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GROPING FOR AN ISSUE.

Japhet, when in search of a father, had an easy and pleasant time compared with that which the Democracy has in searching for issues for the campaign of 1900. One of the very few papers of any standing or influence in its locality which supported the bogus money ticket of 1896 was the Indianapolis Sentinel. It is said that the editor of the Sentinel has now told his party that if it gives any sort of prominence to the silver issue in 1900 it will be defeated. The programme which he is reported to have proposed for his party next year is "anti-trust, anti-militarism, anti-expansion and tariff reform."

In dropping silver the Indiana Democratic editor finds himself in a pretty numerous company. Gen. A. J. Warner, who can claim to be the father of the silver folly, now that Richard P. Bland is dead, advised his party a few days ago to abandon that issue, or to keep it far in the background. Wharton Barker, who was one of the loudest of the shouters for it in 1896, has cut loose from silverism, but has gone over to greenbackism. Ex-Senator Peffer has dropped silver, too, but he has come over to the Republican party. Some of the newspapers of the Teller element of the Republican party, which went into the Bryanite coalition after Teller's secession from the Republicans in 1896, are advising their friends to say nothing about silver in the coming canvass. On the other hand, the Bourbons, under the lead of Jones, Altgeld, Bryan, Stone and George Fred Williams, urge their side to stick to silver.

The trouble with the Democracy is that it is certain to be beaten, no matter what programme it adopts. The set of "principles" urged by the Indianapolis editor are, of course, absurd. When the Democrats had entire control of the government during half of Cleveland's second term they made no attempt to frame any anti-trust legislation. In the campaign at the end of Cleveland's term the Democracy leagued itself with the most vicious trust which ever appeared in this country, the silver trust. The Democrats will have an interesting time shouting against militarism and expansion, in view of the fact that a large and constantly growing element of their party favors both militarism and expansion. If the Democracy declares for tariff reform, it will be confronted with its record when it framed the "perfidy and dishonor" tariff of 1894, which looked carefully after the interests of several of the trusts, the sugar schedule of which was drawn up by Havemeyer, of the sugar trust. On the other hand, if the Democracy abandons silver, it will be cut by all the Populists, and will not carry a single Western state, or any state outside of a few of those in the South. In any case, its defeat is certain to be overwhelming enough to make all the other party beatings since 1872 look small.—Globe-Democrat.

THE BUFFALO CONFERENCE.

After a session in which pandemonium reigned, the social conference at Buffalo on Monday agreed to a hodge-podge of reform ideas embracing about everything that ever occurred to the minds of those who pose as experts on isms, says the Spokesman-Review. Up to Monday the sessions have been rather cold and solemn. A few days ago when Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Chicago, referred to "the great victory of the magnificent Dewey" and remarked that it was a splendid thing to drive Spanish cruelty forever from the western hemisphere, the conference responded only with death-like stillness and rigid silence. The only approach to enthusiasm was when apologies were made for the Spaniards and Weyerism in Cuba, or

when Aguinaldo was lauded to the skies as one of the great patriots of the century.

It is not surprising that the first paragraph of the conference address to the people should denounce "the war of conquest." The strange thing is that in the midst of the tumult they could agree to strike out the word "extermination," which was in the original draft. However, this playing with fearful terms will not be very rich in results. Critics and theorists do not carry much weight unless they have the confidence of the people. These Buffalo visionaries who can agree upon no single project, unless, perhaps, it be to haul down the American flag at Manila, represent nobody and when the great heart of the country is not behind them, they will accomplish little or nothing.

The address which was read by Professor Herron of Iowa, and probably prepared by him, has too much of rant in it to be taken very seriously by common sense people. For several days he has been groaning from the platform about "a military dictatorship of the most despicable kind," and throughout the address dwells upon the awful dangers that are to result from this spirit of militarism. According to the professor's ideas a republic with a population of 75,000,000, and a regular army of 65,000 is a military autocracy like that of the czar of all the Russians. There may be some who will be led away by such rubbish as this, but they can not be many and their influence will not be all-powerful. Some good ideas may be contained in the mass of reform subjects referred to, but there is so much exaggeration, venom, extravagant denunciation and professional claptrap in it all that very few will regard it as of any practical value. As one of the fearless delegates of the slim minority said at one of the sessions, one drop of good red patriotism can achieve more in a day than an army of croaking pessimists can accomplish in a lifetime.

THE DESPONDENT DEMOCRACY

Some Democratic papers are getting a little aid and comfort from an assertion by Chauncey M. Depew, in an interview in London, that the "questions not dreamed of at the last struggle (1896) are forging to the front," and that "no man can tell the issue with any success until the electoral vote is counted." This utterance is considered by some Democrats to mean that one leading Republican concedes the result of the election of 1900 is in some sort of doubt.

Not the faintest doubt is felt by any Republican about the result of the election next year. Every Republican looks for a bigger victory for his party than was gained in 1896. In this opinion a vast majority of the intelligent Democrats of the country agree with the Republicans. No Democrat anywhere is making any prophecies of victory for his side. Nearly every Democratic newspaper in the country was predicting a triumph for his party on the eve of the canvass of 1896. The feeling among Democrats now differs widely from what it did then. Everybody can see at present that the chances for a Republican victory of big dimensions in 1899 are better than they were in 1895. There is a greater degree of despondency in Democratic circles at the present time than there has been on the eve of any other presidential canvass since that of 1868.

The fact that Democrats pretend to find some encouragement in Chauncey M. Depew's words shows the gloom which pervades their party. Depew talks more than any other man in the United States. Necessarily he says many things which he does not mean, and which are of no consequence whether he means them or not. Ordinarily he is not a very good authority on American politics. His judgement on partisan chances is not entitled to much consideration unless when it coincides with that of the majority of his fellow-citizens. It is probable that, in common with the vast majority of his fellow-countrymen of all parties, he looks for an over-

whelming triumph for the Republicans in 1900. There will be no chance to get up a scare next year about a possible Democratic victory, and consequent industrial and financial disaster. From this peril the United States will be free in 1900 at least.

About \$12,500,000 of gold has gone out of the country since the movement began. Perhaps \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 in all will go out before the flow stops. Usually there is an outgo for a few months every year. In 1898 we escaped any such movement, but that was an exceptional case. A gold outflow is looked for each year as a matter of course. The fact that it is not attracting any particular attention now is shown by the circumstance that the gold reserve in the treasury is growing constantly. It is at present about \$10,000,000 above the mark at which it stood just previous to the time when the gold exportation started a month ago. This, of course, is because the banks are furnishing all the gold which is going out now. The production of gold by the mines of the United States in 1898 was \$64,000,000, or much more than the exportation is likely to be this year. The production of 1899 stands a chance to be \$70,000,000 or over.

Germany has trouble over the Samoan issue, and on several issues of domestic politics. France has its Dreyfus tangle and a few kindred scandals. England is bothered over the Boer problem, one of her big parties apparently desiring war, while the other is split up on the war question. Spain's politics, of course, will be unsettled for a year to come, and possibly for many years, on account of the loss of her territory in the American war. The United States is not the only great nation which has delicate political problems on hand.

A NUISANCE.

Some property owners have been very negligent in the matter of keeping their trees trimmed. On several of the principal streets of the city limbs have been permitted to grow so they overhang the sidewalk and in passing under one has to stoop. When it rains, or even during sunshiny weather persons carrying umbrellas or parasols have numerous times ruined them on account of overhanging limbs.

This should not be permitted for if the owners of property do not see fit to trim their trees the city should attend to it, for there is an ordinance prohibiting the same which we give below. Another thing which is quite annoying is the manner in which things are piled on the sidewalks in some portions of the city. There is also an ordinance against this but from all appearances it is a dead letter.

The following is copied from ordinance No. 274:

Sec. 3. No person owning or occupying any building or premises shall place or cause to be placed or maintained, or suffer upon the street or sidewalk in front of such building or premises any goods, wares or merchandise by way of show, advertisement or otherwise, to extend more than two feet outside of the inner line of the sidewalk.

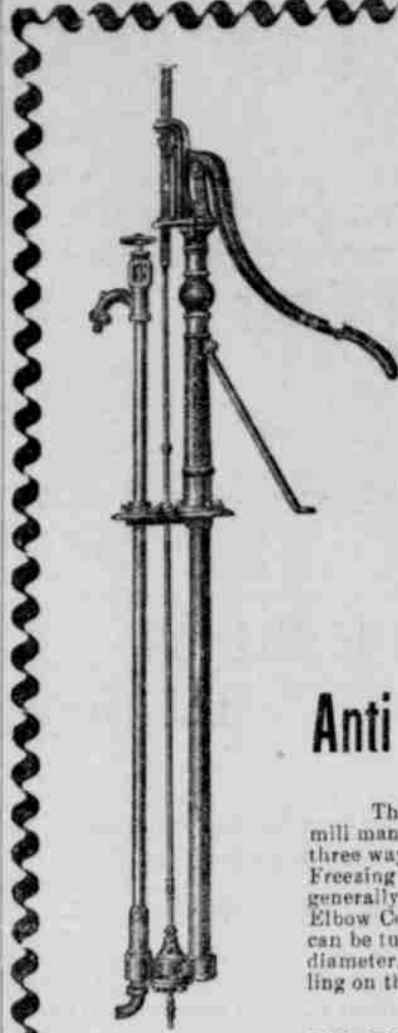
Sec. 8.—The owner or owners or agent of any lot or lots or premises situated within the limits of Dalles City and having shade, ornamental, fruit or other tree or trees, growing near or on either the inside or outside line of any sidewalk, the branches or limbs of which project or hang over such sidewalk or over any public street or alley, shall closely cut, trim and remove all the limbs and branches from such trees for a distance of not less than nine feet above such sidewalks and keep the same so trimmed, cut and removed as aforesaid.

Counterfeiter Arrested.

Shortly before noon today a seedy-looking individual wandered into Stubbins' saloon and began playing the nickel-in-the-slot machine. Several were in the saloon at the time and noticing the peculiar manner in which the man acted walked up to the machine and became convinced that the man was working some scheme. Mr. Falt's attention was called to the matter and he investigated and found the man was playing counterfeit nickels.

Falt immediately telephoned for Sheriff Kelly who came down and arrested the fellow who pretended to be decidedly under the influence of liquor. When taken to the county jail and questioned he said his name was Johnson and that he had arrived in town last night, coming from Wallala.

On being asked where he secured the spurious coin, which was a base imitation and could be told by a blind man, he said he bought them from a man here in town, which undoubtedly is a falsehood. When searched, \$8.05 in good money



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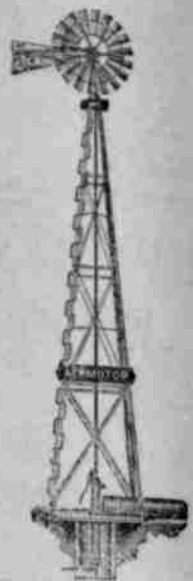
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was found, among which was 131 nickels. In a sock secreted on his person he had \$15.45 in counterfeit nickels, while in his pockets and tied in a handkerchief he had \$6.50 more, in all some 439 lead nickels which he was disposing of as fast as possible by putting them in the different machines around town and taking out good money. A recipe for the composition of which the counterfeiters are made was also found on his person, but there was no trace as to where the die was secreted. He is being held for examination.

HAVANA, Cuba.

Cuba which has lately become a part of the United States is but 130 miles from the coast and separated only by the straight of Florida. The entrance to the harbor of Havana, which is the principal city on the island, does not exceed a half a mile in length and is so narrow that only one ship can pass in at a time. Beyond this narrow channel lies the harbor itself, which is so large that every man-of-war of England could be anchored there, and yet so well protected from the winds and waves that ships are perfectly secure within its limits.

The city itself, viewed from the harbor, is wonderfully picturesque, with large and imposing structures solidly built of stone and often painted in brilliant colors. It is true the bright anticipations of Havana, which one forms from a distance, are to a certain extent dispelled on landing and walking through its narrow streets. But Havana is not the only city in the world of which this can be said.

On the other hand Havana has a number of extremely attractive parks and promenades, which in the evening are the resort of the best society in the city. For there, as in all particularly warm climates, when the sun has disappeared, the streets at once become enlivened and those who have remained indoors during the day seem to have then acquired new life, and come out to drive, walk and serenade under the brilliant stars and in that balmy atmosphere, which in the tropics seems enchanting in its soft caress, imparted by a perfumed breeze which lulls to languorous repose.

Serious Accident.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday evening as Richard Hackett, who is employed in the machine shops of the O. R. & N., while in the act of touching off a large cannon fire cracker which he held in his right hand, he met with a very serious and painful accident. He had ignited the fuse and was in the act of throwing it into the street, and as he drew back his hand to throw, it exploded, tearing away a portion of all of the fingers, lacerating the flesh in a frightful manner and throwing the thumb from its socket and tearing away the cords so it lay upon the back of his hand. He was at once taken to the office of Dr. Chipman, who amputated the index finger just below the second joint, the next two fingers below the second joint and the little finger close to the hand. The thumb was brought back to its place and some twenty-three stitches were taken to hold it there. The operation was very successfully and skillfully performed. Dr. G. W. Biggers assisted Dr. Chipman in the surgical operation.

Another accident of similar character though much less serious occurred on Tuesday evening to Dan Turner, who lost the end of one finger by the explosion of a piece of fire works.—La Grande Chronicle.

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Two of a Kind. The Dalles is not the only place that has difficulty in settling the street light problem. We have been without light for the past two years, and are in the same position as when the matter was first discussed. The committee appointed from the council have done everything in their power to remedy the matter so we would be able to have lights, but so far have not met with success.

Salem is in about the same fix as The Dalles in the matter of lights, and have come to the conclusion that the city has been paying too much for light. Today Recorder Gates received a communication from S. W. Prescott, of Salem, asking for a statement of current expenses, such as are paid for water, light, salaries, etc., and we presume they want to compare them with their expenses.

At a meeting of the council of the above named place Wednesday they rejected the bids for the street lighting recently submitted by the Salem Light & Traction Company, and the Welsbach

Street Lighting Company of America. The reason assigned for this action is that the bids offered were not sufficiently reduced that the council desired to enter into a contract. The meeting was attended by only the five councilmen known as the "reform members," who are themselves disagreed as to the proper course to pursue. The motion of Alderman Burrows to reject the bids prevailed, after a lively discussion, by a vote of three to two.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, OR. June 30, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," Charles Gosson, of The Dalles, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 141, for the purchase of the lot 4 and 8 1/2 of Sec. 29, in Township No. 1 N., range No. 12 E., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at The Dalles, Oregon, on Friday, the 8th day of September, 1899. His names as witnesses, A. Turner, W. Clark, Peter Fagaz, G. Whitmore, all of The Dalles, Or. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of September, 1899. J. P. LUCAS, Register.

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