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CANNOT HAVE THE EARTH.

The Astoria News makes an earnest appeal to the citizens of Astoria to rally for an organized fight against fish-wheels and traps. It urges the holding of mass meetings and the framing of resolutions to the legislatures of Oregon and Washington and, in the event of these bodies refusing to heed their demands, an ultimate appeal to the general government for the desired relief. It asks if the people of Oregon are going to permit the ruination of their fisheries that "a few trap and wheel-owners may be enriched," and if the city at the mouth of the Columbia is "to continue to be a city or a mere way station for a few trap and wheel-owners—a fishing hamlet without fish."

It does not seem to have occurred to the News that the thousands of gill nets and other murdering devices used on the lower river ever do the least bit of injury to the fishing industry, or tend to lessen the annual catch, yet in the local column of the same issue of July 21st that demands summary abolition of the wheels, the News informs its readers that "one gill net man is reported to have caught over a ton," the night before, "another about half a ton, while others made catches varying all the way from 150 to 500 pounds," and "at Crescott's cold-storage warehouse the deliveries were about twelve tons, including steelheads, up to six o'clock this morning, while at Alter's and Schmidt Brothers' the receipts were still greater." In still another paragraph the News informs us that "at his two seining grounds, yesterday, W. E. Tallant got four tons of salmon. The Fitzpatrick ground yielded the greater part, being credited with three tons."

Let the News compare its own report of one night's catch with gill-nets and seines on the lower river with the fact that scores of wheels on the upper river have not made running expenses during the season, that many of them have done practically nothing and not one in a score has made money for its owner, and then say if it is not possible that the trouble that agitates the minds of the good people of Astoria does not find its cause a little nearer home?

Let such legislation for the preservation of the salmon fishing industry as is necessary and equitable be enacted, but let the News be well assured that the legislators of Clatsop county have a big contract on their hands when they undertake to have laws passed that will discriminate against every salmon-killing device that cannot be used with profit by the fishermen of Astoria.

VINDICATION WANTED.

Hon. H. W. Corbett, of Portland, having been made defendant in a damage suit charged with alienating some woman's wifely affections, promptly responds by announcing himself as a candidate for the United States senate, and the Oregonian insists that it is the duty of the people of Oregon, by their representatives in the legislature, to "vindicate" Mr. Corbett, and not "strike him down in his old age with calumny and distrust." It is a pitiful and ridiculous appeal, a disgraceful attempt to play upon the sympathies of the people in order to secure a verdict from an incompetent tribunal. It is the "plain duty" of the legislature to put aside all prejudice and send to the United States the man best qualified to serve the interests of the state of Oregon, and not to resolve itself into a committee of the whole to investigate the charges of improper conduct brought by one citizen against another citizen. That is the duty of the courts, and as Mr. Corbett is amply able to employ learned counsel and take every advantage of the law, no one can doubt that he will secure at least

justice for himself. We believe it is the first time that a charge of immorality has been urged as a good reason for conferring senatorial honors. As well might Mr. Corbett's opponent in this suit ask for vindication from the charge of blackmail brought against him by Mr. Corbett, and in addition he might ask the legislature to compensate him for the loss of his wife's "affections."

The charge that there is any political significance in this suit for damages is worse than foolish. There is none, except such as Mr. Corbett has attempted to make in connection with it.—Salem Statesman.

They do things differently over in British Columbia. When a party of 1500 fishermen, attached to the forty-seven canneries at Steveston, refused the other day to fish or allow anybody else to fish, a requisition signed by three Steveston magistrates brought promptly to the scene of the strikers three companies of militia whose commanding officer informed the rioters that his men had not come there for amusement, but for business; that each man had twenty-four rounds of ball cartridges, and that at the first sign of interference with the men who desired to work at the wages offered by the canneries his men would fire, and that the work would be short and quick. "The strikers," we are told, "were so much surprised at that kind of talk that all idea of violence was temporarily banished from their minds." In this country the authorities would have temporized with the mob till a score or two of innocent persons had been murdered. The civil officer who would be instrumental in calling out the militia would be damned by all the demagogues from Idaho to Lincoln, Nebraska. He would be branded as a tyrant, a subsidized herring of plutocracy, an agent of the money power, a usurper and an imperialist. The Sulzers and Lentzes and Townes and Pettigrews and Sovereigns would make the air blue with demagogic appeals on behalf of liberty and human rights; when as a fact the only right involved in the whole business is the right for a man to sell his labor to whom he pleases, and at what price he pleases; a right, deprived of which, a man is a slave indeed.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, has been asked to join the democratic party, and in reply that statesman has had the following published: "If you think you can best help the cause of liberty and true republicanism by voting for the men who are for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, by voting for men who are for refusing 10,000,000 American citizens suffrage at home, for overthrowing the independence of the supreme court, and for destroying the safeguards of property and American labor, very well. Go your way and do your duty as you see it. I shall do mine as I see it, and I think I can best do it by speaking as a republican to republicans; by keeping my right to speak as a counselor and associate of the men who have wrought everything that has been wrought for liberty in this country since the treaty of peace in 1783, and not as the associate or through the instrumentality of the party or men who have been ranged for sixty years on the side of despotism and oppression, of dishonor and of low wages."

Our contemporary suggests that if Roosevelt were honest he would fire Van Wyck out of the New York mayorship. It may be. But, assuming Roosevelt has the power to fire Van Wyck, which is doubtful, if he made the attempt there is not a Bryanite sheet in all this broad land that would not denounce the act as inspired by base, political devilry and a sample of high-handed imperialism. If there is any firing to be done why does not the Bryanites take the initiative and, themselves, fire this trust magnate from the place of honor that he holds in the councils of the party?

Luxuries.

Healthful drinks are not luxuries, they are necessities. A full line of cool and refreshing porter, ale, mineral water and beers kept on ice. Take a bottle home for lunch. C. J. Stabling. Phone 234.

ALASKA IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

This, from the Mobile Daily Register, is a sample of the arguments we shall hear from the Bryanite newspapers and orators during the campaign, says the New York Sun:

"Porto Rico is as much a part of the United States territory as is New Mexico, or Oklahoma, or Alaska, yet because of the sugar interest, the fruit interest, the tobacco interest, and other protected industries in this country, the republican party sees fit to treat the island as if it were an alien land, to be taxed without representation and, what is worse, without any constitutional authority on our part to levy the tax.

"If we can tax these people without asking their consent, and simply because we have the power to do so, what is to stand in the way of congress treating a state in the same way?"

Well, what about the case of Alaska, which is as much a part of United States territory as Porto Rico?

The same congress which passed the Porto Rico act, imposing temporarily a tariff there which is not uniform throughout the United States, passed also the Alaska act, imposing an elaborate system of excise taxes peculiar to that territory, and consequently not uniform throughout the United States.

If one of these two acts is unconstitutional, so is the other. If one is an instance of taxation without representation, so is the other. If Porto Rico is treated "as if it were an alien land," so is Alaska. If one territory is subjected to "government without the consent of the governed," so is the other. If there is any outrage, or departure from American principles, or indication of the decay of republican institutions in one case, so is there in the other case.

Why not be honest and denounce the republican party for "imperialism" in Alaska if you are going to denounce it for "imperialism" in Porto Rico and the Philippines?

A democrat exchange learns that Eugene Debbs, the candidate of the socialists for president, will withdraw from the race in favor of Bryan. Why should he not? If there is not enough of socialism and free riot in Bryanism to suit Debbs he must be mighty hard to please.

Before next November thoughtful and reasonable men of all parties will understand how great is the peril to their own and the national prosperity invited by Bryanism, and will govern themselves accordingly.

PERTINENT PRESS COMMENT.

Bryan and Stevenson are to be formally notified of their nomination at Indianapolis August 8th. "Won't they be surprised, though?" exclaims the Cheilan Leader.

The Chinese have one regiment of men made up of tigers, who are to terrify the enemy by howling. This is a base infringement upon the populist mode of campaigning. — Washington Post.

Chairman Jones advances sixteen reasons why Mr. Bryan will win. All of them are like the sixteen ounces of silver to one of gold, not worth over 48 per cent of the one reason why Bryan won't be elected—because he can't get votes enough.—Telegram.

A democratic exchange says that ninety per cent of the commercial travelers are for Bryan this year, whereas 95 per cent of them were for McKinley four years ago. An equally reliable republican organ says that "the traveling men are for McKinley to a man." And there you are.—Telegram.

The Tacoma Ledger observes that "from the president, who believed in preserving the honor and credit of the nation, to the candidate that would sacrifice them; from the man who would not hesitate to suppress riot and insurrection to the demagogue who would incite; from Cleveland to Bryan is a long, flying leap. But that acrobatic muggump, ex-revolutionist of '48, Carl Schurz, has made it."

Here is another proof that a secret alliance exists between this country and England. British flags are made in large quantities in this country. The manufacturers, of course, receive their price for the goods, but any democrat can see with half an eye that our government would not permit this manufacture of the emblem of British oppression and tyranny in this country if there were not some secret alliance in existence.—Minneapolis Journal.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan was regarded as a dreamer and a declaimer. In 1900 he is seen to be a dictator. In 1896 his fol-

lowing was regarded as one that had temporarily yielded to an emotional delusion. In 1900 his following is seen to comprise those who are collectively as chronically insane, on certain important public subjects, as a solitary inmate of an asylum is individually crazy on some personal matter. Mr. Bryan is now a danger. That which follows him and which calls itself the democracy is now the concrete embodiment of the dangerous tendencies in American life. In 1896 the American people supposed they were fighting a wind storm. In 1900 they realize that they are fighting a compact union of all the ardent and vicious forces that can be marshaled under the banner of a demagogue and that "can make politics their pretext, while they really have revolution as their object.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NO IMPERIALISM IN OUR N.

"To establish a colonial government in the Philippine Islands will necessitate a vast standing army. The army is under the control of the president, and what is there to hinder him turning the army at any time upon his own people, and declaring himself a monarch?"—Esteemed Contemporary.

Everything is to hinder, you dear, timorous, frightened darling. Everything is to hinder. McKinley, himself, stands in the way, for there is not a scintilla of monarch in his make-up. The man who bared his youthful breast to rebel bullets in order that the American Union might be maintained and the flag preserved, without a stripe erased or a star dimmed, is not the material out of which monarchs are made. Several hundred thousand, brainy, fighting, big fisted republican editors, and moulders of public opinion stand in the way; men who love this country, its institutions, its constitution, its declaration of independence and its present and future glory. These stand in the way. And seven million stalwart, republican voters stand in the way; men whose boast it is that they belong to the party who preserved the Union that the fathers founded, and in whose ranks there never breathed a traitor to his country or its flag. These stand in the way; and if more were needed, millions of democrats, North and South, and millions of Bryanites East and West, who now roll their eyes and tear their hair in presence of a phantom of their own creation, could surely be relied on to cast their javelins at the spook, should it ever evolve itself from airy nothingness and clothe itself in the trappings and habiliments of reality.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Wasco county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at The Dalles, Oregon, as follows:

- FOR STATE PAPERS.
- Commencing Wednesday, August 8, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 11th, at four o'clock.
 - Wednesday—Penmanship, history, algebra, reading, school law.
 - Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.
 - Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.
 - Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

- FOR COUNTY PAPERS.
- Commencing Wednesday, August 8th, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 10th at four o'clock.
 - 1st, 2nd and 3d GRADE CERTIFICATES.
 - Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.
 - Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law.
 - Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.
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