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VAN DER VOORT ON BRYAN.

Gen. Paul Van der Voort, of Omaha, for years prominent in the management of the populist party, has declared his intention of voting for McKinley and Roosevelt.

I regard W. J. Bryan as the most intolerant and tyrannical political boss in the nation. He is ungrateful, dictatorial, and simply believes in Bryanism and compels everyone to bow before his joss house.

I will not support a pretended reform candidate who is supported by a Tammany hall, the Mormons, the ballot-box stuffers, anarchists, and all the wild-eyed elements who believe in no government at all.

In regard to the Boers, I am a descendant of the oldest Dutch family that settled on Manhattan island. A man of my name was the fifth man married on the island, and I am in sympathy with the Boers.

The next legislature will put a stop to drag-net fishing in the Columbia, a thing which should have been done thirty years ago, says D. C. Ireland of the Moro Observer.

vandals have evaded the laws that were intended to give the fish one day of freedom in the week. It is simply an outrage that must be abated.

Determination to set foot in Pekin should be tempered with reflection that Chinese repugnance to the impending forcible entry is natural.

The director of the mint estimates that the stock of gold in the United States has increased 60 per cent in four years. And as gold increases, silver coinage can be increased.

A review of the past platforms of the democratic party will reveal the fact that the party is short on promises fulfilled and long on false prophecies.

If the democratic party succeeds in persuading the business man that free silver will help business, and persuade the laboring man that free trade will help wages, and persuade the colored man that he is better off without the ballot than with it, and convince the soldiers that their blood and bravery has been spent in vain, then the party may have some chance of winning next November.

One hundred thousand negroes in North Carolina are disfranchised. They will not have a voice in making the laws of the state or the United States, which they must obey.

The Dalles used to have a paper that was called the Inland Empire. It was intensely democratic, but it providentially turned up its little toes before the auties invented the ookey man of imperialism.

New Jersey is a great state. It is the home of the trust, the breeding ground of mosquitoes and anarchy—and Grover Cleveland lives there.

If the democrats elect their candidate for president, and elect a democratic congress this fall, they feel sure there will be nothing done to disturb foreign shipping in its present enjoyment of 93 per cent of our foreign carrying.

Jerry Simpson predicts that the nomination of Mr. Stevenson will give Kansas to the republicans. It looks as if Adlai was nominated in order to have a good-natured person upon whom to blame the unpleasant happenings.

While the fishing season just ended on the Columbia river was not a failure, fishermen and cannerymen having generally made good profits owing to the good quality and high price of the fish, yet it is noticeable

that the total catch is even somewhat smaller than it was last year, and only about sixty per cent of what it was some years ago, says the Telegram. This fact, together with others that for several years have indicated that the run of salmon in the Columbia river is gradually decreasing, speaks urgently and eloquently for such legislation as will better protect and preserve this great industry.

President David Starr Jordan has been studying the causes of the trouble in China, and thinks they are principally two, of which the work of Christian missionaries is the lesser one, the greater one being the invasion of railway and mining engineers, who proceed with their explorations, surveys and locations with little regard for the ownership of the soil appropriated.

Republican managers have mapped out a large territory for speech-making by their vice-presidential candidate, but they have selected nearly every western state visited by Bryan in his spring tour.

Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas are fighting ground. Enthusiasm goes a long way in bringing out the full strength of a party, particularly in the West, where polling places are not always at the door of the voter, and it evidently is expected to wake up this section as Bryan woke it up in 1896.

Governor Roosevelt will draw immense audiences everywhere along the line because of his record in war. If he has the ability to make a lasting impression, as did the distinguished democratic leader, it may cause great inconvenience to democratic campaign managers.

The howl of "imperialism" is raised as a political expedient, in order to induce men to forget the crazy silver scheme of four years ago. But the howl about imperialism is as irrational as the howl was for silver, only it is not so dangerous.

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ROBERT J. MARSH KILLED.

Thrown from His Wheel Under an Electric Car Last Evening in Portland.

Robert J. Marsh, of the Marsh Printing Company of Portland, and formerly a respected resident of The Dalles, was thrown from his bicycle by an electric car on Grand avenue in Portland Monday evening and dragged beneath the wheels fully fifty feet, receiving injuries from which he died an hour later at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mr. Marsh was riding along Grand avenue toward his home at about 6:45 in the evening and was directly between the car tracks between East Alder and East Washington street when East Ankeny car, No. 57, N. E. Lows motor-man, came up the street behind him.

There was much excitement, and of the great crowd which gathered, only a few retained presence of mind enough to act. Among these was J. L. Wells, who with much difficulty extricated the injured man from beneath the wheels and sent for a physician.

Despite the terrible shock of the accident, Marsh was conscious and asked Wells to take him home. He was told that his condition was such that he must go to the hospital, and he replied, "Do whatever is best."

Those who witnessed the accident say that the car was not running at unusual speed, and that had Marsh not tried to turn out he might have escaped. They attribute the accident to his deafness, which was such that he was obliged to carry an ear trumpet.

Mrs. Marsh, the wife of the unfortunate man, who is at Clatsop, was notified, and will be home today. The deceased is well known in Portland. He lived at 449 East Ash street, where he had a handsome cottage. He was the senior member of the Marsh Printing Company, and had been in Portland for about twelve years.

PERTINENT PRESS COMMENT.

Bryan is remarkably slow in getting against the government on the Chinese question. It will not be many days, however, until he will discharge an arsenal of criticism upon all that has been done.

"Mary Ellen Lease has the advantage of No-Socks-On-His-Feet Simpson," observes the Tacoma Ledger. "She retired from the populist party with an oracular damnation of it, while Jerry has been cast forth ingloriously."

In 1873 the gold coin in the United States amounted to \$135,000,000. January 1, 1899, it was \$945,800,000. "Is not the amount of gold in circulation keeping up with the growing needs of trade in this country—indeed isn't it increasing about twice as rapidly," asks the Spokane Chronicle.

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