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THEIR GAIN OUR LOSS.

The strongest confirmation of the truths the Republican press has been stating regarding the operation of the Wilson bill comes from England. The commercial relations of Great Britain and this country are so adjusted that the prosperity of the one means business disaster to the other. Upon the enactment of the present tariff measure it was claimed the manufacturers of England would be the great beneficiaries, and that the profits which under the McKinley act were obtained and circulated in this country would be transferred across the water and help to swell the coffers of English millionaires.

The reports of trade in England during the past year or more have justified these assertions, but now they are confirmed by official statement. Last Thursday Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, arose in the house of commons and made the budget statement. In prefacing his report the chancellor said that this had been a wonderful year for England, in spite of the fact that the expenditures had been the largest since the great war. The surplus was the greatest ever known and a larger sum was devoted to the reduction of the national debt than ever before.

What a contrast with the condition of things in America! England with a surplus; the United States with a deficiency amounting to many millions. England devoting money to the reduction of her national debt; we adding constantly and immensely to ours. The surplus in England for 1895-96 is over \$20,000,000; the deficiency in America for the same time is a far greater sum.

The chancellor said the condition of the working class had greatly improved, and the prosperity of the nation had increased so much that a material reduction would be made in the land tax of the country.

In the light of Christian unselfishness it may be pleasant for American workingmen to read of the prosperity of their English brethren, but the comparison with their own condition makes too strong a contrast to give satisfaction. The American workingman was never worse off than he is today. With thousands out of employment, with wages reduced, and with families suffering, can it be expected that the American workingmen will look with approval upon a policy that robs them of their birthright and gives it to the people of a foreign nation?

England's present prosperity is due to Democratic legislation in America. No wonder the Democrats in this country refuse to condemn Ambassador Bayard for making pretty speeches full of falsehood to the English people when every action of the party he represents has been to favor that nation. It is only needed to compare English prosperity with American depression to understand the iniquity which the country is suffering because of Democratic legislation.

A PLAIN DUTY.

The stories that come from Cuba read like some dark tale of the Middle Ages, when the minds of men were narrowed by ignorance and bigotry and the human heart lost to the feelings of mercy which a refining civilization brings. Every day comes news of Spanish outrages. In forty-eight hours twenty prisoners were executed because they were guilty of aiding or sympathizing with the struggle for independence. General Carpos was recalled because his policy was considered too humane, and in his stead was substituted a general whose chief qualification was his reputation for savage butchery.

Meanwhile the information is given out that no offer of mediation and no notice of intervention of any character has been made by the United States government to Spain, and none will be made at present. This action of President Cleveland's is taken in face of the public declaration of congress that such offer of mediation should be made upon the part of this government. Legally the president is not bound by the action of congress, since the resolution is considered an expression of opinion merely, and not a dictate of procedure; but morally, in view of the course Spain has pursued and the feeling existing among the American people, the president should extend an offer of friendly services to settle a war that blots the page of Nineteenth century civilization.

Such a tender would not involve this country in any foreign complication for which we are illy prepared. It would simply say to the world that the principles for which our revolutionary fathers fought and died still continue the choice treasures of the American people; that the right of liberty and self-government is conceded to any people oppressed as the Cubans are, and that this nation, rich and great as it now is, remembers the time when, like Cuba, it was weak and oppressed.

This course of President Cleveland is simply in line with his former actions in matters of like import, a notable example of which was his expressions of hostility to the republican government of Hawaii. Great as were the provocations the intelligent people of Hawaii had, those of the Cubans are infinitely more, and call for the Christian consideration of enlightened America.

Senator Mitchell has promised the people of Eastern Oregon that the needed appropriation for the locks will be forthcoming the present session. Upon the fulfillment of this pledge depends the enthusiastic support which the senator will receive from this section in the legislature. The opening of the locks is of more concern to Eastern Oregon just now than the national questions which are absorbing public attention. The actions of our delegation are being closely watched.

The speech of Secretary Carlisle delivered before the working men of Chicago, is well worthy of perusal. The fact was made apparent that the greatest sufferers by the debasement of our currency would be the laboring men. The story of Mexico is a warning against any such action as the silver fanatics advocate.

Mexico represents the "ultime thule" of the silverites, and in no country is the condition of the laboring man more lamentable. The only gainers in this country from a change to a silver basis, besides the silver mine owners, would be the debtor class, who would be able to pay in money at half value. But their satisfaction would be short lived, as capital would be further drawn from investment and more borrowing become almost impossible.

What a spectacle it would be if the Oregonian would support the prohibition candidate for congress in the Second district, and yet such action would not be surprising, since McKercher, the candidate in question, has intimated that he would be guided by the views of the Oregonian regarding the currency question. To support the prohibition candidate or a gold standard man under different circumstances might be a proper thing, but not when it places in jeopardy the election of a man who regularly nominated by a Republican state convention, is pledged to work and vote for the principles of protection.

Consumption, diphtheria and typhoid fever are the latest triumphs reported for the Roentgen rays. The cry of "wolf" has been heard so often and proved unfounded that these heralded cures for dread consumption occasion little belief among incredulous people. Still, in the light of the wonderful discoveries science is making, the door may yet be opened for discoveries which shall make the pale cheek of the wasted sufferer glow with hope. Science has astounded the world with her discoveries and given cause for greater expectations.

War between England and the Boers would not be the sublime thing that a conflict with Turkey, in which other European nations could be drawn, would be, and yet when once the inhabitants of the Transvaal have arisen in determination much British blood and treasure needs be spent before English triumph can be complete. The Boers have proved themselves made of the stuff that counts in battle.

Multnomah county can wage the present campaign upon the currency question. In the rest of the state the issue will be protection. Which of the two will cause the more enthusiasm?

WHAT THE PENDLETON PAPER SAYS.

East Oregonian: The Dalles papers are still thundering against the failure to complete the government locks at the Cascades and are holding to account the representatives in congress as well as the contractors. All government work is carried on in this shiftless, extravagant way, with no intent or idea of ever serving the people, but with full intent of deceiving and deluding them, for profit to favored friends of politicians and rascally men who pose as reliable contractors, but who in reality are beneficiaries of a pernicious spoils system, which takes no recognition of merit, thoroughness and honesty. The work of the Cascade locks is in the hands of such parties and nothing but eternal vigilance will ever change the conditions surrounding it and secure early results to the people of Eastern Oregon.

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SHAME! SHAME!

Mr. I. N. Day has been talking to an Oregonian reporter. The paper, which through cowardice or connivance has refused to lend its influence to assist the people of Eastern Oregon in waging warfare against the unscrupulous men who have perpetrated an injustice that cries to heaven because of its foulness, now listens to the siren voice of I. N. Day, and in an article remarkable for its one-sidedness and which has every earmark of I. N. Day, attempts to further mislead a people whom, God knows, have already been deceived enough.

No better endorsement of the position taken by The Dalles papers is needed than a perusal of the article mentioned. It is an ex parte statement, misleading, false and insulting in the insinuation that the people who would read it would be influenced by the statements it contains.

In the first place there is no misapprehension in Eastern Oregon regarding the effect of the \$20,000 appropriation. There may have been once, but there is none now. It is generally considered that the \$20,000 resolution was simply a ruse inspired by the Days, and in the carrying out of which our delegation in congress were either knowing or unknowing tools. (For the sake of maintaining our belief in human nature, we hope the latter.) That the people once had reason to believe that the resolution was introduced in good faith is evidenced by the sentence in a telegram from Senator Mitchell to THE CHRONICLE, published March 19th: "This (meaning the \$20,000 appropriation) will insure the opening of the locks to boats, the contractors assure me, early in May."

This resolution was to authorize the contractors to divert \$20,000 from the unexpended balance and use it for building the inner walls. Mr. Day says that when the matter was first broached there was a sum sufficient for such purpose, but when the resolution was passed and signed the money had already been exhausted. Of course it had been. It was necessary, as a part of the game, that by the time the resolution should become effective there should be no money available, since if there were what excuse would be left for not proceeding with the work. These two statements dovetail in perfect harmony and show the design which at all times the Days and the engineers had in view—namely, the obstructing the completion of the locks.

Mr. Day says that on January 27th a letter was written to Senator Mitchell advocating such a resolution as the \$20,000 one purported to be. On February 10, two weeks later—when the committee from The Dalles Commercial Club visited the locks—nothing was said about any such move having been made, and no suggestion proffered that the representative bodies of The Dalles and Astoria should lend their influence in strengthening such a request.

The committee came home and the Commercial Club took independent action, asking for an emergency appropriation. Possibly Mr. Day wrote the letter at the time mentioned. If he did so he was careful not to say anything concerning it to the committee, for if he had the committee would have asked him, "Have you funds left unexpended?" and when he had replied "Yes" he would have been estopped from spending the entire amount, leaving nothing for the \$20,000 resolution. "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the colonel named Day is peculiar." It takes no very penetrating eye to see the motives that underlie the actions of Messrs. Day and the engineers.

Furthermore, Mr. Day says, in the Oregonian, the resolution was introduced, referred to a committee and passed the senate the same day. Either Mr. Day or the telegraph reports from Washington are in error. As we would not believe Mr. Day's statement as to what time of day it is, we are inclined to trust the wires, which say that on March 12th Senator Mitchell introduced the famous resolution into the senate. On March 19th, Senator Mitchell telegraphed THE CHRONICLE: "My resolution providing for the immediate use of \$20,000 to construct safeguards essential to the early opening of the locks passed the senate today." Only a matter of seven days difference, the occurrence itself being of little moment except to show the unreliability of Mr. Day's statements.

The Oregonian says the locks are completed and a boat could be put through in twenty-four hours notice. This may or may not be so. There is no means of telling; but if true it is only because the water is sufficiently high to allow a boat to pass over the lower bulkhead, which at an ordinary stage is high above the water. Such a statement is but half the truth, a shambling to make a point regardless of right or wrong.

The main point in the whole matter is this: If the Days were sincere in their efforts to have the inner walls built (and which we grant were not provided for in the contract), why did they not, knowing that such a resolution would certainly pass, hold back a sum sufficient to make the resolution effective? Why did they not do this, and then come out like men and explain the situation to the people, who would have lent them every support possible? They did not because they had an ulterior object in view, which, in spite of every law of justice, against the wishes of thousands of people who have hoped

and prayed for the consummation of this great work, they have carried to their own satisfaction.

The engineers and the Days have throttled the will of the people. Shall we say they were aided by the Oregon delegation? We will not, though there are circumstances which can be explained only through ignorance or connivance. There are those who say the Days are but men and working for the stuff that is in it. Truly so; but they are to be condemned for holding out a promise which in their hearts they knew to be a lie.

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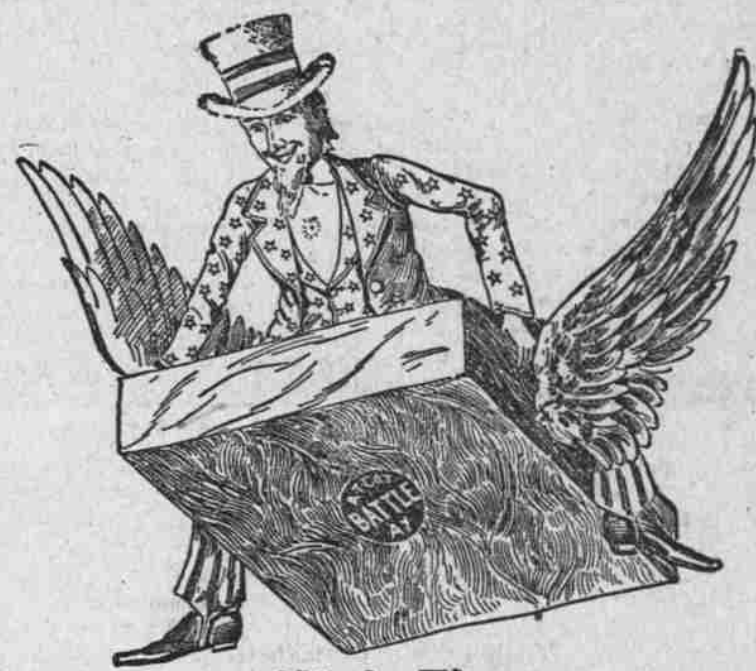
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