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DEMOCRATIC INCONSISTENCY.

Of the many inconsistencies of the democratic party none is more striking than that of its present opposition to the expansion resulting from our war with Spain. When brought face to face with the undeniable fact that the party now opposing expansion has added every foot of territory to the original thirteen states, except Alaska, and always, practically, without the consent of the governed and in one instance, where a territory now comprising four states and two territories, or 334,443,520 acres, was involved, by force of arms, its leaders take refuge in the defense that the territory acquired was contiguous and practically unoccupied, while that recently added as the result of the war with Spain is noncontiguous and occupied by people of another race.

"I had rather have war with Spain as not if we are to go to war against England. Our Southern defenses can take care of the Floridas; volunteers from the Mexican army will flock to our standard and rich pabulum will be offered our privateers in the plunder of their commerce and coasts; probably Cuba would add itself to our confederation."

Two years later Jefferson wrote President Madison regarding the probability that Napoleon "would consent to our receiving Cuba into our union to prevent our aid to Mexico and the other provinces," and added these significant words: "We should then only have to include the North in our confederacy, which would be, of course, in the first war and we should have such an empire for liberty as she has never surveyed since the creation, and I am persuaded no constitution was ever before so well calculated as ours for extensive empire and self-government."

Sixteen years later we find Jefferson urging the advisability of the acquisition of Cuba on President Monroe with evident effect, for Monroe is on record as saying: "We ought, if possible, to incorporate it (Cuba) into our union, availing ourselves of the most favorable moment for it, hoping also that one would arise when it might be done without a rupture with Spain or any other power."

As soon as the war with Spain had ended, President Polk, anxious to expand still farther, undertook to annex the island, making a proposal for its purchase for \$100,000,000. The offer was refused because Spain did not wish to part with it. The agitation for its annexation waxed hotter under Pierce, who declared in his inaugural that: "Our position and attitude might render the acquisition of certain possessions not within our jurisdiction, eminently important for our protection."

Professor Callaghan says that "In the month following Pierce's election, Buchanan told him that he should make the purchase of Cuba the chief aim of his administration and thus render his name as illustrious as that of Jefferson, who had procured Louisiana for the union."

With this object in view, apparently, Buchanan was sent as minister to London, Mason to France and Soule to Spain. Confidential instructions were sent to Soule to offer Spain \$100,000,000 for the island, but should Spain demand more that the president would not have negotiations fail, even if \$90,000,000 more were required. Soule's offer was again rejected and Pierce ordered his three ministers to hold a conference and announce the settlements which they held on the subject. The conference was duly held at Ostend and the celebrated "Ostend manifesto" was the result. They said: "Our past history forbids that we should acquire the island of Cuba without the consent of Spain unless justified by the great law of self-preservation. After we shall have offered Spain a price for Cuba far beyond its present value and this shall have been refused, it will then be time to consider the question: Does Cuba, in the possession of Spain, seriously injure our internal peace and the existence of our cherished union? Should this question be answered in the affirmative, then by every law human and divine we shall be justified in wresting it from Spain if we possess the power."

President Buchanan, who followed Pierce, continued the efforts openly and secretly to annex the island and urged the matter upon congress in at least one message during each year of his administration. That these messages met with a hearty response, especially in the democracy of the South, may be inferred from the speech of a Mississippi congressman, who said: "I propose that we shall take it (Cuba) now—take it in its perfection, redolent with the rich colors of its budding flowers and tropical fruits and productions."

With all these efforts the attempt to annex the island failed and the democratic convention, which met in Charleston to nominate a successor to Buchanan, "Resolved that the democratic party are in favor of the island of Cuba upon such terms as shall be honorable to ourselves and just to Spain."

The convention failed to nominate but the two democratic conventions held subsequently at Baltimore and Richmond, which made separate nominations for the presidency, each adopted the resolution which expressed the sentiment of the democratic party from Jefferson to the abolition of slavery when the chief incentive of democratic expansion was removed forever. And the one significant fact in all this record is that these vigorous sires of a degenerate and emasculate progeny never for a single moment thought of asking the consent of the inhabitants of any territory they sought to acquire, or dreamed that the declaration of independence had any application in the premises.

The democrats, fusionists, populists, and general kickers against a government for the betterment of all can look at the result in Oregon with alarm, says the Walla Walla Union. It indicates that the great American people are true to the flag; that the American voter is still patriotic and in favor of the extension of American territory, of American trade, and of American freedom. It means that the progress that has been made in America during the past forty years is to continue, and that our government is advancing with the world and keeping in the front rank. As Oregon went, so will go the nation.

It has been well said that "Supporting a newspaper costs a town scarcely a cent. Though the paper may be well patronized and the business men may spend large sums of money in advertising, the cash quickly flows back into the channels of trade from which it came. Nearly every cent a newspaper takes in is spent at home and it goes to the merchants, who delight in benefiting themselves and community by liberal advertising. Boiled down, the facts are that a newspaper returns all the money it gets to those who gave it, and its good words for the town and people, the county and the state are thrown in for good will."

The democrats in congress voted against a proposed anti-trust amendment to the constitution on the ground that it would give congress too much power. This tender solicitude for monopolies is characteristic of the party that organized the tammany ice trust of New York and consolidated the street railways of St. Louis.

If Aginaldo has been shot there will be mourning in the democratic household and poor Widow Bryan will have to wear black for a while says the Walla Walla Union.

THE REASON GIVEN.

The democratic leaders over in Oregon are rubbing their eyes trying to look surprised and wondering why that state rolled up largely increased republican majorities, says the Walla Walla Union. They pretend not to understand.

The leaders of Oregon democracy have been in a sort of dream for weeks. They have imagined that the people believed their bumbag about imperialism; they tickled each other with stories of how they were pulling the wool over the ordinary voter's eyes in telling him that this government would go to the 'bow wows and become a monarchy if he did not vote against the republican party; they conjured up a lot of silly nonsense about the Porto Rican tariff being a crime and imagined that they could blind the voter into believing their weak tales; they wilfully lied about the administration of President McKinley and against the policy of the republican party in regard to expansion and the protection of American holdings under the American flag, and they stopped at no argument, however untrue, however puerile, however malicious, that they believed would deceive the voter as to the real work of the republican party.

Having set this trap for votes and having thus baited it with misrepresentation, abuse, dishonor, unpatriotic sentiment and almost treasonable utterances, they now pretend to wonder that the democratic voter did not step into it.

The fact is the fight in Oregon was a state fight upon national issues. This was forced by the Portland Oregon and the republican party. The demand had been made upon the voters for weeks to stand by the republican congressmen if they favored the present republican policy and to elect republicans to the legislature if it was desired to send a member to the United States senate who would uphold the president.

The people have answered. In democratic localities some democratic county officers have been elected, but the republican vote was greater than any one anticipated on the state and legislative tickets. Many democrats voted for the supremacy of the American nation, for its expansion where natural and necessary, for the development of foreign trade, and for the sound money policy now in force. It is the voice of the people of a great state sounding the praises of the national party in power and saying "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

The people of Oregon are safe. Oregon is solid in the republican column. After a hot campaign in which the national issues were clearly stated, a majority of over 8000 has been recorded for the head of the state ticket, while McKinley in 1896 received a plurality of only 2117. The lesson is a good one, and will have its effect all over the union.

Criticism of President McKinley, whether of clerical or lay origin, for not having abolished the army canteen is utterly unfounded. The president is bound to follow the opinion of his chief law officer. When Attorney-General Griggs decided that the law did not exclude the canteen, there was nothing for the president to do but to act on that view of the law or obtain a new attorney-general.—Oregonian.

Some of the Democratic papers are saying that the United States has entered into an alliance with Germany, because the United States is protecting its citizens in China. The average Bryanite is about as queer a person as the German Agrarian, and he has about the same sort of a feeling for the United States.

The Salem Statesman thinks that unless there is a good deal of conciliation, Senator Joseph Simon will find it rather "hard sledding" two years from next winter, when he applies to the Oregon legislature for re-election.

At the end of four weeks Bryan has not repudiated a word of the Souix Falls platform, which a prominent democratic paper calls a document "written by crazy men,

Official Vote of Wasco County.

The official canvas of last Monday's vote was concluded this forenoon and for the state, county and district ticket is as follows: For justice of the supreme court: Bright (prohibition) 145; Green (fusion) 850; Wolverton (republican) 1262.

For food commissioner—Bailey, rep., 1152; Kennedy, prohi., 106; Schulerich, fusion, 687.

For congressman—Butler, prohi., 187; Moody, rep., 1611; Simmons, ind.-dem., 338; Smith, fusion, 498.

For district attorney—Meneese, rep., 1620; Moore, dem., 959.

For joint senator, Ninth district—Bennett, dem., 1348; Williamson, rep., 1266.

For joint senator, Twelfth district—Dafar, dem., 1220; Johnston, rep., 1355.

For joint senator, Twenty-first district—Stelwer, rep., 1468; Cozad, dem., 1005.

For joint representative Twenty-first district—Baldwin, 693; Burlingame, prohi., 126; Emmett, rep., 1233; Liebe, dem., 1112; McGreer, rep., 1292; Roberts, rep., 1290; Springer, demo-pop., 807; White, prohi., 122.

For joint representative, Twenty-eighth district—Barrett, rep., 1293; Cattanch, rep., 1256; Coon, dem., 1028; Edwards, dem., 839; Miller, rep., 1323; Misener, dem., 839.

For county judge—Blakeley, dem., 1472; Blowers, rep., 1105; Collins, prohi., 54.

For sheriff—Kelly, rep., 1369; Ward, dem., 1181; Parsons, prohi., 78.

For county clerk—Fillion, dem., 1135; Lake, rep., 1421; Taylor, prohi., 73.

For county treasurer—Hampshire, dem., 1324; Heisler, prohi., 133; Phillips, rep., 1168.

For county school superintendent—Gilbert, rep., 1607; Chastain, dem., 934.

For county assessor—Copple, dem., 1046; Schmidt, rep., 1275; Quinn, prohi., 145.

For county surveyor—Campbell, dem., 1021; Goit, rep., 1390.

For county commissioner—Harriman, dem., 1170; Kircheiner, rep., 1114; Richards, prohi., 157.

For coroner, Buits, 1647; Williams, dem., 836.

Municipal indebtedness amendment—Yes, 431; no, 588.

Judiciary amendment—Yes, 483; no, 486.

Irrigation amendment—Yes, 540; no, 485.

Repealing amendment—Yes, 458; no, 423.

Equal suffrage—Yes, 701; no, 724.

A Picnic As Was a Picnic. Let not ambition mock their lowly toll. Their homely joys and destiny obscure. Nor grandeur hear with a disdainful smile. The short and simple annals of the poor.

Not that they were in any proper sense "poor" the six healthy, happy girls that this item treats of, but "girls" won't rhyme worth a cent with obscure, and so we have to let the poet have his say in his own words. They had a picnic yesterday, these girls; and the excuse for it, for want of a better one, was that one of their number was going in a few days to the coast for the summer. So they filled a clothes basket full of grub and scorned the help of man or beast betook themselves to the banks of Mill Creek where, unobserved except by Father Sol and, perchance, the man in the moon, they splashed, and waded and fell in the water to their hearts' content, coming back home after a long day as bedraggled as they were happy, and all vowing that they had a picnic as was a picnic. They had their appetites too, you may be sure, although the maternal guardian of one of them assures the writer that they brought the clothes basket back, even if there weren't a blamed thing in it. The girls were: Bessie Snipes, Ruby Groat, Blanche Emerson, Lilly Kelly, Mary Barnett and Hanna Schwabe.

Fatal Quarrel in Gilliam County. Monday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon James Collins, an unmarried man, about 50 years of age, was murdered at the Junction House, seven miles south of Arlington, and the coroner's jury charged L. L. Cook with the crime of murder in the first degree.

The deceased was cutting some rye that was claimed by both him and L. L. Cook. The evidence tended to show that Cook shot Collins in the left leg, the ball passing entirely through the limb. Cook and Ashpugh then hauled Collins to his home, about fifty rods distant, and put the wounded man on his bed. It was some hours before any assistance was summoned, Cook himself going to Arlington to inform the coroner. The preliminary examination was held today. The wound was not a fatal one had the limb been bandaged and the flow of blood prevented.

Lena All Eight. When the canvassing board opened the Lena ballot box the following letter was found among the ballots: "Notice—To Judge and Clerk—Please take notice to whom it may concern, that Lena is all right. No whiskey. Ran short of ballots. Hence could only let those vote who were all right: Rep. No lamp furnished; had to write by match light. Awful hungry and got no show to get grub. No table to write on, only the stove. Please send check for services by return telegraph. Split the ink, owing to a dog bite."—Heppner Gazette.

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Republican Party Hyu Skookum. Even the Indian has caught the idea that prosperity prevails during republican times, and expresses it in his own way. No democratic influences can teach him to believe that Bryan is skookum when he cannot get good rents for his wheat land or plenty to eat and wear. It gives him the spirit to hunt deer and to treat his wife and pony well. The La Grande Journal contains the following in a recent issue: "Red Bones," a Umatilla brave, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Red Bones was in Umatilla county when the spot where Pendleton now stands was a mole hill. In response to a question propounded to Mr. Red Bones as to the political situation in his part of the country, he said: "Mr. McKinley skookum; republican party hyu skookum. Democratic party no skookum. When democratic party work for Uncle Sam Injin ponies all die; no deer in the mountains; Injins fight—squaws all mad all time; no get much to eat. The Great Spirit he mad then. When the republican party work for Uncle Sam everythin skookum; lots of deer in the mountains; Injin ponies fat; squaws all happy; Great Spirit god then all time; Injfn ponies worth \$20 a head. Injins all vote republican party all time. Bitan no good; talk all time, no do nothing."

Ernest Lister, Secretary of the board of audit and control of Washington state, after an extended visit among the penitentiaries and lunatic asylums of the East, told his democratic friends when he came back the other day that the "sentiment in the East in favor of Mr. Bryan is wonderful." So says the Tacoma Ledger.

An exchange thinks it is gradually dawning on the Democratic platform makers that a shell tipped with present prosperity is able to pierce the heaviest piece of silverized armor plate ever forged in the furnace of adversity.

In a speech recently delivered at New York, Governor Roosevelt said: "Every now and then we need to be reminded that if we kill the capitalist the laborer goes, too. We can't give prosperity to the man with the dinner pail except by giving prosperity to all. That's a truism which it ought not be necessary to repeat—but which it is."

The Colorado sheep that was worth only \$1.52 in Cleveland's last term now sells for \$2.86, and the number of sheep has increased 50 per cent in the same time. During the present administration the value of sheep in Colorado has advanced \$3,750,000. The gold standard and Republican tariff are good things for industry among the Rockies.

Advised Letters. Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for June 9, 1900. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised: GENTLEMEN. Andrew, C A Adamson, Albert Chase, Simpson Doak, Frank Evans, S M Freberg, Pete Green, James Harriman, Arthur Langhan, J M Lewis, Harry Morris, Master Pent Morrison, J W Nichols, A J Nurse, James Rhea, John Nurse, Charles Rose, Al Nurse, Charles Taylor, Arthur Stuart, W B Wagner, Chas Ward, G A LADIES. David, Zolie Haynes, Mrs J S Harrington, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Gus Edith Jensen, Miss A Johnston, Mrs Belle Morgan, Mrs S Love, Miss C Taylor, Mrs Lucy Richardson, Mrs Alice H. H. RIDDELL, P. M. Ivy poisoning, poison wounds and all other accidental injuries may be quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is also a certain cure for piles and skin diseases. Take no other. Why pay \$1.75 per gallon for inferior paints when you can buy James E. Patton's son proof paints for \$1.50 per gallon, guaranteed for 5 years. Clark & Falk, agents. Use Clarke & Falk's quinine hair tonic to keep dandruff from the head.