

The Weekly Chronicle.

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A PLAIN ISSUE.

That the Republicans of Wasco county have a hard fight on their hands is unquestioned. The action of the Silver men, Populists and Democrats at their committee meetings last Saturday shows that each party is favorable to fusion, as far as this county is concerned, and will put up but one conglomerate ticket for the Republicans to oppose.

This determination to fuse causes surprise to no one, as no logical reason exists why these various elements should not come together and merge their single identities into symmetrical unity. The regular Democratic organization, the Populists and the so-called Free Silver Republicans have all adopted the free and unlimited coinage of silver as their fetish, and no other idol do they know. Every other consideration is swept away in this mighty rush for cheap money. The tariff seems to be no longer an issue, as it has been very forcibly demonstrated to the country that a moderate protective tariff is indispensable to the maintenance of general prosperity. With protection and free trade out of the way and settled to the everlasting glory and credit of the Republican party, the money question comes to the front as the issue upon which the battle must be fought.

It is well that the time has come at last when we know what the issue at stake is. In the last presidential campaign it was supposed the nation had definitely decided that it wanted nothing to do with cheap money; but it seems there are some people in Oregon who have not read the returns.

To this state the eyes of the country are turned. Oregon leads the way, and it is for us to say whether the cry of cheap money shall be borne from the Pacific to the Atlantic, bringing devastation to business wherever it is heard.

The Republican party in Oregon accepts the issue gladly. The declaration made at the late Republican League convention foreshadows what the state Republican platform will be, and when that is promulgated, no one will be in doubt what it means. The Republican party is for sound money—the gold standard, if you will—and no attempt will be made to shuffle with terms.

The good things promised of our Commercial Club when it was organized give promise of being realized. There seems to be a decided awakening among our business men to the needs of the city, and the Commercial Club furnishes the means for discussing and planning how best the continued prosperity of The Dalles may be assured. The various committees connected with the organization are showing an energetic spirit in performing their duties, and are devoting time and patience in investigating matters of importance to the city. A great deal is gained when we all realize that active, concerted action is necessary before anything of value can be accomplished, and the Commercial Club is the agency through which the common interests may be served. This is the decisive year in the history of The Dalles. We must either make a distinct advance in the way of cementing our trade relations with the interior or lose our grip. Success to the Commercial Club in all its undertakings, and may it have the support of every citizen.

The Dalles will make a reputation this year for hospitality. In addition to the regular conventions of the various political parties, this city will be the meeting place of the Grand Army veterans and the wool-growers of the Northwest. We came very

near getting the Republican state convention, and it is not unlikely we may secure the state meeting of the Democrats. Let them all come; we will see they are properly entertained. We want a chance to show off our new business blocks and tasty residences, to say nothing of newly-discovered coal mines, which bid fair to become a glittering reality.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President McKinley's address to the national conference of manufacturers is a most notable one. It is highly significant that he should have chosen for his topic not the importance of protecting home industries, or the building up of manufacturing interests, or the restoration of our merchant marine, or any other business interest in which such a body of men are practically concerned. All he said about the tariff, the return of prosperity and the aid which the government can give to business, was by way of introduction to the one great thought of the address, which was the putting of our currency upon a safe basis.

The president has been accused by his enemies of having only a half-hearted interest in currency reform. These accusations, we have steadily believed, do him a great injustice. If any proof were wanted of this, his address of last week furnishes it. Nothing could be more frank, more courageous and more emphatic than his treatment of this great pending question. The tariff having been settled according to the St. Louis platform, he deemed it an obligation which the party in power must sacredly fulfill to remove the dangers threatening our monetary standard and the financial honor of our government. "Nothing," he declares—and it seems as though he must have had in mind the pending Teller resolution in the senate—"should ever tempt us, nothing ever will tempt us to scale down the sacred debt of the nation through a legal technicality." We must pay our national debt in the money that is best throughout the world.

This is the answer, and the only proper answer, to give to such men as Senator Chandler, Senator Lindsay and Senator Gray, who so strangely joined with Senator Teller and others to betray the cause to which they were understood to be committed, that the government of the United States may not pay any of its obligations in any money, metal or paper, that is not as good as gold. The president says that it is the plain duty of those placed in authority by the vote of more than seven millions of people to remove all doubt as to the stability and integrity of our currency and the inviolability of our obligations of every kind.

He admits the difficulties which confront currency reform. They are so formidable as to discourage many; but he calls upon its friends to do battle in no half-hearted way. It would be weak and foolish to attempt nothing because of the popular strength which present fallacies seem to have. It is better to make a noble fight and fail than to surrender without striking a blow. He declares that we must insist upon a settlement of this question now, and that it is not enough for citizens simply to say they are in favor of sound money; they must do something to prove their sincerity of purpose.

This is a rallying cry which ought to be heard far and near. It comes from the head of our government, upon whose shoulders rests a great responsibility. It is not his fight alone, but the fight of all those who worked so hard in 1896 to avert what they believed to be an impending national calamity. Their work was not completed when the result of the elections was announced. It must still go on. If it can be pressed to a successful conclusion before the next presidential election we shall have a most disturbing and demoralizing question eliminated from the next canvass.

Secretary Gage is a stanch, consistent, powerful advocate of sound money, and his speech in Philadelphia last week was as notable as that of the president himself in New York. These voices are strong voices that

reach to the utmost limits of the nation, and the serious note in both addresses claims the attention of every citizen who would save his country from financial peril.

We trust that in coming weeks, while the battle is being fought in Washington, the influence of an aroused nation will be felt in the capital, and the senate, which, according to Senator Aldrich, has become noted for its "financial eccentricities," may be induced not to reject what the house shall pass.—New York Independent.

A TOO FACILE PEN.

The De Lome incident may be the means of bringing the relations between this country and Spain to a severe crisis. While nobody would pay attention, under ordinary circumstances, to what some Spaniard might think of the personal qualities of William McKinley, yet when the representative of one government shows such utter disrespect for the chief executive of another, the rules of international law are violated to such an extent that the incident cannot pass unnoticed. The term "jingo" is used generally in an opprobrious sense, yet among the so-called "jingos" are found the best of American citizens, who desire nothing more than that the rights and honor of the American nation should be maintained with dignity, both at home and abroad.

De Lome, or any other Spaniard, has little cause to complain of the treatment Spain has received from the United States government. In the minds of most people this treatment has been too lenient. Spain deserves nothing from humanity, and by her conduct of the war in Cuba, has forfeited consideration from nations pretending to be civilized. A few more breaks like the one De Lome made, and this government will take a hand in earnest in Cuba, and it would not be a source of much regret if the present incident should bring about such a result.

Senor De Lome would do well to remember the old adage that "it is wise never to burn a letter—or write one."

No feature of Speaker Reed is more pronounced than that which phrenologists call "human nature." If he is strong it is because he reads men aright and because he is wise to know that what the people want is the thing that they will have. They may be delayed in getting it, but they get it at last. Mr. Reed is a fine exemplification of Lincoln's apothegm that men may wobble, but after all, they wobble to a right conclusion. He seems to be obstinate, but when he finds that the people do not come to him, he always goes to them. He knows when to hold and when to let go. In the Hawaiian matter the speaker will let the people have their own way. Convinced that a majority of the voters of the United States, without regard to party, wish for the annexation of Hawaii, he not only will not obstruct but will facilitate the gratification of their desire. He is of the wise men who rule by ruling always as the best and wisest part of the people would have him rule.

The Leutger trial has been so long drawn out that public interest outside of Chicago has, in a great measure, subsided. The verdict of guilty will come to most people, however, as a satisfactory vindication of the law. The statute of Illinois, which permits the jury to fix the penalty in cases of this kind, is undoubtedly a wise one, and allows of more convictions where men are unwilling to see capital punishment inflicted. The question of whether or not capital punishment is morally defensible is open for wide discussion; but when the jury is allowed to determine the penalty its abolishment is not necessary.

When the sheep-growers' convention and the G. A. R. encampment are held in The Dalles some measures should be taken to provide electric lights for our streets. We must put on our best appearance when the visitors are here, so they may carry away pleasant impressions of the town. To wallow around in muddy streets is bad enough at any time,

but it would be the occasion of much chagrin should our guests be compelled to do so.

The people who dwell in the Transvaal know a good thing when they have it. Paul Kruger, whose brain is better than his looks, has just been re-elected president of the sturdy South African republic. England should take notice.

Paris is happy again because she has another sensation to feed upon. Emil Zola, the well-known writer of realistic books, is defendant in a suit brought by the government for libel. The populace has taken sides, as usual, and everything is merry in the French capital. France leads all other countries in being able to stir up a sensation on short notice; but the many good qualities of her people more than overcome their love for excitement.

NEWS NOTES.

Wednesday's Daily.
 Three resolutions favorable to Cuban independence were introduced in the senate yesterday.

The government has decided to send two companies of infantry to Alaska to preserve the peace and protect life and property in the vicinity of Dyea and Skaguay.

Thursday's Daily.
 A special received yesterday from Guatemala stated that President Barrios had been seized and assassinated. Quiet prevails at present.

The Spanish government has been informed that if the minister, De Lome, is not recalled at once, he will be told to go on account of his criticism of the president.

Leutger, the Chicago sausage-maker who has been on trial for the murder of his wife, has been found guilty a second time, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

A six-hour battle between 2000 college students and forty Chicago policemen took place Tuesday afternoon. It was brought on by the police attempting to stop the college students from having a snowball fight. Several police and students were severely injured.

Friday.
 Spain has accepted the resignation of Minister De Lome.

The pack train of the government relief expedition has received instructions from Washington to start for Alaska at once.

The steamer Olivette has arrived at Havana with Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society of the United States, on board.

The De Lome letter incident is regarded at Madrid as a jingoist intrigue, intended to disturb the relations between the United States and Spain.

The Republican majority was increased by one Wednesday, when the house unseated Plowman of Alabama, a Democrat, giving the seat to Aldrich, a Republican. This was the first contested election case decided by the present house against the present sitting member.

OCKERMAN ELUDES ARREST.

The Officer Will Therefore Return Empty-Handed.

The telegraphic announcement of the discharge at Vancouver, B. C., of A. R. Ockerman, late secretary of the Portland lodge of Elks, wanted there in connection with some shortage in his accounts with the lodge, was received in that city by a majority of the members of the lodge with feelings not unmingled with satisfaction. Mr. Ockerman, the dispatch said, secured his release on a habeas corpus proceeding, and Constable Connor, the officious prosecutor in the premises, will therefore be compelled to return empty-handed.

Constable Connor did not cause the arrest of Ockerman entirely with the consent of Portland lodge of Elks, and now that it develops that he has been on a wild-goose chase the question arises as to where the expenses incurred on his trip will come from.

While some were anxious to have Ockerman brought back to the end that he might be made to suffer for the wrong he has done to the lodge, many were opposed to it on the ground that little would be accomplished thereby. It would not bring back the money he is said to have embezzled, nor perhaps would a term of imprisonment in the event he is convicted add greatly to his punishment.

The fact that by his wrongdoing he has ostracised himself from the society of every Elk in the land is by many deemed more of a punishment than a term in jail. However, the greatest sufferers through his conviction, if that were possible, which is doubted, owing to the fact that none of the records containing the secrets of the order could be introduced in evidence, would be his family, who thereby would be deprived of all source of support. What further steps, if any, will be taken to return Ockerman to Portland is not known, as members of the lodge are very uncommunicative and refuse to discuss the matter.

If you want to have

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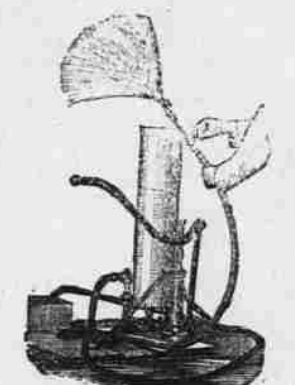
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Children in Politics.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:

It was a fine body of men who assembled in Portland the first of the month during the state meeting of Republican clubs. To watch these men as they passed from the business thoroughfares to the assembly hall one could not but express the belief that Oregon was safe so long as these, her representative business men, took upon themselves the responsibility of political activity.

It is a matter of "special felicitation that the sturdy manhood of the state has bestirred itself to participate in political affairs at this time, as there are interests concerned in the June election that reach into the homes of all the people of the state.

Try as we may to convince ourselves that only those individuals are concerned in politics who are specified in the constitution of Oregon as legal voters, we are obliged to confess that this year all the children of Oregon will be at Astoria at the Republican state nominating convention, and school m'ams by the hundred—figuratively speaking to be sure, but nevertheless there.

"The teachers have been paralyzed," declared a young woman recently discussing the condition of the state educational department. Patrons and instructors cry out against the present condition of affairs with a Macedonian cry that should be heeded. The public schools of the county are the bulwark of nation, and it should be the first duty of the citizens of the commonwealth to see that the best, the tried, the proven reliable material is called forth to guide in the shaping and placing of the construction timbers.

In selecting a candidate for the office of state superintendent of the public instruction there is no necessity for splenoring out the one distinguished for splendor of attitude and dazzling speech. There is a time for all things, the good book says, and this is a most inviting time for the recognition of the three homely graces, Common Sense, Practical Knowledge, and Industry. The large attendance of practical business men upon the state league convention gives hope that these three homely graces will find favor among the delegates to the state nominating convention, thereby assuring the educational people of the state and the friends of public school education that a wise selection will be made for the department of education.

There are many ways in which the people of the state may become acquainted with the men engaged in educational work. Occasionally there is a man who is a part of the very geography of the state through his work as a state institute instructor. Such a man is J. H. Ackerman, principal of the Harrison street school in Portland. County superintendents seek his aid at these institutes, because of his varied experience which covers primary, grammar and high school, and as county superintendent of Multnomah county for years, all phases of school work.

So thoroughly equipped a school man would be most valuable to the public if placed at the head of the state department, and it is the earnest hope of the school people of the state that he may be the choice of the Republican state convention.

Of Interest to Dallesites Who Travel.

The new time-card on the O. R. & N., which goes into effect Sunday, Feb 13th, will be a great convenience for the people of this city having business in Portland. The Spokane flyer will then leave The Dalles at 6:55 a. m. and arrive in

Portland at 10:15 a. m. Returning will leave Portland at 2 p. m., arriving at The Dalles at 6:25 p. m., thus enabling Dalles people to eat breakfast and supper at home, and yet have practically a whole business day at Portland, or if more time is required in Portland, passengers can leave Portland at 8 p. m., arriving at The Dalles at 11:45 p. m.

The card is as follows:
 No 2, east-bound, Union Pacific overland—arrives at 11:45 p. m.; departs at 11:50 p. m.
 No 1, west-bound, Union Pacific overland—arrives 3:10 a. m.; departs 3:20.
 No 4, east-bound, Spokane flyer—arrives 5:25 p. m.; departs 5:30 p. m.
 No 3, west-bound, Spokane flyer—arrives 6:50 a. m.; departs 6:55 a. m.
 No 24, east-bound, local freight—departs 1:45 p. m.
 No 23, west-bound, local freight—arrives 5 p. m.

These are the only trains that will carry passengers.

JAMES IRELAND, Agent.

Sturtevant-St. John Wedding.

A quiet wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. St. John, on Fourth street, this morning, the contracting parties being Mr. F. T. Sturtevant of Portland and Miss Emma St. John of this city. Rev. J. H. Wood officiated, and no one except members of the family were present.

Mr. Sturtevant, who is now manager of the Pacific Gum Co. of Portland, was formerly a resident of this city, and has numerous friends here; while Miss St. John, during a residence of but a few years in The Dalles, has gained a host of friends, whose best wishes follow her. The newly-wedded couple left on the 9:30 train this morning for Portland, where they will make their future home. THE CHRONICLE wishes them the full measure of health, wealth and happiness.

Tax Levy.

The following is the tax levy for the different school districts of Wasco county for 1898:

No. 3—Hood River.....	8 mills
No. 29—Dufur.....	2 1/2 mills
No. 21—Boyd.....	5 mills
No. 42—Wamic.....	5 mills
No. 50—Antelope.....	8 mills
No. 12—The Dalles.....	7 1/2 mills
No. 54.....	2 mills
No. 61.....	5 mills
No. 7.....	6 mills
No. 6.....	10 mills
No. 4.....	5 mills
No. 33.....	5 mills
No. 59.....	6 mills
No. 2.....	7 mills
No. 14.....	2 mills
No. 13.....	8 mills
No. 11.....	3 mills
No. 58.....	10 mills
No. 16.....	2 mills
No. 34.....	1 mill
No. 5.....	5 mills
No. 8.....	5 mills

A CALL.

The Wasco County Republican Central Committee will meet at the court house in The Dalles, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1898, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of issuing a call, appointing delegates, and making all necessary arrangements for holding the primaries and Republican county convention. A full attendance is desired. J. M. PATTENSON, Chairman.

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