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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17.

### THE ISSUE, AND WHERE IT 15.

Principles before men. The people before the party. The greatest good to the greatest number, before the continuance of special privileges to the few. This is the platform upon which those Republicans stand whose persistence has apparently sent Speaker Henderson voluntary retirement. It is an event almost unprecedented in our political annals and its effect upon current discussion must be profound. It will emphasize the tariff reform sentiment in the Republican party as hardly

anything else could have done. Let us discount Mr. Henderson's announcement in every possible way. There will be enough left for comfort of all tariff reformers. Suppose that he has something else in view. Suppose that he is afraid that Boles will beat Suppose he thinks that he can him. bluff Governor Cummins and Senator Dolliver and Mint Director Roberts down, so that they will keep still about the tariff and fix it for him to be approved in his stand, returned to Congress and re-elected Speaker. Suppose everything that sympathy or malice can invent, and nothing of the force of this announcement is broken; for Speaker Henderson plainly attributes his withdrawal to the activity of tariff reform

Republicans of Iowa. It will be difficult for certain blind and deaf Republican pollticians and newspapers to maintain their inability to see any tariff-reform sentiment in their party; awkward for them to continue to assert that there is no difference at all in the party over the tariff question, and transparently false for them to continue to assert, as the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and Tacoma Ledger

cannot serve two masters. If it is dethe protected intersets and profess inability to see and unwilling to correct the manifest abuses of the tariff system, its hold on power will weaken. The skillful mariner is not he who clings to outdated and useless and obstructive bulks aboard that burden down his laboring craft in heavy seas, but he of the quick eye and prompt decision, who casts away every incumbrance that impedes his progress. It is well that the battle for tariff re-

form is within the lines of the Republican party. There, at least, there is activity among the issues of the hour. There, at least, men are not fighting over the responsibility for old defeats, or threshing over the issues of the past. There, at least, is life; and it is to the living thinkers and actors in that party, inheriting the courage and the conscience of 1861 and 1896, that the country will look for tariff reform, and not to the dry bones of the Democracy, buried under the debris of anti-imperialism and the ellver mania.

#### A WHITE MAN'S PARTY.

The Republican party in Alabama is to be henceforth a white man's party. Negro delegates, by the decision of the Republican State Committee, were refused admittance to the State Convention, which met yesterday. This action is the natural consequence of the practical disfranchisement of the negro under the new Alabama Constitution. Since there are now no appreciable number of negroes who are voters in Alabama, the white Republicans fairly concluded that their political convention should be composed of men who were voters rather than of men who were not voters and had no hope in the near future of becoming voters. The negroes who will be most deeply affected will be the professional colored politician, who frequents National Republican Conventions and is generally for sale, either for office or personal profit of some sort. If these creatures had been represented in the Alabama State Convention they would have been in the National convention. The colored vote for many years at the South has done the Republican party no good, and the possession of the vote by the colored

man has done him no good. The Republican National Convention will be more intelligent and more incorrupt for the elimination of the presence of the professional negro politiclan. It is, of course, painful business trying to cure a bad blunder by beginning the whole work over again, but the people of the South who are the ruling forces in that section have determined to disfranchise the negro, and the white Republicans, while they are not responsible for this disfranchisement, cannot, of course, continue to include among their political forces men who are without votes in any appreci-

able numbers. Practically the Republican party is not much worse off, for all the Congressmen they can lose by the disfranchisement are two from North Carolina, and this loss is by no means certain, as the white Republicans have a strong vote in those districts. On the whole, it looks as if the elimination of the negro vote would not be of any disadvantage to the negro. He either did not dare vote or he sold his vote in the Southern States, and in

the one case his vote was a wooden gun and in the other-it was a curse to him. The negro vote was worthless to the Republican party, for it stood for no electoral votes, for few members of Congress, and was a fertile source of corruption in the National convention, where the colored delegate generally had his price.

# THE FIELD OF THE ORIENT.

choose the trusts or the people. Ye In resisting the extension of this industrial evil and economic error we were termined to rest under the dictation of drawn into a great war which destroyed it. This illustrates how the American people settle political problems of serious consequence. They inquire what is expedient. Can we afford the experiment? Is there any money in it as a permanent investment? In this spirit the fate of the Philippines will be settled. Our title, which we extorted by arms from Spain and to whom we gave a consolation purse of \$20,000,000, is perfectly legitimate.

We did not go there for our health. nor for the health of the Filipinos. The Filipinos were offered their choice between acceptance of our authority and war. They chose war, and obliged us to reduce them to subjection by arms. This being done, we shall never abandon the islands on the plea that the Filipinos are entitled to the right of self-government; that we have no business govern them without their consent." This is an attempt to upset the whole of human history, an enormous and complex fact, with one of the pet phrases of aged and decayed political pedagogues. We have never in our whole history governed in obedience to

this shallow phrase. We governed the negro and the Indian both without their consent at the very time that the great Declaration was uttered; we have governed them both without their consent ever since. We expanded when we purchased Louisiana and Florida; we expanded when we obtained New Mexico, Texas and California; we expanded when we obtained Hawaii; we expanded when we occupied Porto Rico without her consent; we expanded when we annexed the Philippines without the consent of the Filipinos. Our right to stay there is clear, and there we shall stay just so long as it seems expedient for us to remain. We shall stay there If it pays us as a people to do so, and in view of the future mercantile exploitation of the Orient it most surely will pay us to keep our flag flying at Manila within easy call of any portion of the Chinese Sea. The attempt to confine this great country within the circle of a sixpence by quoting glittering, rhetorical generalities as perpetual National policies is as absurd as the New York rector who proposes to refuse hatless women admission to his church because St. Paul held that women must cover their heads in church.

# STATE FAIRS, OLD AND NEW.

The opening days of the State Fair this year have proved satisfactory, both from a financial and popular point of view. This, owing to the fact that the hop harvest is not yet fully completed and that the attention in many agricul- lungs. tural sections that contribute to the display at this annual festival has in the past week or ten days been absorbed by the timber fires that have had such wide prevalence, may be considered extraordinary. It certainly speaks well for the prosperity of the farming community, for the general interest in agricultural and stock exhibits, and for the energy of the managers. "Not for many years." says the president of the State Agricultural Soci-

ety, "has the attendance upon the first day of the fair been equal to that of the opening day this year." There was a time, well remembered by old Oregonians, when the State Fair was the farmer's festival. It furthermore provided the only annual outing, though this term did not come into use until some time later, for villagers and townspeople, and they were prompt and eager to take advantage of the opportunity to don their best clothes and go for the purpose of seeing and being seen. A simple festival in those days was the State Fair, and its opportunities for enjoyment were limited only by the ca-

#### wool exhibits. In the dairy section the hand churn has given place to the separator and the balls of dairy butter to the squares, duly wrapped and labeled, that come from the creameries. Troope of substantial-looking farmers with their well-dressed wives and daughters complete the picture of agricultural prosperity as presented by the State Fair of today, and emphasize the rejuvenation of the farmer's festival These are some of the lighter aspects of the State Fair. Its more substantial features are readily discernible. But who shall say that these are more imup. portant than those? May we not say truly that the real benefits that spring

from this farmer's festival grow out of the friendly intercourse, the neighborly interest, the spirit of competition, that are made possible by this annual gathering? Utilitarian in its conception, the State Fair is something more than this in its expression, and upon this "something more" ite popularity and financial success depends.

The voice of the man who cries ba nanas is of such excruciatingly strident quality that it could not possibly be a volce of this sort that Tennyson yearned for when he wrote:

Oh, for the touch of the vanished hand And the sound of the voice that is still.

A very little of the voice of the banana man literally goes a great ways, It is a natural speculation as to whether the banana man originally posscases this extraordinary voice and is prompted by its possession to select his calling, or through the exercise of his vocation obtains the voice by a sort of

evolution from small beginnings. Does the feeble pipe become a steam calliope by incessant practice, or do men born with a raucous volce apprehend the value of their eccentric natural endowment and take to bellowing bananas as promptly as Achilles in his boyhood grasped the arms of a warrior with enthuslasm at first sight, alhough he had up to that date been dressed as a girl and known no playmate but girls? It is an interesting question not easy of solution. There is no doubt, however, that the voice of the banana man, whether a birth mark or an acquisition artificially obtained, is an appalling endowment. When heard for the first time it creates the suspicion that a section of barbed-wire fence has been installed in the banana man's throat, over which his voice is ceaselessly trying to climb

and becoming badly torn up in the effort. This explanation is plausible, and some explanation would seem to b necessary, for the voice, if not grand, is at least "gloomy and peculiar." It implies a throat of brass and adamantine

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#### The Philadelphia Press ably advoates the enactment by the next Legislature of Pennsylvania of a uniform primary election law, the object of which would be the placing of all nominations for office in the different political parties under the same restraint as are now placed upon general elections. even to the provisions that the elections shall take place on the same date and official ballots be provided as are now

supplied at the expense of the county. The Press would make it a criminal offense for a Republican to vote at a Democratic primary, and vice versa for a Democrat to assist the Republicana.

The famous Professor Virchow, whose death was recently announced, was one of the great men that the Hebrew race has given to the world, though this is not generally known. He was a radical in politics, and so fearless that when a German scientific society requested him to resign from a number of French societies, after the breach of war had occurred, Virchow refused, declaring that the opposition of two countries had nothing to do with the fellow

### beside them, in the flax and prune and SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS A Ghastly Pun.

Aberdeen Recorder. All the fat porkers at Polson's camp were burned, which was a loss that would make most anybody grunt.

# Never Heard of It.

Olympia Recorder. The Oregonian has perpetrated a lead-ing editorial upon the Republican poli-tical situation in Washington, in which the startling assertion is made that everybody not in favor of a railway commis is accused of having been bought Certainiy no such accusation was made at the state convention.

### Spirit of Christian Missions.

Silverton Torch of Reason. Brother Green has offered his Free ught Magazine for one year for cents to any Christian minister. Here is the opportunity to do good missionary work. We will join Mr. Green in this matter and make "clergy rates" for the Torch. Send us a dollar and we will send

## both Freethought Magazine and Torch to any clergyman you name for one year.

# Violin From Native Woods.

Florence West. A very handsome violin made from the ods of this section may be seen at J. W. Carman's store. The front of the instrument is spruce and the back is of curly maple. It was manufactured by Mr. Salisbury, of Heceta Light House, who took it up occasionally during his leisure time. The workmanship dis-played is very fine, though the principal tool used in its manufacture was a pock-et-knife. The tone of the instrument is pronounced by a number of musicians to be exceedingly good.

#### The Seattle Idea.

#### Tacoma News.

P. J. Frankoli & Co, will construct a wharf and warehouse on the tide flats at Seattle adjoining the Parkiand Fishing & Packing Company, having leased a piece of land 100x 200 feet for 10 years, and also a lot 100x180 feet.

The Parkland Fishing & Packing Company as begun work on a wharf and packing begun work on a wharf and packing-to be built at Seattle on the tide flats. land, which has been leased from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company for five years, has a frontage of 100 feet on the water front and extends backward 200 feet. The wharf will be 60x60 feet, and the warehouse 50x50 feet, and 1½ stories high.-Seatle Trade

The foregoing title and paragraphs are clipped from last Sunday's issue of the Seattle Trade Register. Both items are substantially correct in every particular but one. The error is that the word Seattle has been substituted for Tacoma in both paragraphs.

# The Awful Penalty of Isolation.

Adams Advance. Mrs. Mattle Lavadore, whose home is about three miles west of this city, was examined on Tuesday last by Dr. D. J. McFaul, of Pendleton, on the charge of instatic and computed in the starge of nsanity, and committed by County Judge Hartman to the insane asylum at Salem. unfortunate woman, who has a husband and several children, has shown for some years past unmistakable signs of insanity, but at no time has appeared dangerous. Her hallucination seems to have been that she saw angels. She said they were all dressed in red, white and blue, and that she could hear them play music, but could not get close enough to touch them. She claimed to have been left alone at home a great deal of the time while her husband was out work-ing, and said she would burn the house down some day if he did not stay with her.

# McBride's Great Victory.

Dalles Times-Mountaineer. Washington Republicans in state The convention displayed a bit of good judg-ment when they determined to heed the advice of Governor McBride rather than that of the railroads, and incorporated in their platform a clause favoring the Governor's railroad commission scheme. So now Governor McBride stands at the head of the Republican party in Washington, and unquestionably he has the ability and moral worth to fill that place. Ever since he succeeded to the Gubernatorial chair he has shown himself to be a man of the people. Neither politicians

# BEET-SUGAR VICTORY IN UTAH.

# Chicago Post, Rep. At last the opponents of plain duty, na-tional honor and national interest have scored a "victory." They had to go to Utah for an indersement of their thor-

oughly discredited position. At the Re-publican state, convention held yesterday at Ogden a platform was adopted in which Cuban reciprocity is conspicuous by its absence.

The brief dispatches do not enlighten us as to the contents of the platform-doubt-less because the voice of Utah, Republican or Democratic, is not of supreme importance in National politics. But as the platform favors President Roosevelt's nomination and election in 1904, the omission of any reference to Cuban reciprocity a cause with which Mr. Roosevelt's ad-

ministration is peculiarly identified, is of ome significance To indorse the President while condemn

quent and comprehensive speech received

The President's Cuban policy is inspired by

prayers of the American people are that Cuba, under the protection of the United States, may

lestiny is her destiny and our aid is her right.

And relief for Cuba is relief for ourselves, he cause she will take scores of millions of dol-lars' worth of the surplus products of our fac-tories and forms

government by American administrators,

its share of the applause it merited:

and fear.

ing his Cuban policy-a policy to which we are bound, as he has repeatedly de-clared, by every consideration of honor and duty-is sheer self-stultification, and the "insurgents" are quite welcome to the satisfaction they derive from their cheap and doubtful victory. Their fanaticism is illustrated by their readiness to trans-fer their hostility to Senator Beveridge. lovely. who was present at the convention, and

who was requested to address the dele-gates. Suspecting a "conspiracy" to in-flence the convention in favor of reciproc-The Ohio town of Mansfield has just had a festival of great originality. It was called the "Bills' picnic," and every Willity with Cuba, the insurgents threatened to create a disturbance or otherwise maniiam in the place was invited. A he goat fest disapproval of Senator Beveridge's led the grand march. The lean Bills and sentiments in relation to the burning que the fat Bills played a baseball game. Then This was a confession of weakness the Bills feasted, and speeches were made

The Indiana Senator did speak to the by representatives of the law Bills, the delegates and other Republicans, but in shoe Bills and so on. Here is a sociable the evening, after the platform, minus idea which can be put into effect wher-Cuban reciprocity, had been adopted, Senever there are two or more bearers of the ator Beveridge "was greeted with wild cheering," but the report does not say whether the following passage of his elosame Christian name.

The esteemed Post-Intelligencer has actually admitted to its columns a shadowy shade of an intimation that possibly some The President's Cuban policy is inspired by National honor, but National honor and Na-tional necessity walk hand in hand. We are responsible for Cuba to the world and to his-tory. That great stateman, Senator Platt of Connecticut, framed a law which Congress adopted which forever binds that island to the fortunes of the United States. . . . The Drawers of the American pauls are that Cuba thing that is going on under the Republican Administration at Washington might be managed better, in the Treasury Department, for example. Without other than this evidence we feel justified in asserting that the editor is off on his vacation. When the Fost-Intelligencer mare for herself; but whether she walks erect with growing strength or whether she totters in weakness and turns to us, asking again a is at itself, it bolts the food laid on its plate by the powers that he-hones halr and gristle, asking no questions and making no faces, like the large-minded, independent journal that it is,

> Johnstone Bartlett, lightning rod agent, called on the Prosecuting Attorney in Lincoin, Neb., and asked that warrants be issued for the arrest of twelve Atchison County farmers. He says he started out of Atchison a week ago with a team of good horses and a new spring wagon, but that during the week he was swindled out of everything, in trading horses, and was compelled to walk back to town. He did no business and lost all his lightning rods. The Prosecuting Attorney said that getting the best of a horse trade was no violation of the law, and Bartlett left for the East, saying bank presidents were easier than farmers.

An Iowa editor recently entertained W. J. Bryan at dinner and made copy from the occasion for his next issue as follows: "He is a splendld feeder, and between the two of us Mrs. Blair's elegant dinner suffered vast devastation. We had corn and potatoes and roast beef. Bryan sent back his order for a second helping of corn. He said he was very fond of corn. What could be more popular in Iowa, the greatest corn state of them all? If any Republican farmer could see how Bryan likes roasting ears, and then refuse to vote for him, he must be unpatriotic indeed. And when it came to change plates for the second course or the third course -there were so many of them we could not keep track of them-Bryan said: 'Walt a minute. I am not quite done," That did

has no more standing in court than a gambler seeking to force a plundered vic-To further the effort of the committee tim to redeem the notes passed over a card table. The lesson which the Vernow trying to raise a fund to procure a card table. The lesson which the Ver-mont decision probably will impress most testimonial for Admiral Clark, who commanded the Oregon in the great battle of

Even in Utah, it is certain, the people ceartly agree with every word of this citation. The convention misrepresented them. is Jewish Exclusiveness Breaking Upf Baltimore Sun. "Is Jewish exclusiveness becoming a le gend rather than a reality?" asks the London Chronicle in connection with the following data from Australia, which would

ories and farms.

of England, while 17 mated with Catholics and 11 found their affinities in the Presbyterian fold. One hundred and fifty-one Catholic, 13 to Presbyterians, 12 to Methodists, 4 to non-denominationalists and : to Congregationalists, while a solitary son of Israel is reported to have wed a Ban-

# Lesson to the Organs.

ment for its services by a suit at law; it

tist. Altogether out of 781 Jewish mar-

riages, 341 were more or less "mixed"-a.

The newspaper agrees for a consideration to support a candidate for office is against the public good, and therefore for office is against the public good, and therefore in-valid. The newspaper cannot recover pay-

seem to suggest an affirmative answer In New South Wales, according to the recently published matrimonial statistics during the last year no less than 67 Jew-eners selected husbands from the Church Jews were united to Anglican wives, 62 to

favorable showing for modern Anglo-Israelitism.

Denver Republican, Supreme Court of Vermont has given decision that a contract by which a NOTE AND COMMENT.

Mr. Hanna pounds the table and says that the tariff shan't be touched as long as he is in the Senate. This doesn't mean so very much. His term will be out in 1905.

#### They must have had a hot time at the Pacific County Institute. This is what the teachers presented to the able lec-

turere: For teachings and so skillfully rendered, With humor and gay repartee The institute week has departed Too quickly, we all quite agree.

In the Cleburne, Tex., District Democratic Congressional Convention 7200 ballots were taken on the nomination of a andidate for Congress. Two of the candidates, Riddle and Gillesple, then agreed to join their forces, drawing cuts for the man who should receive their votes. Glllesple was the lucky man and he was nominated on the 7201st ballot. Poindexter,

the third man, was not in the deal and did not like being gambled out by his rivals, but he acquiesced at length and all was

the only persons asking for tariff reform are Democrats and free-traders. They will hardly call Speaker Henderson a liar. They can only adopt the highly logical and astute assumption that everything our noble Speaker Henderson says is true as gospel, and at the same time everything our noble Dolliver and Cummins do is quite correct and proper.

Henderson says his tariff views do not square with these of many Iowa Republicana. And he speaks truly, The man who says that some trust evils cannot he reached through abolishment of certain duties, and should not be so reached, is not in harmony with many Republicans, not only in Iowa, but in every state and territory of the Union.

If Speaker Henderson is opposed to action on the tariff, or if he occupies such pitiful, perilous, dishonest ground as that recently taken by Secretary Shaw, he is better to withdraw. Every man who takes that position is going to be a hindrance to the party's success and to the country's progress.

Let no one deceive himself into thinking that a smug complacency and refusal to see the tariff-reform sentiment in the Republican party, can possibly deceive any considerable number of voters, or pass current for honest politics. If Mr. Henderson or Mr. Tongue, of Oregon, or Mr. Cushman, of Washington, will go out among the people and ask them, man by man, whether they believe that tariff protection should longer be extended to the steel trust and salt trust and paper trust and sugar trust, they will get No from ninetynine men out of every hundred.

Who is going to be fooled into belief that these trusts need the tariff? Who is going to be deceived by censeless re-Iteration of high-tarifl organs that the tariff "protects" American labor? Who does not know that Hanna and his crowd try to take care of these great corporations in return for heavy contributions to the quadrennial campaign fund? Who is so dull as to suppose that this thing can be kept up indefinitely, and the people cajoled into voting the Republican ticket, by lying to them and insulting their inteiligence?

Every man in the United States who has both brains and information knows that the old contentions upon which high tariffs like the Dingley rates were upheld have passed entirely out of general acceptance. The plea for our "infant industries" has become ridiculous. The theory that the tariff keeps up the wages of labor may still be believed by some, but it is not believed by those whom it is employed, namely, the kingmen themselves. They know workingmen themselves. well enough what keeps their wages up. They know exactly how the corporations turn over to them a certain proportion of their profits, as their due under the operation of the tariff.

There is one course for the Republican party to pursue, and only one. It must cut loose from the lying stuffed prophets around the protection Baal and take the honest ground of tariff reform. In that way it can hold the people's confidence. The choice is plain before it. It can

pacity of the people, young and old, The eloquent speech of Senator Bevto enjoy that which it had to offer. falsely assert, from day to day, that eridge at San Francisco is in its logic Standing out in a clear light through familiar to the intelligent men of this the mists of intervening years are the coast, who were from the outset ceasepleased and pleasing faces of young less advocates of the policy of expanmatrons as they lingered around the sion. The leaders of public opinion display of wonderful crochet work in among us have always recognized the the pavilion, and of the complacent fact that until the Pacific Slope secured faces of the older women as they gaththe trade of the awakened Orient we ered around the corner hung with quilts should be on the wrong side of the conwrought in Mitricate patchwork. The tinent. The rich and highly civilized marvel of several successive fairs in markets of Europe are the prize of the the earlier years was a sawtooth quilt Atlantic seaboard states, which we canmade up of 10,000 pleces neatly sewed not to any appreciable extent share together by a woman of 75 years. Unwith them until the Nicaragua Canal is pretending, except in the matter of the built, and then not to an equal extent. patience with which it was wrought, To a developed, awakened, freely tradthis quilt really aroused more interest ing Orient the Pacific Coast must look than did those that flanked it on the for its great remunerative markets. left and right, the one a clever and When China is webbed with railways, very gaudy imitation of a sunflower as she is sure to be some day, when and the other considerately labeled

our naval and military power becomes "double peony" for the enlightenment clearly understood through observation of the multitude. Evolution has been to the Aslatics, so that the nations who husy in the domestic realm during these trade with us know that we can protect intervening years, and the guilts of our our commerce and our commercial allies grandmothers have given place to bedas faithfully as does Great Britain, we spreads done in dainty embroidery or shall at least equal Great Britain as wrought with braid and lace stitch; but an absorber of the Chinese trade. it is doubtful whether the newer and

But if, after paving our soldiers and far more artistic creations give more ships of war at Manila for, say, ten genuine pleasure, either to makers or far more artistic creations give more years, we should withdraw them sudbeholders, than did the old-fashioned denly on sentimental grounds, there quilts, without which the State Fair of would be no commercial future for us a former period would have been tame in the Orient; we should drop back to in the estimation of a multitude of where we were the day before Dewey's good, housewifely woman. This is but guns destroyed the Spanish fleet before an example of change as written in Manila. And this is what the anti-imevery department of manufacturing inperialists of the extreme East gravely dustry, as here shown. In agricultural expect that we shall do, soon or late. implements there has been a complete If we do, it will be the first time within revolution. "The styles have changed." two centuries that a great people sacsay the women; "vast improvement has rificed a grand opportunity of national been made," say the men, and few inexpansion in obedience to the dounsels deed sigh for a return to the "good, old of political sentimentalists and homi-

times. letic visionaries. What form our gov-Yet these old fairs, dear to memory, ernment of the Philippines will ultiwere the stepping-stones to the fairs of mately assume we cannot tell today, today. "Milestones of progress," every but we may be sure that the youngest one of them, though it seemed for some child among us, if he should live to be years that the movement was one of a century old, will not see Manila and retrograde rather than of advance. In the Island of Luzon pass from under other words, the State Fair had its dull, the American flag, or any other pordisagreeable, disastrous years-years tion of the Philippines that is worth the wherein during every day of the exoutlay of its retention. If American hibit the rain fell uninterruptedly from commerce is rapidly to increase in the wind-driven clouds and the grounds bemarkets of the Orient, it will need the came a dreary expanse of mud and presence and protection of the Amerwater; years wherein the low price of ican Navy, and for this reason, if for no other, Manila is sure to remain in wheat forbade the farmer the expense of taking his family to the fair; years possesion of our Government.

wherein the management in utter des-Questions of this sort are always peration turned the fair into a racing settled by the broad plea of National event, while the chicken coops, pigpens self-interest, by which, in the widest and cattle stalls, long unoccupied, took view, all great questions have been seton the appearance of loneliness and un tled by great peoples. Sentimentalism thrift. The general verdict was that never yet saved a state, and every atfarmers were discouraged, and well intempt to found a state upon phrases has deed they might be, with wheat at 50 been a miserable failure. The Girondcents a bushel and no market for any ists of the French Revolution all lost other farm product that the output of their heads on the scaffold because they half a dozen farms could not glut. But were a gifted band of eloquent phrase-makers, but the average American is a as is the habit of disagreeable things, man of saving common sense and he and for five years past the State Fair solves the political problems that conhas shown evidence of the return of front him upon business principles; he agricultural prosperity. The old has always asks himself, "Will it pay?" emphatically given place to the new. The anti-slavery party never had any Plump grains and tall grasses still atnumbers or influence until the North test the bounty of the soil in the secmade up its mind that slavery was an tion set apart for them, but evidence economic industrial error; that its ex- of a diversified agriculture is seen in tension in the long run would not pay. the bales of fragrant hops that tower

ship of science.

The English historian, Kinglake was born with the instinct of a professional warrior, and his indignation was great when the "grotesque Salvation Army." as he called it, adopted military nomenciature. "I would let those ragamuffins call themselves saints, angels, prophets, cherubim, Olympian gods and goddesses if they like," he said "but their pretension in taking the rank of officers in the army is to me beyond measure re pulsive."

WHY HE VOTED FOR LINCOLN.

irent Emancipator's Fairness to Political Opponents Won Him Over.

Leslie's Weekly. No incident in the life of Abraham Linoin better illustrates the greatness of his nature than the following, which has probably never before been related: At At the time of the National election of 1864. when President Lincoln was a candidate for re-election, some of the soldiers who were encamped about Washington were allowed to go home to vote. The men soon discovered that those who were in charge of the arrangements were facilitat-ing the movement of the men who were expected to vote for Mr. Lincoln, and that the movement of those who would prob-ably vote for Gen. McClelland was being correspondingly retarded. This discrimi nation occasioned a good deal of anger, and after much discussion one soldier, having in mind the well-known fairness of President Lincoln, proposed that three or four get into a carriage and present the case to him. The suggestion was accept-

ed, and they were soon in the White House, where they were very cordially House, received.

They told their story, explaining that they were Democrats and wished to vote for General McClellan, and that it seemed to them that they were not to be allowed to get away in time to vote. Mr. Lincoln asked a few questions, and then wrote and handed to them a message, addressed to their commanding officer, but did not acquaint them with the contents. As the men were returning to camp it was sug-gested that it might be well to read the nessage, in the fear that it might be an order for their punishment, but the sug-gestion was quickly dismissed. When the message was delivered to the officer, he read: "You will see that these men and their Triends are given every facility to leave for home immediately, in order to vote." The order was obeyed promptly, the men reached home in ample time, and the veteran who tells the story says: "I believe that each of us voted for Mr. Lin-coin, although we were Democrats, and this was the only time that I ever voted for a Republican candidate."

# Thanks, Gentle Friend,

Boston Herald. One of the able papers of the nation is The Oregonian, published in the Far West, in the City of Portland. It is Republican in its general politics, but has an ed-itor who thinks for himself, and is never afraid to speak out his convictions. W. find him discussing the tariff so far as to remark that "the tariff was made for man,

not man for the tariff." a truism as far as common sense is applied to it, but rank heresy according to certain modern polit-ical standards. He says further on the same theme that the tariff "at its best is a plain, simple, practical instrument of common-sense statesmanship. It becomes a principle only when it is exalted to the place of an idol, and then it is a principle both vicious and mischlevous."

corporations have been able to han dle him. In short, he has been Governör as much as was his predecessor, the late John R. Rogers. Every pressure possible was brought to bear upon the delegates to down the Governor in the vention. The railroads exerted all their powerful influence, but to no avail. McBride stood out nobly as the leader of the masses, and has won. The beople of Washington are to be congratulated upon is and ought to be with the people them his victory.

#### Railroads Sowing the Wind. Spokane Spokesman-Review

Of course, the railroads have a right to be heard. That privilege cannot fairly be withheld from any corporation or private individual having interests at stake. But when the paid employes of the railroads from all parts of the state are sent to party conventions, not with a view to looking after party interests, but rather for the purpose of attending to railroad business, it is inevitable that these agents should subordinate the interests of the people at large to the interests of their employers. They go to conventions to do the work of the railroads, and not to represent the people of the party to which they belong. And the result of their taking so active a part in political affairs must be to bring the direction of party matters partially, if not wholly, under railroad influence. Unless the railroads are forced out of politics their meddling will steadily become more offensive as they become better intrenched. And if are given free rein, the people may the rest assured that it is only a question of time when the railroad agents will usurp the right to decide political matters affecting ward, city, county and state.

#### Wisconsin Railroad Commissioner Tacoma News

Hon. Duncan J. McKenzie, of Alma Wis., was a visitor to Tacoma yesterday He has the honor of having served for four years as the only Railroad Commis-sioner of Wisconsin. In that state they nave one man who take charge of railroad matters. He is elected by the people on a direct party ticket. Mr. McKenzle way elected twice, the first time having majority, and the second time doubling that number. He had returned from What-com, where he purchased a home, when an Evening News reporter met him at the Donnelly. "Yes, I served for two terms as Railroad

Commissioner in Wisconsin," says Mr. McKenzie. "I was the only man, as our law provides for the election of but one man, to whom all railroad matters must be submitted. We had no fights or disagreements on the question of rates, or property valuations. Of course, they all reported to me, if they had any claims that could not be adjusted or rates that could not be settled among the shippers and railroad men. We had no trouble in the matter. I think, however, you peopl have made a serious political mistake in injecting the railroad matter into your state politics at the present time. Under the circumstances you should have taken no action on the question."

# An Optimistic View.

Chicago Post. The invalid looked out of the window ust as the hearse went by, and he smiled

happily. 'D'ye mind, Biddy," he said, "it's worth by emind, blody, he cald, it's worth h' dyin' to have a ride in a thing like that, with th' feathers on top an' a man with a bug on his hat, an' you bein' gr-reater an' more nickssary than th' mar-shal iv a St. Pathrick's day parade. There's wanst in ye'er life ye're th' whole thing, an' that's when ye're dead" thing, an' that's when ye're dead."

vividly upon the venal newspapers of the country is that it is advisable to take no contingent cases, but to demand pay in advance. In politics as in poker, I. O. U.'s are no good.

#### The Scholar in Politics. Denver Republican.

believe that the government of this coun-

try should be intrusted to some kind of intellectual aristocracy would do well to

return to their books and let the world

move on, as it surely will do, without them. From mythology comes a story

profitable to all who will give heed to its warning. Anteus, the Libyan glant, was invincible as long as he kept his feet

upon the earth. It was not until Herca-

les, having discovered the secret of his strength, lifted him from the ground that

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

will celebrate his diamond jubilee as a bishor

his golden jubilee as a Cardinal and his silve jubilee as a pope.

he was compelled to yield.

Those who cannot do this or who

There is plenty of room in American politics for the scholar who appreciates that the source of power in a free country

his testimony is valuable, even though he

candidate for President? Perish the thought; get thee behind me, heraus

Should Pope Leo XIII live till next year he What would become of the Commoner, And of the \$20,000 barn? Besides, have I not had glory enough? Twice have I led the Democratic cohor

After jumping 50 feet from the top of the Mayor's house at Wishech, a Persian cat alighted safely on its feet, apparently none the defent; worse for the adventure.

The youngest member of the British Cabinet is Austen Chamberlain, who is 39. The Earl of Salborne is 43, and Walter Long, 40. These are phenomenally youthful men for such ex-

alted stations. Rev. Daniei J. O'Sullivan, a Catholic priest of St. Albans, VL. is the regular Democratic candidate for the Legislature from that city. He was educated at Montreal and ordained to

the priesthood in 1876. Senator George F. Honr is one of the best

classical scholars in New England. He devotes all his spare time to the study of works of medieval writers, and can quote from Caesar, Tacitus and others by the yard. If Rev. J. H. D. Duckrey, of Cambridge, Mass., has his way, the colored students at Harvard will soon have a home of their own

to be known as "Emancipation building." present they are socially ostracized.

The sole survivor of Commodore Perry's erpedition to Japan is Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor Theological Seminary. Professor Sewall is now engaged in writing a book giving a complete history of the expedition and

te results. Rt. Rev. Dr. Nevill, the Anglican bishop of

Dunedin, N. Z., is reported to be forming a syndicate largely composed of clergymen and church members for the purchase of saloons and the building of "reformed" hotels in their place. There ought to be smooth miling in the tw

Massachusetts state conventions next month Ex-Secretary of the Navy Long will be chair man of the Republican gathering, and ex-Sec

retary of the Navy Olney, of the Democratic ship. Each expects to launch a winner. The British military attache at Washington,

Lieutanant-Colonel Klison, has been appointed commandant at Sandhurst, one of the most important assignments in the British Army. Lieutenant-Colonel Klison was formerly commander of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

Small theaters are to be established in a the communes of Roumania by the King and Queen, in which the villagers are to give, once

or twice a week moral plays having as their object the inculcation of religious and social precepts. The first of the theaters will be uilt on one of the royal estates.

New Orleans is to have a home for orphan boys, built out of funds bequeathed by the late George Xavier Carstairs. Mr. Carstairs was himself orphaned while very young, and had a hard struggle with the world. He accumulated a large fortune, however, all of which he has left for the nurrose indicated.

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part of an interview had with Fireman Maloney, of the battle-ship Iowa, and which appeared in The Oregonian of September 8, 1898. He said:

not displease the hostess, do you think?"

tember 3, 1898. He said: Let me say a word about the Oregon. They say Sampson deserves credit because he com-manded the flect. They say Schley deserves credit because he commanded the fighting squadron. No one gives Clark any praise, be-cause he is only a Captain. But he is the man who really won the victory. He is the man who really won the victory. He is the man who mail the fighting men of the Navy look up to. He fought his ship broadside on, and he peppered the Spanlards through and through. Only for him, the Colon would have treached Havana with her rich treasure, and, reached Havana with her rich treasure, and as he acted independent of both Sampson and Schley, he deservs as much praise as either of those commanders.

Mr. Maloney was an eye-witness and was a humble fireman.

What!

mitihm; not on your tintype.

defeat; Ones sat in Congress; And, from week to week, Beheld my editorials spread broadcast by the Associated Press. Don't I make a speech

Or write a letter

At every opportunity, Pavorable or unfavorable? President or not President, I tell you, They can't hold me down!

And yet! Thera's that old buzzard of Buzzard's Eay, The bald-headed rooster of Wolfert's Roost,

And that old political gormandizer Gorman; How they would grin And simp each other on the back if they could

Do me up! Then, some of my worst antagonists are dead. There's Morton, and Dick Bland, and Governor

Russell and Paimer-

All gone! Boles is dead, too, but doesn't know it. The South is for me,

The East cuts no ice, anyhow

The pair of the boot of the instant Do you think I could make it? I must see Tom Johnson about th What time does the train start? Where's my hat? ut this,

"Search Me."

Atlanta Constitution The people by the thousands were crowded

And the President spoke, with intent to giv

His position on trusts-and the things that he blac

said Caused every old codger to doddle his head And remark "Well, whar does he stand? D'ye see?" And I said: "Scarth rea"

"Search me."

The newspaper fellows were writing like smoke Shorthanding every darn'd word that he spoke. But when the pothocks and curves were un-

I heard each a-asking the next other one This remark:

Where did he land? Could you see?" And he said: "Search me."

The folks read the papers, all anxique to see How dead right on the trusts the President be,

But when they'd scanned thorough and clean Each turned to his neighbor with q

And remarked: "Well, whar in this d-d trust business is he? But t'other un said:

"Search mel"