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A DEMOCRATIC BOGEY MAN.

The Dalles Chronicle tries to excuse the despotism created for the government of Porto Rico by a Republican congress and president, by citing a bit of ancient history, and giving extracts from the acts of congress of 1803 and 1819 for the government of Louisiana and Florida, attempting to justify despotic government of the present time because a despotic government was created then.—Times-Mountaineer.

THE DALLES CHRONICLE never thought of accusing Jefferson and Jackson of being parties to the establishment of a despotism, in the secondary sense of a tyranny, over anybody. Much less has it attempted to excuse a Republican congress and president for establishing a despotism in the sense of a tyranny in Porto Rico. The temporary governments established over Louisiana by Jefferson and over Florida by Jackson under President Monroe were despotic in the sense of being absolute, but they were in no sense oppressive or tyrannous. The temporary government established over Porto Rico is far less despotic than either of the others and so much the less oppressive. We have done in Porto Rico what, in principle, we have done in every territory that has come into our possession since the acquisition of Louisiana. We have done in Porto Rico what, in principle, we are doing now in every territory in our possession. The government established in Alaska is far more despotic than that established in Porto Rico. The territory has not even the semblance of a representative government and even the system of local taxation is different from that in the States. The government is a pure despotism but in no sense a tyranny. Yet nobody complains, because the exigencies of a Democratic campaign do not require it. There is more despotism in several state governments in the South towards the negro race than congress ever dreamed of for the Porto Ricans. Yet no Democrat lifts his warning voice and even Bryan, the prince of anti-despotism, is dumb as an oyster. In all our history as a nation there never has come into our possession a territory whose people were treated with the kindness and consideration that congress has shown to the Porto Ricans. Despotism and imperialism are bogey men, the invention of Bryanite necessity, that every honest Democrat ought to be ashamed of.

THE CHRONICLE is pleased to learn from so high an authority as the Times-Mountaineer that nobody took offense at its criticisms of the speech of "Cyclone" Davis, "considering the source." But if the speech was defensible why did not our contemporary come to the rescue? It surely was not his natural bashfulness that kept him back. The truth is the Cyclone's speech was incapable of defense. It was a rebash of Populist fabrications whose mendacity has been exposed twice ten thousand times over. In his financial argument he never got beyond that most lying of all the lying things that have been written on free silver, Mrs. Emory's Seven Financial Conspiracies. He told of Ernest Seyd having been here in 1873 and of his bribing congress with half a million dollars to demonetize silver, when it has been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt, by the written testimony of Seyd's two sons, that their father lived and died a bimetalist and was never in the United States after 1856. He pictured Uncle Sam as standing on two legs, one gold and the other silver. In 1873 the Republican party cut off the silver leg and the old gentleman at once fell to the ground. In one breath he told the audience that the panic of '73 immediately followed the crime of '73; in the next he said even Grant, who signed the bill, did not know the silver dollar had been dropped out of it till years after. Thus we

were asked to believe that the country went into a panic over the demonetization of silver when nobody knew it had been demonetized till years after, and that Uncle Sam fell down in '73 immediately that his silver leg was cut off, when, as even a Populist ought to know, Uncle Sam's both legs in '73 were made of paper; for not till years after the crime of '73 was there a cent of gold or silver in circulation anywhere in the United States, save in a few states on the Pacific Coast. This is a sample of the arguments that this clown and ignoramus used to induce Dalles people to vote for Bryan! No wonder THE CHRONICLE'S criticism gave no offense.

The "Portland Mitchell-McBride literary bureau" is accused by the Oregonian of sending out editorial proofs to the editors of the state "from the office of a Dalles newspaper," and the Oregonian supports its accusation by a clipping from the La Grande Journal which implicates the Dalles "newspapers" in this offense. There are two newspapers here, as the Oregonian well knows, of opposite politics. THE CHRONICLE, therefore, can only speak for itself. Neither the editor of THE CHRONICLE, nor any one connected in any capacity with the office, nor any one directly or indirectly controlling the paper, nor any one owning a dollar's worth of interest in it, has ever, under the present editorial management, sent out from the office, to any editor of any newspaper, in Oregon or elsewhere, so much as one editorial proof sheet or any other kind of a proof sheet, on any subject, political, personal or otherwise. And the same remarks, in all their explicitness and detail, will apply to marked copies of the paper, if the reference is confined to articles in any way relating to any matter of controversy between the so-called Simon-Corbett and Mitchell-McBride factions of the Republican party. THE CHRONICLE might have done all this, or been a party to it, and yet not have transgressed the limitations of an American freeman, or been in the least ashamed to own what it had done; but it takes pride in the fact that it belongs to no faction; is in the secrets of none and never wants to be. What it does politically is in the broad sunlight and if it has at any time published anything that the Mitchell-McBride faction happen to approve, it has no tears to shed; or anything that the Simon-Corbett faction condemn, so much the worse for that twin iniquity.

Democratic papers that are working themselves into a frenzy over Simon's bossship and the apparition of Corbett's candidacy for the United States senate should preserve their souls in patience. The Republicans of Oregon can be trusted to take care of Corbett when the time for action arrives. The Simon-Corbett faction in Multnomah, even with the Oregonian at its back, is not the "whole thing" by any means. The legislative nominees of the Republican party for this district have no connection with any real or fancied Simon-Corbett ring in Portland. They owe nothing to it, have made no pledges to it and are in no way or manner connected with it. They have been selected for their capacity and ability to serve the people, and they enter the campaign owing no allegiance to any political boss and unpledged to any senatorial candidate.

Candidate Wm. Smith, who is running (very slowly) for congress in the Second Oregon district, puts free silver at 16-to-1 as the paramount issue, and his slogan, "Consequently," says the Telegram, "Mr. Moody may confidently look for a largely increased majority, as most voters have already heard more free silver gush than is palatable to them."

No man will be allowed to vote at the Democratic primaries over in Washington unless he pledges himself to support Bryan for the presidency. This is a species of despotism, not to say imperialism, that has no parallel in the history of the party of "Emperor William."

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THE PORTO RICO ACT.

Now that the Porto Rican question is becoming better understood by the people, the very proper stand taken by the administration is appreciated the more, says the Astoria News. The Democratic party worked its hardest to force the Republicans to adopt the free trade policy. Every effort was made to compel the abandonment of the protective principle, but fortunately without avail. Our sugar, our tobacco, our fruit, our vegetable and other agricultural interests can rest content that, just as soon as the Porto Rican products interfere in our markets with our own farm crops, then they will be fully protected. The principle to do this has been retained, and that is the main object for which the administration contended. We have freed the Porto Ricans from a condition bordering almost upon slavery, and it rests with them to attain a standard that will entitle them to enjoy and uphold the rights and privileges of the constitution of the United States. While we are willing to help the Porto Ricans do this, the principle of protection to our own labor and our own farmers has been rightfully retained in such way that it may be applied when we come to consider the Philippines with their millions of low-priced laborers, and their possible ability to compete disadvantageously with our sugar and tobacco growers.

The Times-Mountaineer is opposed to the Simon-Corbett ring. So is THE CHRONICLE. THE CHRONICLE hates the ring because it is a bad lot. The Times-Mountaineer fights it for the Democratic capital it expects to make out of it. THE CHRONICLE warns its contemporary that there is no Democratic capital to be had from that source. Whatever infamy there was in the legislative hold-up, which our contemporary so very justly condemns, the Democrats were in it to the neck. If the Times-Mountaineer wants the Democratic participation in this infamy stirred up, all right. But if not, let it keep silence in all the languages it commands. One thing only we mention at this time. The Republicans of this legislative and senatorial district had the grace to leave every man at home who was connected with the hold-up in 1897. The Democrats have added insult to injury by renominating a man for the lower house who was in the front rank of the infamous lot, who was bought twice and then had not the manliness to stay bought, and who did other things, under the nurturing care of the Populist Jonathan Bourne, meanwhile, that we dare not defile this paper by putting them in print. No; the Times-Mountaineer had better drop the hold-up business right here and now.

No reflection is intended upon any sheriff that Wasco county ever had, when it is mentioned as a matter of common belief that the business of the sheriff's office was never in better hands than in those of Robert Kelly, the present incumbent, who has been nominated to succeed himself. The books of the office are kept as they ought to be kept, and as they never were kept under any other administration. The taxes are collected up closer than they ever were before, and the result in this respect alone is a saving to the county of much of the expense of the office. Moreover, the sheriff is never absent from his post of duty, while the business outside the office is always attended to faithfully and punctually. And lastly, and as a fitting compliment of any public servant, Wasco county never had a more genial or more obliging sheriff than Robert Kelly, or one that would do more to please and oblige any one who has business to do in the office. For these reasons alone the people of Wasco county want no change in the sheriff's office and will vote for none.

This is going to be an awful hard year for the fellow who's a Democrat in Spokane, says the Chronicle of that city. He can't hurrah for the soldiers on Decoration day—that's militarism; he can't help hoist the flag on the Fourth of July—that's imperialism; he can't tell his friends

to come West and take up land on the Colville reservation—that's expansion; he can't welcome the nation's president to this city—that's McKinleyism; he can't cheer for the queen of the industrial exposition—that's the pomp of monarchy; he can't even get in with the rest of us and brag about the wonderful way Spokane is gaining in population, and wealth, and beauty, and industry—that's prosperity. And when the election returns come in—well, he can go away out behind the barn and cry.

Cyclone Davis says: "We are going to burst the hills in twain and give the silver and gold to the people." Won't that be nice! says an exchange. "Burst the hills in twain!" But that would be work, and the idea is to avoid labor. All of these hills of gold and silver—or, excuse us, silver and gold—will have to be stamped by the government or it would not be a medium of exchange. Then all would roll in silver and gold, none need work and if any get real hungry they can eat silver and gold. 'Tis a beautiful dream with the practical part left for the wakening moments in the morning.

Everything tended to disaster during the last Democratic administration, and since then everything has moved in the direction of prosperity. If this is "mere coincidence," vote for the coincidence, says the Times-Democrat.

Hissed a Minister.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Rev. Charles S. Morris, a colored Baptist missionary, recently returned from South Africa, was vigorously hissed when he championed the cause of England in a lecture before the West Side Y. M. C. A. The counter-demonstrations of the audience finally became so pronounced that the lecturer abandoned the discussion of the merits of the contending nations.

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