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THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION.

Concluded from last issue. 'Then let the reciprocity treaty continue for the present,' some say. 'No, that will not do now. Annexation to the United States is the sole and only means of its accomplishment and of maintaining American influence in Hawaii.'

'We can prevent Chinese occupying our beautiful country, for Hawaii has no treaty with China, but it is not so with Japan. When that country, twenty-five years ago, was seeking alliances with the nations of the world, we entered into treaty relations, and under its provisions we cannot prevent the free immigration of her people. They have come and have found Hawaii a very paradise. Few of them return to their homes, and at present they are all over the country seeking the ownership of property, and still they are coming in by every steamer.'

'Perhaps your statesmen and economists will look upon this with complacency; for myself, as an American, who has lived on your soil and voted in your elections, I must confess to a feeling of depression and lively regret.'

'I know well that the effect of this will be hurt by enemies of annexation, who will say it is hysterical. Possibly; but it is true, and that I have not falsely indicated in which way the finger of destiny is pointing, will be amply and fully attested by many careful conservative men who live here and know the facts.'

'If you believe in the annexation of Hawaii, will you take action at once? And will you keep up that action till the end is accomplished? If there is a Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce in your midst, get it to send a memorial favoring the annexation of Hawaii, to your representative in congress or to your state senator, or write yourself and get them to do so. Get your newspapers to keep it up, to present the facts to the people and urge its speedy accomplishment. This is not something to be bought with money, it is of national importance and concerns the future honor and prosperity of America, to a degree not fully appreciated by most of your people.'

LET US HAVE LIGHT.

Tony Noltner, the irrepressible Democratic editor, passed up on last night's flyer, "bound ostensibly for Spokane; but really for no-one-knows-where. Only six weeks ago this same Tony slipped quietly off to Washington. So softly did he steal away that he was gone for a month before anybody missed him at this end of the route, and he was not even heard of at the other. The fact that he had come back simply proved that it was the sequence to the other fact that he had gone away. Since that time we have watched the columns of his paper faithfully hoping he would give in his experience in getting Democrats to vote for the seating of Corbett. He has maintained the silence of the Stygian shades. It is unparalleled, unnatural! When a boy goes to mill he nearly always has a story to tell, therefore we should hear from Tony. J. Thorburn Ross, like a good little boy, told all that he knew—and more. Wallace McCamant gave us the history of his brief, how it fell like a clod on the coffin of John H. Mitchell, like the gentle dew from heaven upon the arid souls of the United States senators. Maxwell—his brays were bonnie. They were as music to the ears of the weary ones waiting for the senate to ask the venerable Corbett to be seated. But alas! that music hath lost its charm. Tony

alone is silent; wickedly, cruelly dumb. Speak! thou fragmentary fossil of Laurentian Democracy! Tell us, we beseech thee. Spit it out like a man.

But we forgot. There are others, or rather one other—Hon. Harvey W. Scott. He started East some time since, and he, too, is silent. The Oregonian is in business at the old stand without him. Hamlet has no ghost. Mayhap the flood tide of his feelings has broken through the levee system of his intellect and through a wide crevasse is pouring devastation and destruction on the sunny South. It is barely possible that it was he, and not Watterson, that turned loose in the Courier-Journal. We hope not. We hope he, at least, may return to us to tell us all about it.

We old Oregonians are uncomfortable. When we think of our venerable old friend from Portland standing in the corridors of the senate with one of his legs longer than it really ought to be, we feel that something should be done, and that we should know it.

We suggest, as a compromise, that Mr. Corbett be invited to sit on Mr. McCamant's abundant brief; and we urge that not only Tony, but Harvey, tell us all they know.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The tariff bill has been reported to the senate, but with many amendments, among the most important being the striking out of the house provision keeping in force the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty, which will indirectly abrogate that treaty. Under its terms, however, the change cannot go into effect until a year has elapsed after this government has notified that of Hawaii of its abrogation. The internal revenue tax on beer has been raised to \$1.44 per barrel until January 1, 1900, after which it shall be, as at present, \$1 per barrel.

Many important changes were made in wool and woolen schedules. First-class wools were reduced from 11 cents per pound to 8 cents, second-class wools from 12 to 9, whereas the duties on wools of the third class were raised. The dividing line of the third class was placed at 10 cents, wools under that value being made dutiable at 4 cents per pound, instead of 32 per cent ad valorem, as in the house bill. Wools valued at more than 10 cents a pound were placed at 7 cents per pound, instead of 50 per cent ad valorem. The woolgrowers failed to secure all the changes they desired in the classification, but it is understood the rates fixed on the wools are satisfactory to them. Skirted wools of the first class, as imported in 1890 and prior, are required to pay 1 cent a pound in addition to the rates imposed by this act on washed wools of class one. It is thought the increased revenue from beer will amount to \$12,000,000 and on tea to \$17,000,000. The bill is so radically changed as to hardly be recognized as the Dingley bill. Jones of Arkansas says it will take six weeks to debate the bill and get it ready for its final passage.

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SHERIFF'S EXPENSES CASE.

In the case of Sheriff Houser against Umatilla county, an order was made by Circuit Judge Lowell as follows: 'It is ordered and adjudged by the court that the defendant's motion to dismiss the writ of review herein be, and the same is hereby overruled and denied, and that the writ of review is hereby sustained, and that the judgment of the county court of the state of Oregon for Umatilla county, rendered March 4th, disallowing the claim of plaintiff, is evidenced by voucher No. 136, and that said claim be, and the same is, hereby remanded to said county court, and that said county court is hereby directed to allow the same, and that the plaintiff, Zoeth Houser, have and recover from the defendant county his costs and disbursements of action.'

This decision affects every county in the state, and if not reversed by the supreme court, will be a big thing for the sheriffs, as it makes it mandatory upon the county courts to pay traveling and other legitimate ex-

penses of these officers, independent of their salaries. Judge Lowell's decision will probably be sustained by the supreme court, as he is known as a very careful lawyer, and he knew in advance that the case was to be appealed, no matter which way he decided.

A FIEND OF A FATHER.

The New York Press tells of a farmer who died recently, and who in his will disinherited his daughter for an offense alleged to have been committed fifty years before. The offense consisted in the sending to the old man a valentine, comic, representing a miser counting his gold. She had asked her father for a dress a short time before, and being refused, as he claimed, sent him a valentine. The daughter admitted addressing the envelope, but denied sending the picture. For this offense her father never spoke to her, never forgave her, and in his will bequeathed her "A package to be found in my trunk, tied with green ribbon and sealed with green wax." When this was opened it was found to contain the cause of the trouble, the valentine.

A father who could carry his anger at his child to that extent, who, admitting even that the offense was committed, could steel his heart against a daughter for fifty years of his miserable life, and then from the grave call up the cause of his animosity, can hardly be ranked as human. The foul fiend's face must have been illuminated with a joyous smile as he rammed his three-tined fork into the shriveled soul and set it up to toast. And yet this miserable caricature on humanity was allowed to cumber the earth for fifty years after his little girl offended him, and all this time there was chain lightning going to waste. The small fry of hades should amuse themselves by plastering him with green sealing wax, heated to a turn, and he should have ever before his eyes that comic valentine.

The April state election in Michigan was not of much importance as regards the minor offices at stake, but it had one feature which is of great significance. The regular Democratic convention was controlled by the Bryan element in the party, which stood on the free silver platform adopted at Chicago last year. The sound money men resolved not to support a ticket thus nominated, and named candidates who believed in the principles asserted at Indianapolis when Palmer and Buckner were put in the field. The full official returns of the election have not yet been announced, but enough is known to show that the national Democratic ticket polled at least 30,000 votes. This is a great surprise to all the politicians, as even the most sanguine sound money Democrats did not expect anything like so large a total. Palmer and Buckner received less than 7,000 votes last fall, and some who were prominent in the movement then doubted the wisdom of running a separate ticket in the spring election, not only because it must widen the breach in the party, but also because they feared that such candidates would receive small support. The sound money Democrats who insisted upon carrying through the movement are more than satisfied with the result, vote of 30,000 in a spring election gives promise of twice that number in a vigorous fall campaign, and this means that the independent Democrats may hold the balance of power in Michigan. It certainly shows that a Bryanized party will stand no chance whatever of carrying the state.

The Greeks and Turks have had a bloody battle on the historic field of Pharsala, where Caesar and Pompey fought one of the twelve decisive battles of the world and Pompey went down in defeat. It was disastrous to the Greeks, and the crescent triumphed over the cross. The Greeks retired to Domokes, thirteen miles distant, where Prince Constantine will again give battle to the advancing Turks. In consequence of the trend of affairs, the powers have instructed their ministers to offer mediation, and it is quite probable that the war will be ended by this

means. The Greeks are far outnumbered, perhaps nearly five to one, which makes their case desperate; but dissensions at home are really more dangerous than the enemy. King George seems to be every inch a scrub, with an eye to increasing his wealth at the expense of his country, knowing, as he does, that the powers will not allow Greece to be destroyed. In our opinion, the war will not last more than a week or two longer, another decisive victory by the Turks being sufficient to compel Greece to accept the friendly offices of the powers and let them settle the dispute. Greece will have lost much in blood and treasure, but King George will have made probably \$10,000,000.

TONY DON'T WANT IT.

Some of the Mitchell "push" want an extra session. They found it profitable and are in hopes that an extra session would prove even more lucrative.—Portland Dispatch, Tony Noltner's paper.

And Tony don't want any extra session. It would end his job on the Corbett pay roll. So long as there is no extra session, there is a "prospect for Mr. Corbett," or thrifty men like Tony who are working for him think they can make "the old man" believe there is.—Salem Statesman.

King George of Greece must be a very sick man indeed if he listens to the advice of his physicians to take a journey at this time to the island of Milo, or to Serbia, for "change of air." Either this or he is a poltroon whose courage has vanished with reverses, leaving him homesick. Being a weak man, however, from whatever cause, the volatile nature of the Greek temperament renders him unsafe, with the wind of the present commotion in and roundabout Athens. Hence he may be excused if he act upon the idea that a living ass is better than a dead lion.—Oregonian.

King George of Greece seems to be very much of a poltroon. He found time while looking after the interest of the kingdom to speculate in stocks and bonds, which, fluctuating on account of the war, made him a winner in the sum of \$7,000,000. A king who could speculate in stocks while his subjects were at the front battling for their country deserves not only to lose his job, but to be ignominiously fired. King George seems to be in a fair way to get this kind of treatment.

The East Oregonian and Pendleton Tribune are at it hammer-and-tongs, and the fight has descended into crinations and recriminations unworthy of either. The public are not interested in these things, hence we offer our kindly mediations and suggest that each go at their legitimate business, hustling for news.

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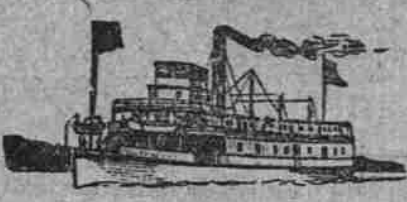
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