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THESE FOR INSTANCE.

The Philadelphia platform is a flat, rapid, platitudinous and slovenly stump speeches. Just one thing the republican party has done for which credit is due it. It has established the gold standard. This is the source of the national prosperity about which the platform says so much. The gold standard has given confidence in money and business, and the people do the rest. The chief fruits of "protection" on which the platform-makers have spent their record is support of great trusts and further enrichment of great millionaires.—Oregonian.

Is that so? Some of the great trusts and great millionaires supported and further enriched by protection are the men on Oregon farms who raise fruit and vegetables and domestic animals—those, for instance, who produce: Butter and cheese, poultry products, hay, hops, onions and other vegetables, fruits, green and dried; bacon and other pork products, beef, veal and mutton, hides, wool and mohair, lumber.

These are the plutocrats the free-trade newspapers are after who are continually condemning the policy of protection. These are the great trusts and millionaires who are enabled to keep their heads on the necks of the common people by the aid of the protective tariff.

There is not a man in Oregon in any calling who should not be interested in the further prosperity and enrichment of these trusts and millionaires on the farms of Oregon. And the men in this state who do not recognize the value of protection for them are very few and far between.—Statesman.

IRISHMEN INSULT THEIR OWN RACE.

The United Irish-American Societies are guilty of an amazing piece of impudence when they attempt to read the riot act to this country because it has deported the two accomplices of the Phoenix Park murderer, Mullet and Fitzharris. It takes an amazing amount of cheek in any set of reputable men to resolve that

"We see in this action of the present administration an abject and slavish surrender of one of the vital principles which have made our country, through the entire period of its history, stand out as a refuge and shelter for the oppressed of all nations, and that we see in this act evidence of the charge heard on all sides that the present administration is controlled and dominated by England and English influence."

"Abject and slavish surrender of a vital principle?" Bah! When did it become a vital principle of the United States to admit to its shores red-handed murderers or their accomplices? There is not a self-respecting Irishman in all this broad land who will not resent, with every fiber of his being, this attempt to besmirch the authorities of the United States for executing the law as they found it on the statute books, and doing their simple duty in excluding two men from the privilege of an American residence who were accomplices in one of the foulest murders of this or any other century.

The national republican platform, stripped of all non-essential verbiage and reduced to an essence, is this: "Resolved, That the transition from deficits in peace to surpluses in war; from bond issuing to bond paying; from hoppers to happy farmers; from men hunting jobs to jobs hunting men; from soup houses to banquet tables; from poverty to prosperity, is not the result of accident or chance or famines in India, but is the result of having a party in power that knows how to run the country and command its confidence."

The election of Mr. Bryan would mean a popular indorsement of silver,

He could with perfect reason demand that the will of the people should be carried out, and if blocked by a republican majority in the senate he could take the administration influence into the legislatures and seek to remodel the senate. Even if he failed in securing the the passage of a free silver bill or one repealing the gold standard law, the attempt alone would bring a business depression that soon would become a panic. Nothing worse could happen to the trade and commerce of the United States in November than the election of a presidential candidate pledged to free silver who has announced that if elected he will endeavor to carry his convictions into legislation and who sweats eternal hatred to the gold standard.

"China learns nothing when another country demands a cash indemnity for the slaughter of its citizens," declared a Chinese missionary in Portland. "The Chinese know the tax will come anyway, and it may as well be for killing foreigners as anything else. They pay for the lives sacrificed and after a while repeat the performance. What will stop future repetitions of massacres effectively and teach the Chinese a wholesome lesson is to take land instead of money as an indemnity. In a country where there are over 400,000,000 people land is valuable."

William Jennings Bryan is probably interested in the fact that while silver continues to be worth about 40 cents on the dollar, July wheat is hovering around 80 cents. The farmers of the country, we take it, would not like to see a bushel of wheat exchanged for 40 cents' worth of silver just at present. Nor are they likely to take kindly to it next November.

We are making history so fast these days that it would not be at all surprising if "George Washington" Aguinaldo would be sounding the praises of McKinley and the republican administration before our democratic brethren have time to unload their anti-expansion and anti-imperialist speeches at the Kansas City Convention.

Speaker Henderson says, "Mr. McKinley and Roosevelt will sweep the country. They represent the patriotism of two wars, and will be enthusiastically followed by the soldiers of each. Above all, they represent integrity of the highest order and deep devotion to their country."

Senator Peffer has abandoned free silver and has taken to lecturing on Spiritualism. The change was effected without any violent revolution of sentiment. The ex-senator simply abandoned one spectral illusion and took up another.

Between February 10 and April 29, over 330,000 bales of hemp were received at Manila from various sections of Luzon. Business in the Philippines is looming up in spite of the bands of prowling ladrones.

The daily market quotations on wheat have a peculiar effect on Colonel Bryan. An observant exchange notes that every time wheat goes up the Colonel's voice takes a drop.

A dollar in gold will buy \$1600 in the paper money issued by Columbia. The South American Populists have put their theories in practice with the invariable result.

The eventual value of our new possessions may be judged from the fact that the United States pays now an average of \$1,000,000 a day for tropical production.

It is said that every time Colonel Bryan wakes up in the night he is tortured with the sight of an American emperor looking over the foot of his bed.

It is about time for an American battleship to begin singing a few Chinese cues.

A Salem Chinaman says the Boxers are the fellows in the flowery realm who "allee samee talkee, talkee, talkee allee time." In other words, they are the agitators among the slant-eyed people. They are the populists of the Orient.—Statesman.

PERTINENT PRESS COMMENT.

When Senator Hanna makes a political contribution, it is a sin; when John R. McLean coughs up, it is a virtue.

Now every democratic organ in the country can shoot its quiver full of arrows at Mark Hanna; he is to be chairman of the national republican committee again.—Telegram.

Mr. Bryan's talk about "temporary prosperity" only impresses the people that they do not care to return to temporary adversity. They had all they wanted of that under Cleveland.—Plaindealer.

All that is needed to complete the eccentricities planned for the Kansas City platform would be a plank denouncing any attempt to protect the lives of Americans in China or to demand indemnity in case of their murder.

Wheat is jumping upward, silver is stationary and Prof. Corn is silent. Bryan and Towne have sought the wilderness together to fish for new ideas and escape the notification committee from Sioux Falls.—Globe-Democrat.

In his baccalaureate sermon to be delivered at the Kansas City convention exercises John P. Altgeld will force the money devil to the ropes, but it is hardly possible that the cold clause in Chicago leases will be knocked out.

The senatorial aspirations of Mr. Hermann will have some support in the next legislature. Southern Oregon will practically be unanimous for him. Douglas county sends a solid republican delegation and the issue was "Hermann for Senator." The party might go farther and far worse, very pertinently remarks the Forest Grove Times.—Plaindealer.

If it were not for the good times, if it were not for the Chicago platform, if it were not for their past record, if it were not that McKinley has been such a promise keeper, if it were not that the American people know a good thing when they have it, and if it were not for "ifs," it would be safe to bet money on democratic success this fall.—Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.

Democrats who talk of Bryan without silver are seeking means to deprive that gentleman of one of the few real things he stands for. Bryan's nomination would be accepted as an endorsement of the whole Chicago platform, even if that document is not mentioned at Kansas City. Bryan and free silver are as thoroughly one in public as McKinley and prosperity are.—Yaquina Bay News.

Li Hung Chang is on his way to Peking. He has a remedy for the present troubles in China. It is to cut off the heads of the leaders and send the ignorant followers home. There is no disputing the efficacy of this remedy, for a trouble maker with his head off is about as peaceful a fellow as one would care to meet. The only question is, shall the decapitating begin with the Dowager Empress?—Walla Walla Union.

Roosevelt was great enough to do justice to President McKinley in his speech in which he seconded his nomination. The hero of San Juan referred to him as "the president who has had to meet and solve problems more numerous and important than any other president since the days of the mighty Abraham Lincoln." This does not sound like the slanderous words that have been continuously heard by the people of Oregon, from the men in the republican party who were not allowed to have their way in the dictation of all the federal appointments in this state.—Statesman.

The official vote on the woman suffrage amendment is: Yes, 26,265; no, 28,402. The aye vote is to many, surprisingly large, and the bother of it is that the vote is so close that the suffragists will insist on the next two legislatures passing a resolution submitting the amendment to another popular vote in 1904. But by that time the total vote of the state will be about 120,000, and as the affirmative vote will have to be more than 60,000 in order to adopt the amendment, there is still little prospect of its success.—Telegram.

In its current issue the Northwestern Miller says: Serious and irreparable damage has been done the wheat crop; just how serious is the question upon which interested men differ. The most conservative view, based on conditions as they are today, does not give hope of a crop exceeding 60 per cent of that raised in Minnesota and the Dakotas last year. The greatest damage has been done since June 1. North Dakota and northern Minnesota have been the heaviest sufferers. There are really few localities in the three states where an average crop is now in prospect. It is now said that North Dakota will raise little more than enough wheat for seed. Conditions are worse in Manitoba.

SEVERE WIND AND RAIN STORM.

Saturday Witnessed an Unusual Storm in the Inland Empire.

Monday's Daily.

A cloud-burst, preceded by a storm of wind that almost rose to the proportions of a cyclone, visited, last Saturday afternoon, a strip of country lying between Fifteen and Eight Mile creeks and extended from there in a northeasterly direction to the Columbia river. The amount of damage done is not yet fully known, but it must be considerable. From various sources we have gathered the following particulars, which may be modified or corrected by later reports:

The warehouse of the Dufur flouring mill was blown down and wrecked. It contained a large quantity of flour and feed, which, happily, was not materially injured. Hail fell to a depth of more than a foot on the ridge between Dufur and Eight Mile, beating down to the earth hundreds of acres of standing grain and cutting off the heads of wheat and barley as if with a knife. The hail in places had not melted till twenty-four hours after the storm. In some places rocks were moved and piled up in heaps that weighed from a ton down. The fruit trees in one orchard on the ridge were blown out by the roots. Johnston Bros., of Dufur, estimate the damage done to their grain crop at \$1500. Other crops were damaged to a lesser extent. Water flowed through the street at Dufur a foot deep.

At Dry Hollow, between Boyd and Dufur, the storm struck a six-horse team, driven by a Warm Springs Indian. The leaders, a span of mules, turned short, broke the perch of the lead wagon and piled the entire team and front wheels of the wagon in a ditch some ten feet deep. The horses and mules were barely out of the ditch when a flood of water came rushing along that would have drowned the whole outfit.

A flood of water six feet in depth ran through the Frank Huot barn at Eight Mile, and with difficulty a number of horses in the barn were cut loose and saved. The chickens on the Huot ranch were swept away and most of them destroyed. The apples in the Drake orchard, half a mile this side of Eight Mile creek, were beaten off the trees by the hail and scattered by the wind and washed by the flood all over the road between the orchard and the creek.

Later Saturday afternoon apparently the same storm struck the railroad track this side of the Deschutes and covered it from two to three feet deep with sand and rocks to such a distance that it took fifty men all Saturday night to clear the track.

A teamster brings in word that a cloud-burst struck him Saturday afternoon on the Sherar grade, this side the Deschutes, and that to save his team from being washed away he had to unhitch them and take them to higher ground.

The peculiar thing about the storm was that it followed no well-defined path. It was worst in the draws and hollow places; but apart from the few spots where it raged with most violence, the rainfall was more of a benefit than an injury. The Tygh ridge country suffered no injury that we have heard of, but had a rainfall that was highly beneficial.

More Storm Aftermath.

Tuesday's Daily.

From Harry Gilpin and R. B. Gilbreth, of Columbia precinct, who were in town today, we learn something of last Saturday's storm in that district. It would take \$500 to repair the damage done to the Waterman place on 8-Mile. Much of the garden and orchard was wrecked and destroyed and many tons of rock and gravel were spread over the meadow. The lower part of the dwelling house was filled with water and but for a huge pile of wood, nine feet in height, the house would have been washed from its foundation.

Mr. Gilbreth had thirty acres of barley beaten into the earth, but he does not despair of getting something out of it after all.

Mr. Gilpin was not damaged to any extent worth mentioning and he and Mr. Gilbreth both agree that notwithstanding the violence of the storm, so far as the Columbia precinct is concerned, for every dollar's worth of damage done there were three dollars worth of benefit in the splendid soaking the ground received. Harry Gilpin, fortunate always, says that he gathered up at his house several messes of fine new potatoes that had been swept from a neighbor's garden nearly a mile away.

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