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The difficulty to arouse enthusiasm for Mr. Blaine at this time is significant. The general public looks upon him as a sick man. It would be impossible to convince the ordinary voter that Mr. Blaine would be able to perform the duties of the presidential office and direct republican party affairs.

Last year Argentine bought from us \$2,820,000 worth of wearing apparel, machinery, furniture, canned goods and other manufactured articles, and we bought from that country products to the value of \$5,976,544, mostly in wool and hides. That is a country that we ought to draw very close to in trade relations, because it is peopled with a race that is bound to grow richer and richer every year, and the resources of the country are something marvelous.

Arrangements are being made to work the coal mines of Alaska this year and to begin extensive gold mining. That is a good deal of a country. When Secretary Seward bought it, the opposition press to the administration declared it was money thrown away, but the seals have paid back that purchase-money and the interest on it, and for the twenty years preceding 1890 more than \$60,000,000 worth of products were shipped out of that country to the lower states of the republic.

It is claimed that the practice of sawing off the horns of grown cattle is being superseded by preventing the growth of horns with the John March Chemical Dehorner, applied to the embryo horn of the three-days-old calf. The horn never having become a part of the animal thus treated in infancy, future generations do not grow horns more than in naturally polled animals.

It is said that the man who composed "Annie Rooney" received \$14,000 for it. This is remarkable, but not nearly so strange as that the man should reveal his identity and confess.

It is stated that some of Jerry Simpson's constituents are displeased because Jerry uses a bicycle. But Jerry knows what he is doing. A bicycle eats no hay.

In sending contributions to the starving peasantry of Russia it should not be forgotten that the flood sufferers of the Mississippi valley are destitute and in need.

C. P. Allen of Pomeroy, is the first man we have ever heard of opposed to an open Columbia river. He does so in the Independent of the 21. We extract one one paragraph of his argument. He says: "Now suppose the river is open for practical navigation and gets its share of the traffic; then we can see the villainy of the atrocious scheme. For example, we will say that the river robs the railroads of one-fourth of their freights; that it is easy to see the roads would have to add one-third to the present exorbitant rates, to realize the profits they now enjoy. Thus forever preventing the legislature from reducing rates to the level it would be possible, without an open river. If you believe in a republican form of government, if you are loyal to the true principles of democracy, let us have no side-tracking of vital issues; for we propose to reduce freights without bankrupting the roads, and without appropriating millions of dollars of the producers money to open a public highway for incorporated capital to monopolize."

The 10,000,000 silver coins which it is proposed that the government shall issue for the world's fair will have the weight and fineness of the present half-dollars, and although their face value will be \$5,000,000 the cost of them to the government will not exceed \$2,500,000. The most objectionable feature of the proposition is that it authorizes the secretary of the treasury to purchase American silver bullion in addition to the present monthly purchases to an amount sufficient to enable him to comply with the terms of the act, and the sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose. As the government has on hand nearly \$15,000,000 fractional silver coin, most of it, we believe, in the form of half-dollars, and as this uncurrent coin has for years been an incubus on the treasury, the purchase of silver bullion for the world's fair tokens would be sheer waste of money. If the issue of the tokens is decided upon the recoinage of uncurrent fractional silver is the best and, indeed the only rational way of obtaining the metal for the new pieces.

A recent measure, introduced in the house by Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, and which is said to be favorably regarded by the ways and means committee, is a bill to amend the act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies. It provides that whenever any United States circuit court shall find in a case pending before it that any contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce, exists in respect to any article which is subject to tariff duty, it shall report the facts to the president, who shall issue a proclamation placing such article on the free list. Whenever such article is subject to a tax under the internal-revenue laws the duty on such article shall be equal to such tax. And after the date fixed in the proclamation the article shall be admitted when imported into the United States subject to a duty equal to the internal-revenue tax.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has issued another advertisement for bids under the act of March 3, 1891, which provides for an increased ocean mail service between the United States and foreign countries, with a view to the increase of commerce. It is known that several steamship companies which did not bid for service under the first advertisement are ready to do so under this one. Bid are asked for all of the routes for which contracts were not let under the first advertisement, including that from San Francisco to Hong Kong.

Baron Fava has returned, and all is smooth again between America and Italy, as it should be in this memorial year. In the meantime the Mafia is apparently extinct, and both countries can find matter for mutual congratulations in that. The baron announces that he brings back no animosity against this country. His wrath and that of his countrymen has gone down in a fine Italian sunset. It is astonishing how much international harmony can be had for the small sum of \$20,000.

Anna Dickinson thinks she ought to have \$5,000 for services rendered the republican national committee in the campaign of 1888, and has sued the committee for that amount. It is in evidence that she actually received \$3,750 of the fat which was fried out of the manufacturers, and gentle Anna ought to be well satisfied with that. If the value of her services were to be tested by results, she has probably been largely overpaid.

Carnegie having acquired more millions than he can expend has become ambitious to enter into politics for himself. That he hasn't been engaged in political work exclusively for his pocket will be news to the people.

Secretary Foster has sent the house a letter asking that \$10,000 be added to the \$60,000 heretofore appropriated for the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act during the next fiscal year.

The Spokane Review nominates Robert Lincoln as a compromise candidate for Minneapolis. It says: "At this critical moment the presidential lightning is playing about the head of Robert Lincoln. The Blaine workers are not unmindful of the magic spell that lies in an honored name, and they cannot fail to consider the splendid opportunity herein presented of stampeding the convention for a man whose name alone would arouse tremendous enthusiasm. In the event of the defeat of Mr. Harrison the party cannot possibly strike upon a happier choice. Mr. Lincoln has created no antagonisms. If he were nominated you could almost count upon the fingers of a single hand the republicans who would bolt the ticket. He could awaken intense enthusiasm, and he could poll the full vote of the party. In these lie the chief elements of victory."

The Heppner Gazette devotes a page of its last issue to the Hardman country. For years the region described was the greatest stock range in the west, but some twelve or fifteen years ago a number of hardy pioneers ventured into these fields for the purpose of building homes. Their success prompted others to follow, and as the settlement grew, accommodations of a public character were necessary, and now it is one of the most prosperous sections of the Inland Empire.

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