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NORTH WESTERN DOMESTIC... FEE.

A prospectus in the Methow country has named his claim the "King Saver," says the Spokesman-Review.

The corruption of Indian, French and Spanish words has led to some amusing results in the Pacific northwest.

The present population is closely estimated at 78,000,000. If the crop should be 500,000,000 bushels, and the per capita consumption should be five bushels, there would remain 110,000,000 bushels for export.

Despite this smattering of coarseness and levity, the nomenclature of the Pacific northwest abounds in such that is beautiful, melodious and poetic.

DALLES BOURBONISM ACTUALLY LEARNING SOMETHING. There is still hope that the Wasco county democracy will come to its senses on the money question when the organ of Bryanism in this city has so far recovered from the free silver lullacy as to publish, with strong editorial endorsement, the following excerpt which we clip from a short but interesting letter that our esteemed contemporary says was written by "a Portland business man, now on a two years' tour of the globe, who is practical in all things and takes a practical view of what he sees."

"The circulating medium of this country is silver and bank bills, and what little of Mexican gold there is bears the same premium that is paid for U. S. coin, whether silver, gold or currency. But the intelligence of the financial heads of Mexican finance realize that these conditions cannot continue indefinitely, with the necessities of exchange with the financial world, with coin at such variance with the world's markets, they must eventually retract, and I add extracts from the Mexican Herald of this week, which says editorially: 'Here in Mexico the silver question has been solved by the simple process of getting accustomed to using dollars worth half, and often less than half their nominal value.' Again, 'It is not ideal money, it is not the object of anybody's fanatical worship, and when we calculate the cost of things in gold money we simply double the amount. We all heartily wish, in many cases, that we could avoid being on a silver basis and paying out on a gold basis. The government feels the burden, and so do the railways. Every year more gold is found here, more is extracted, and it is not improbable that early in the

coming century we may have the gold standard.' With expressions of this order from the silent paper in the country, surrounded by the consequences of depreciated money, it should appeal to readers who aspire to maintain a standing for their country equal to the best of the world's recognition."

WHEAT YIELD AND PRICES.

A Chicago dispatch reports that according to the present estimates of statisticians, the entire yield of spring and winter wheat in the United States will not be over 500,000,000 bushels. If these calculations should be borne out by the harvest, the crop will be the smallest since 1896. The yield in 1897 was 530,000,000 bushels; in 1898, 575,000,000 bushels, and in 1899, 547,000,000 bushels.

The United States retains annually for consumption between five and six bushels of wheat per capita. Thus in 1870, with 38,000,000 population, 206,000,000 bushels; and in 1880, with 50,000,000 population, 250,000,000 bushels were retained; and in 1890 with 63,000,000 people, 301,000,000 bushels were retained for home consumption.

Only twice since 1870 have our wheat exports fallen below 100,000,000 bushels. Here are the figures as given by the official statistician abstract of the United States government:

Table with columns: Year, Export, Year, Export. Data for years 1870-1899.

These statistics, coupled with reports of widespread damage to the crop in the United States, and supplemented by news of light yields in other parts of the world, explain the recent sharp advance in wheat prices. The impression seems to be general that prices will go higher still, and that the American farmer may reasonably hope to market his crop on a profitable basis.

Here in Eastern Oregon where the indications are for the largest crops ever harvested, the outlook is peculiarly cheering.

The nomination of President McKinley to succeed himself has been so long a foregone conclusion that its announcement creates no surprise. It was, however, the just and fitting testimony of a great party to the ability, integrity and wisdom of the man who has successfully guided the ship of state through the storms of a most trying period of our national history. The nomination of "Teddy" Roosevelt for vice-president is one of those rare cases where the office sought the man. The chivalrous young rough rider represents all that is best in the great party that has honored him with the nomination, and whom he has honored by its acceptance. McKinley and Roosevelt is a ticket that will bury Bryanism so deep that it will never be heard of after the 15th of November.

The announcement that a beginning will be made in November in the work of bringing home the volunteers from the Philippines will displease the democrats. Bryan and his party friends were in hopes that Aguinaldo would put up such a hard fight and kill so many American soldiers that the army in the Philippines would have to be enlarged instead of diminished. The fact that thousands of the soldiers in the islands will be brought back to the United States during the present year, although their term does not end until the middle of next year, is a terrible blow to the poor Bryanites.

In 1896 President McKinley said: "I hope that the time will not be far distant when every workingman in this country can get work, and get it, too, at fair and remunerative wages." The time was not far distant, and it is still with us.

PERTINENT PRESS COMMENT.

The Sioux Falls populist convention has afflicted Bryan with a stoppage in his speech.—Star.

When a man is referred to now as a "veteran of the war," it is necessary to specify the war—Civil, Spanish or Kentucky.—Albany Democrat.

Pettigrew and Leutz lament over the death of 1721 of their Filipino brethren who died valiantly trying to get a shot at the "Old Flag."—Eugene Register.

The western states know how it is themselves. If there had been no expansion they would not now be represented on the American flag.—Salem Statesman.

If eastern democrats think the combination and ultimate defeat of Bryan in this campaign will red the party of Bryanism they are mistaken Bryan's candidacy is perennial.

One of the remarkable things in Walla Walla politics during the past year has been that a major who owns a brewery has been a most active water agitator. If he had been a milk man it might have been easy of solution.—Union.

General Otis says the withdrawal of our troops from the Philippines would expose to great danger all the natives who have been friendly to Americans. But what copperhead cares for anything connected with the American side of the case?

Eight thousand Indians in Arizona are reported starving. If Billy Bryan would throw some of that constitution soup he is feeding his party it might possibly save them. If it is good for the Filipino why not for the aborigines as well?

The Alaska democrats are solid for Bryan. So, we believe, are the democrats of Hawaii and Porto Rico. The Filipinos are known to have a kindly feeling towards him, and he is popular in Guam and Tutuila. All that he lacks is a sufficiency of electoral votes in the United States of America.—Hartford Times.

A nut for Bryan and his party to crack: Wool and sheep are now twice their value, as compared with their market price in 1896. Why? Can they not see what the gold standard and protection have done? American owners of sheep are now having a little profit. It will be hard to change them off with the Bryan ruse.—Ex.

The Chinese are fighting for the independence of their country—for liberty, if you please, and the right to run China in a way to suit the Chinese. But no resolutions of sympathy with the Chinese will be offered at Philadelphia or Kansas City. Not in a thousand years.—Spokesman-Review.

Civilized nations have a right to force upon China a decent regard for the interests of foreigners, for the welfare of the world is more to be considered than the narrow prejudices and selfish aims of a power that is incapable of rising to the level of enlightenment and modern civilization.—Denver Republican.

Speaking of the defeat of several members of the 2nd Oregon at the late election, the McMinnville Transcript concludes: "We will even up matters in good shape when the gubernatorial election comes, by electing Gen. Owen Summers governor of the state of Oregon by the largest plurality ever given by this state."

Judge Townsend, of New York, has decided that Porto Rico is "a part of the United States as to foreign countries, but a foreign country as to the United States." Once more are we reminded of that touching bit of poetry concerning the tortuous trail of the serpent "which wriggled in and wriggled out, and left the people all in doubt, whether the snake that made the track was going east or coming back."—Omaha World Herald.

Says William J. Bryan: "If we hold what we had in 1896, and if we bring back the gold democrats, and if we gain large accessions from the republicans, the chances of victory for the democratic party ought to be good." That reminds a neighboring paragrapher of a story: "Johnny," exclaimed the father to his stirring boy, "what are you running and jumping around the attic for?" "Catching mice, father," replied young hopeful. "How many have you caught?" "Well," said the son, "when I catch the one I am after and another I'll have two."—Salem Statesman.

Says the New York Sun: "Three weeks ago the Hon. John Brisben Walker solemnly implored Col. Bryan by letter to fling away silver. To make sure that the tools of a plutocratic despotism did not abstract the precious missive from the mails, Mr. Walker had it published in the papers. Where is the answer? What word of cheer has the Peerless sent to the Unique? Day after day Col. Bryan affirms and reaffirms

his devotion to the heaven-born ratio. Day after day the Hon. John Brisben Walker pines moodily by the banks of the Hudson and sees reflected in the water his own visage growing pale and gaunt with baffled hope."

"Duns' Review has found 'encouragement' in every month's business for four years. But the masses, though they have found 'encouragement' palatable, they have not attended upon it. This speculator's prosperity dies hard, in the speculator's papers; but is dying, nevertheless. We have had no genuine prosperity since the late '80's, notwithstanding all the whooping up, and now even the bubble which trade papers and administration organs have inflated is collapsing, says a blind and incorrigible nobody, whom an inscrutable providence has allowed to become editor of a democratic paper.

In spite of all that has been said and written on the subject, there has never been a 16 to 1 ratio under the coinage laws of the United States. The ratios have been: Act of 1792, 15 to 1; act of 1834, 16.002 to 1; act of 1837, 15.988 to 1. It may be added that when the commerce of the world fixes the ratio at 16 to 1 it will be so fixed without consulting the exigencies of any political party in the universe, and never till then.

The treasurer of the United States gives figures showing that this country borrows money at a lower rate than any other nation, and that "money is cheaper with us than anywhere else among men." It means much to say in connection with this statement that every dollar issued by the United States is equivalent to gold.

The Albany Democrat tells of a Linn county man who recently visited Colonel Bryan at his "small farm in the suburbs of Lincoln, Nebraska," where he found the great man "with his pants in his boots at tending to his chickens, etc." That etc. is a most comprehensively pregnant abbreviation.

Anti-Everything is the new name given the Bryanites by Senator Wolcott, and it fits them to a dot.

A PROPOSAL.

Stills' wid Con Magee On top a load of hay, He whisks an' he laughs, an' he sees to me, In his own coonskin way, 'Wet grass is the devil of a tool, An' as sure as me name is Magee You'll be after catchin' yer death an' rowl, So you'll hav' to sit on me knee.' Deludehla Con Magee! Och, Con, wid the wonderful way: If ye mind, ye thebe, phwat ye said to me On top a load of hay? 'Ye, fallin', see he wid a cough: 'But don't be cleared in the laze, O'll be glad ye to be, an' ye can't talk off 'Wid me arm around yer waist.' There the jugue set shullin' at me, Och, I'll never forget the day O' rods from the meadow wid Con Magee On top a load of hay. 'Give over an' let me be; O' must get down out at this, 'Well, divil an' loch ye'll move,' see he 'Unless to give me a kiss.' 'Och, Con, will ye let me down? Think phwat the neighbors will say, O'v's made unself the talk of the town On top a load of hay.' 'Bedad! there's an illigant way To stop them,' he sez, see he, 'The devil a word will wan av them say If ye'd only be Mx. Magee.' —Charles Quinn, in Tyrone (Ireland) Constitution.

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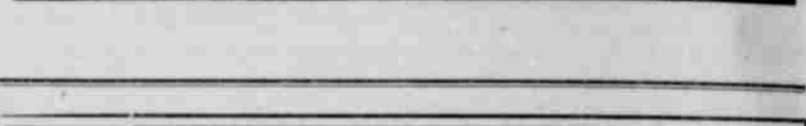
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