexation, either by treaty or act of congress, will probably be accomplished, and the house may pass the senate's Cuban belligerency joint resolution. A bankruptcy bill is likely to be enacted, but the one which passes the house will be different from the measure which has gone through the senate, and a contest between the two branches on this issue is probable. Still the Republican leaders who said the session would end some time in May or in early June may be correct in their forecast.

The seizure of British sealing ships in Behring sea in 1886 and 1887 will be remembered. Great Britain protested against the seizures and laid claims for damages. The talk of the day was exceedingly hostile. International arbitration decided that Americans had no right to close Behring sea against hunters, and an award of \$425,000 was agreed upon as the proper amount for America to pay. President Cleveland approved that finding, but congress, always amenable to "jingo" argument, repudiated the whole transaction and provided for an international court of claims. This court has just decided that the United States must pay \$464,000, which is more than the little demonstration was worth.

KANSAS continues to labor in original ways for the peace and prosperity of her people. The town of Mankato having been inundated with singing, humming, whistling recollections of a popular song that struck the town a few weeks ago, the town council has passed an ordinance forbidding, under penalty of a fine, any further inflictions of the offending music. Several years ago the same town suppressed another tune effectually by ordinance and a fifty-cent fine. This city might reduce the number of her hoodlums by enacting similar legislation.

From what can be learned from the supervisors sub rosa the various consolidated county offices are to be segregated—sheriff and tax collector, clerk and auditor.

## HOPLAND HOLIDAYS.

Social Gatherings and Vacation Festivities Galore.

HOPLAND, January 4.—We are all rejoicing over the fine weather of the past few weeks and wondering if the majority of eastern people would have the same opinion of our weather stories as they do of our redwood tree stories.

Miss Nelle Foss is visiting friends in Ukiah this week.

The Howell boys are all back with us for awhile. Walter and Frank from Holt's and John from Stanford.

H. T. Carlile, late a merchant of this place, spent a few days with us last week. H. H. Huntington and wife took in the masquerade at Ukiah New Year's eve, and reported it a decided success.

James Sturtevant jr. returned to his studies at the Ukiah high school Monday.

The local talent are working hard to produce the stirring drama, Bound by an Oath, and I can assure you it will be a success.

Thomas Parsons and family of Largo left for Healdsburg Tuesday last, where they will reside permanently.

A merry party of young folks gathered at S. H. Brooks' home Thursday evening for the purpose of having a good time, and they had it. The time passed all too quickly in games, recitations and songs, and at 12 o'clock supper was announced. After supper, of course, it took till nearly 2 o'clock for each and every one to tell the other what a good time he had had. Those present were: Misses Nelle and Isadore Foss, Alice Taylor, Eva Howell, Eva Dooley, Acola and Loranna Harp, Edna Hixon, Mabelle Watkins, Lizzie and Lottie Clendennin, Jincey Grant, Lulu Gregory, Grace Linter, Messrs Joe Harris, Frank, Walter and John Howell, Will Brunner, Harry Thomson, James Sturtevant, John Stutsman, Logan Moody, Frank Dooley, Frank Duncan, Lester Banks, Gus Grant, Thomas and Ed Crawford, Orrin and Henry Brooks and Milton Shears.

Mrs. W. E. Harvey gave a Christmas tree to a few of her friends Christmas night and each one left heartily wishing her a Happy New Year.

Will Copple and Melton Shears are doing some excellent work on the roads, I noticed while driving up the other day.

While I was standing around town Tuesday evening last wondering what to do, a young man came along all dressed in his best bib and tucker and inquired if I wasn't going up to Sturtevant's that evening. Then I thought of my invitation to attend a social gathering in honor of their son James, and I proceeded to get on the same regalia with which my friend was togged and go. We were met at the door by the genial James himself, who ushered us in amid such a crowd of girls as I never saw before, but soon the boys appeared and there was such fun. Games, recitations, songs and dances never ceased, and after playing Klondike the prizes were awarded to the miners as follows: First, ladies, to Fannie McGlashan; booby to Nelle Foss. First, gents, Joe Harris; booby to G. W. Jewell. The morning hours were growing fast when we departed. At the supper table I noticed the following: Misses Lulu Gregory, Fannie McGlashan, Nelle and Isadore Foss, Edith and Blanche Thatcher, Ruby and Ida Jewell, Jincey Grant, Lizzie Clendennin, Messrs Frank Howell, Harry Thomson, Wayne, Leslie and Ed Crawford, James Sturtevant, Frank Duncan, Joe Harris, George Jewell. Wishing THE PRESS a Happy New Year.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Howard celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Saturday evening last at their residence near Ukiah, on the east side of Russian river. The merry party present comprised the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, and when all were seated to partake of the wholesome food which had been so tastily prepared by the hostess, the faces of this aged and dearly beloved couple revealed the happiest moment of their lives, and the hearts of their loved ones beat responsive to the feelings of joy and happiness which thrilled the soul of these dear old people during the pleasant hours of that delightful evening. It was an occasion to be ever remembered by those present, and they trust that God in his infinite mercy will spare their dear relatives to enjoy many such anniversaries. N. C.

For Rent. The corner building opposite the county jail. Inquire of J. R. Mathews.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Hoffman's Emporium.

Subjects at St John's Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday next will be: Morning, "Baptism of Power"; evening, "That Fast Young Man."

Mrs. Wilson has just received a nice lot of new dress goods with trimmings to match.

Editor William Hanen is over from Point Arena on a business trip.

Stylish neckties at W. A. Hoffman's.

## A Mendocino Libel.

Santa Rosa has been troubled the past few months by a stranger who at night catches belated females, gives them a good, healthy hug, a kiss on the cheek and then turns them loose. It is said that all the Ukiah girls who can do so are spending the holidays at Santa Rosa.—Mendocino Beacon.

The above is an unwarranted libel on the young gentlemen of this city, who have always shown an ability to fully attend to the osculatory desires of not only the young ladies of Ukiah but of all the Mendocino maidens who come over on a furlough to be hugged.

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