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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JULY 9.

JERRY SIMPSON warns the Ohio democrats against having anything to do with plutocrats. By glancing over the list of candidates Jerry will see that his advice would result in a blank ticket.

The future rulers of Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Greece and Rumania will be descendants of Queen Victoria and there is a large reserve for contingencies in her seventy grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Oregon statute on malfeasance in office is lame in both feet and blind in each eye. The only time it ever came before the supreme court, in a couple of cases from Wasco county, in the seventies, it had both of its optics knocked out. It needs amending, so as to include and mean something.—Statesman.

It is said that to turn a lot of hens with young chickens loose together, the hen that does the most clucking will get away with a large share of chickens. If this proposition holds good through life, what a cinch our populist friends would have on the good things of this world.—Sidney Independent.

The tariff bill was passed by the senate last Wednesday by a majority of 10. One democrat and two silver republicans voted for the bill, while there were five populists and two silver republicans present who refused to vote. The bill will now go to the house for its concurrence and from there to the president for his signature.

The internal warfare now on in the populist party of Washington is fast dividing on lines of the "outs" against the "ins." The outs are against further fusion, for the most part, but they rally under the leadership of Cline, Rader, Baker, Tugwell, et al, while the ins rally around their salaries and trust to look for the whipping into line of the recalcitrant objectors, as was done last year.—Olympian.

Just one-twelfth of the McKinley administration has passed and in that time republicans have done more in the way of carrying out the pledges of the platform than was ever accomplished in double that time by any previous administration. When you consider that this has been done with a senate in which the republicans are in a minority you should celebrate the close of the first four months instead of grumbling because the full four years' undertaking has not been completed.

In the selection of Prof. Thomas M. Gatch as president of the Agricultural college at Corvallis, the board of regents, we believe, acted wisely. It not only places the institution in the hands of a trained educator, but none the less important, it removes the management of the school from the chicanery of politicians and damaging influence of politics. Everyone who has watched the manipulation of the affairs of the Oregon Agricultural college knows that the selection of H. B. Miller one year ago was a political bargain, and if reports are true politics has predominated in the management of the college ever since. Let such jugglery with institutions of learning come to an end in this state for all time to come.

In a speech before the literary societies of the University of Virginia, Bryan said "the one need of the people is a currency good everywhere, which will not fluctuate in value, and which is as good as any other in the world." If Bryan means what he says this puts him in the rank of the gold standard men. Gold, and money convertible directly into gold, is the only currency which meets these tests. The money which meets none of these requirements, and which never can be made to meet any of them, is silver money at the 16 to 1 ratio. There is an irrepressible conflict between this position and the position he took last year. Assuming that he, knows what he is talking about now, Bryan himself virtually says, what every other sensible person has been saying all along, that Bryan's talk in 1896 was the wildest sort of nonsense.

The threatened revolt in India and the evidences of discontent in Ireland come as Banquo ghosts at the jubilee feast to remind Great Britain of some of her political sins. England is by far the greatest coloniser the world has ever seen. She has more races

under her flag than Rome had in the days of Trajan, but like Rome, she has treated many of her subject peoples harshly. To some extent, of course, this has been unavoidable. She has given most of them better government than that which they had established themselves, but in making the change the feelings of the people most intimately concerned have seldom been consulted. England has done more than any other two nations in the world to spread the blessings of civilization among barbarians, but in many instances she has found it necessary to kill them in order to civilize them. In the long run she has benefited the world, but the people who have been despoiled and sacrificed in the readjustment and regeneration of things can not always be depended upon to be joyful over the process.

JAPANESE, OR AMERICAN, WHICH?

The anti-annexation papers, in telling how much the Japanese will suffer if the United States annexes Hawaii, are giving their client's case away. Japan, they say in substance, has been rushing immigrants into Hawaii in great numbers in recent years under the understanding, as declared by the treaty between Japan and Hawaii in 1871, that these people shall be guaranteed all the rights and privileges allowed to other foreigners—that is, allowed the same rights and privileges as Americans, Englishmen, Germans and others of the white race. But as annexation will wipe out all of Hawaii's treaties with other nations, these papers say that the Japanese will lose all of these privileges.

Well, perhaps the Japanese in Hawaii will suffer to some extent. But what would happen to American interests in the islands, which are greater than Japan's interests, if this wave of Japanese immigration should be kept up? And what does this wave of immigration mean? It means that Japan has a set purpose to overrun the islands with men of her race, and then seize them. There are now, it is estimated, 25,000 Japanese in Hawaii, or not far from a third of the population of the islands. They form the largest single element of the population except the natives, and as the natives are rapidly dying out and the Japanese still more rapidly increasing the Japanese would soon be in the predominance. It would be very easy for Japan under these conditions to get up a claim or devise some sort of pretext which would enable her to establish some sort of a "protectorate" over the islands, to "mediate" between her sons and the white race, or in some other way get the coveted country into her possession.

Japan's course in respect to Hawaii in the few months immediately preceding the negotiations of the annexation treaty can be explained only on the theory that she had sinister designs on the independence of the little republic. Her conduct since the treaty was framed strengthens that presumption. In foiling Japan's game the administration acted not a day too soon. The rushing of Japanese immigration into the islands, the recent quarrel between Japan and the authorities of the republic over the right, or pretended right, of the Japanese, and Japan's protest to the United States against annexation, are all parts of a single carefully devised scheme to get possession of the islands. It is not the form or time of annexation that aggers Japan—it is the fact of annexation. The events of the past few months have brought this Hawaiian question down to its simplest elements. Hawaii must be either American or Japanese. To this complexion the issue has come at last.

Crop and Weather Report.

PORTLAND, Oregon, July 5.
The showers have delayed haying, but otherwise they have been of great benefit. The dry period of April and May was in fact the best of the season, but the annual showers which have occurred since June 10th have nearly, or quite, overcome the former injury. Clover is over ripe, and haying has been delayed owing to the showers. Some clover that was cut early in June has a good second growth, and the second crop will be better than the first. Timothy hay promises to be good. Wheat hay will be better than was expected. Should the weather settle haying will be quickly under way. In parts of Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties, haying has been active. The total hay crop does not now promise to be an average one. Corn is making rapid growth in the southern counties, where it is now in silk and will be fit for table use within ten days. Corn in the Willamette valley requires more warmth. Hope are making

phenomenal growth; the weather is favorable to the development of the hop louse, and many yards will require energetic spraying to prevent the lice from ruining the crop. Max for fire is from 30 to 35 inches high, and in places is coming into bloom; it promises to be a most successful crop. Sugar beets are making a fine growth. All garden produce is growing rapidly. The weather has been ideal for growth. Potatoes now promise an unusual yield; in some sections there is a complaint of too much top to the potatoes, some being three feet high.

Blackberries and dewberries are large and very plentiful. Cherris continue to be plentiful, though the Royal Anne are about over. Early peaches are ripening, and some are now in the markets. The fruit prospects are much better than was reported in May. Hand pruning is necessary in most orchards, though in sections some varieties of apples and pears are not a full crop; these sections are small and will make but a small figure in the general crop. The wheat, oats, and barley crops are most promising. On lowlands some little rust is reported, but as a rule, the most encouraging grain reports are received. Fall and winter sown wheat and oats will make full average crops, and the spring sown will be an average.

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2nd Sunday—Bay View, 11 A. M.; Houlton, 7:30 P. M.
3rd Sunday—Houlton, 11 A. M.; Houlton, 7:30 P. M.
4th Sunday—St. Helens, 11 A. M.; Houlton, 7:30 P. M.
Catechetical class, Tuesday, 7 P. M.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.; teachers' meeting, Friday, 7:30 P. M.
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About 400 people spent last Monday at the oak grove on the Hayburn place on the bank of the slough. The people came from Portland on an excursion given under the auspices of the Young Men's Institute, of that city, and were brought down by a steamer and the barge Atlas. This resort, which is known as Grove El Maroon, affords all the heart could desire for a picnic ground, and it is safe to conclude that the excursionists had a good time.

School Warrants Payable.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 9, 1897.
The school clerk of school district No. 2, Columbia county, Oregon, has money on hand to pay the following numbered warrants of said district: Nos. 121, 122, 123, 124, 127 and 128. Interest will cease after this date.
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July 29th
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ST. HELENS, Or., June 18, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to November 13, 1894, and the following on November 13, 1894, Nos. 728, 680, 516, 735, 736, and 590, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.
E. M. WHARTON,
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