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## SIGNIFICANT OMISSION

The financial question sprang into prominence at the Denver convention when a resolution was introduced eulogizing the Cleveland administration, but neglecting to approve President Cleveland's course in maintaining the gold standard. The financial question then and there became conspicuous by its absence. If Mr. Bryan has "reformed" or changed his financial views why does he not frankly admit that his great opponent was right and he was wrong? Until he does this the financial question will continue to be an issue between the two parties. It was a cowardly omission on the part of Mr. Parker and his friends, made in the interest of harmony; but harmony based upon a surrender of principle is not likely to be permanent. Grover Cleveland never advocated that kind of harmony. He was a statesman and not an opportunist. Rather than conceal his views he told his friends the presidency might go to hell. Before the campaign is over Mr. Bryan will have cause to say, "Oh, Julius Caesar, thou art mighty yet."

## JUDGE GALLOWAY'S TAX DECISION.

Judge Galloway, in the case brought by Yamhill County, has decided that the present method of assessing a county's proportion of State taxes upon the basis of expenditures for a certain period is illegal. If the case is carried to the Supreme court, as we assume it will be, and there sustained, we will be compelled to revert, for a time at least, to the old and grossly abused system of assessment for State purposes upon the basis of a fixed ratio on the property valuation of the county. That means, of course, that each county will try to get the better of the other by making its assessment as low as possible, and the assessors will, in order to hold their jobs, be compelled to violate their oath of office. At least this is the system that has prevailed in the past and there is no reason to doubt that we will revert to it if Judge Galloway's decision is sustained. Of late years there has been some attempt to comply with the law and assess property at its full cash value, and this is the only method by which anything like an equal assessment can be obtained. Besides giving a nearer approach to justice it makes a much better showing for the State, as increased assessment naturally results in a decrease in percentage of taxation. Columbia County, under the old system, would have been compelled to bear an increased State tax of \$21,000 this year. It appears that nearly everything now a days is "unconstitutional." In fact, the Constitution of the State of Oregon is all shot to pieces and is so badly riddled that it can hardly be considered to be in existence. Things are in such a horrible muddle generally that something might be gained and nothing could possibly be lost by a Constitutional Convention. Years ago the great objection to a new constitution was that the Convention might stray too far away from the old landmarks established by the founders of the State; but no such danger exists now, as the old landmarks are obliterated and every succeeding election is sure to see a new plank, lath or fence rail inserted into the body of the constitution until it evokes the wonder if not the admiration of mankind.

There will be more business at Utica this summer than was dreamed of at Keopus four years ago.

## ECONOMY OR PARSIMONY

It is a common saying that county officers should conduct public business as ordinarily as if it were their own private business. Economy is a good thing but there is a great difference between sensible economy and parsimony. This county is assessed at nearly \$17,000,000 and the officers of a seventeen million dollar concern would not hesitate to spend any amount of money necessary to advance their business interests. All that they would ask would be a reasonable return for their investment, that honesty should govern all transactions and that a dollar's worth of goods or service should be returned for every dollar expended. The theory that the amounts raised by taxation should be limited to a sum sufficient to pay official salaries and temporarily patch up the roads is productive of the greatest extravagance imaginable. The crying need of the county is more settlers, and anything that can be done to get the right class of men and women to come to Columbia County to make their homes is the best kind of policy and the truest economy. Show a business man a good ten percent investment for his money and he is pretty sure to take it. How much does the addition of a new settler increase the county's expenses? How much does it increase the county's revenues? Here are two propositions that our new county board and all other citizens of Columbia County will do well to investigate. Is there anyone now a days who does not believe in the value of advertising? If so, you will find that he fully deserves to be put in the moss-back class and will oppose everything that is modern. The old scrub oaks were good enough for him—so they were, and nobody had any business to tell him he must spray his trees—they were his trees and he'd do just as he pleased with them. But the wideawake, energetic farmer is purchasing the large farms upon which these silviculturists eke out a precarious living, and where it was said to be impossible to grow anything nearly everything is growing. The new man reads and he has learned that the communities that advertise are the ones that are growing rapidly.

If Columbia County spends \$2,000 in the coming twelve months for advertising, will or will it not be a good investment? It seems to us that is the question for the new board of commissioners to consider. It is probable that such an investment would attract ten men to this county, bringing with them taxable wealth to the amount of \$20,000, or on an average of \$2,000 each? Suppose, then, that our tax rate for all purposes, including special taxes for roads and schools, is 1.5, then each of these new settlers would contribute \$30 annually to help pay county expenses, and the ten would pay into the county treasury \$300 each year. The county would make a good investment if there were no further results from its advertising. But this is, of course, a ridiculously small estimate of the growth that would result from systematic advertising of our resources. The Lewis and Clark exposition brought millions upon millions of wealth to Oregon, and the counties that have been advertised have received the greatest share of this wealth. None of them has greater natural resources than Columbia County and none are more favorably situated. The members of the county court are men who have made a success of their private business and each of them is interested in the prosperity of Columbia County. We hope and believe they will give this matter their careful consideration and be guided by the expression of public opinion which we understand is to be presented to them in the shape of a taxpayers' petition.

Cuba's reluctance to part with an American form of government suggests that the Filipinos would show a similar feeling if the United States proposed to withdraw from that quarter.

The Democratic candidate for vice president ought to be a man who will measure up what Senator Lodge calls the "undiscovered future" of the party.

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In order to exert its full influence and to make permanent converts of a majority of the people a newspaper, as well as an individual, must have the truth on its side, and when a great paper, edited by one of the best and most logical writers in the country, fails, after a long continued and persistent effort to convince its readers of the correctness of its views it is time for a little introspection on its part to determine whether its judgment is not warped by its desires or associations. Anathema is not argument and he that calleth his brother a fool is in danger of hell fire, besides making somewhat of an ass of himself. The doctrine of editorial infallibility has been carried to the extreme in Oregon, and it is to be feared that the rebound has sent the people to the opposite. From a belief that the paper was infallible many have come to assume that its support of any person or measure is presumptive proof against the principle or individual so unfortunate as to have secured its approval. A great factor in the formation of public sentiment along the lines of wisdom has been weakened by overweening egotism and an assumption of superiority, combined with an intolerance of those who hold opposing views, that has never been equaled. All such are eligible to the insane asylum. They are fools, dupes, gulls, victims of a bunco game. There is no law against scolding, and it is perfectly harmless. Whenever a great writer descends to it he loses a part of his influence and wastes his time. Whenever the people, or even a majority of the Republican party, become opposed to a measure there will be no need to repeat that feature of the direct primary law, for it will be as dead as was the provision in the Oregon Constitution against negro suffrage, but it is our guess that the time will never come, but, on the contrary, the principle will spread until enough United States Senators are elected under it to compel the submission to the people of an amendment to the National Constitution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

It is estimated that three hundred thousand Americans have crossed the Atlantic this year and spent on an average of \$700 each or two hundred and ten million of dollars. Foreign countries profit immensely from American tourists. In Switzerland, hotel keepers live off the travelers, largely Americans, the year round. In twenty years the number of hotels in that country has increased from one thousand to over two thousand. But the larger number of Americans go to Europe to see the wonderful art treasures to be found in the galleries and museums of London, Paris, Berlin, the Hague, Dresden, Munich, Florence, Rome and other cities. If it were not for the high tariff on art, which no one, not even the artists of this country, approve, the best specimens of European art would be in our own galleries, and millions of dollars would be annually retained in the United States.

### Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Would Have Saved Him \$100.00

In 1902 I had a very severe attack of diarrhoea," says R. N. Farrer of Cat Island, La. "For several weeks I was unable to do anything. On March 18, 1907, I had a similar attack, and took Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which gave me prompt relief. I consider it one of the best medicines of its kind in the world, and had I used it in 1902 believe it would have saved me a hundred dollar doctor's bill." Sold by A. J. Deming, druggist.

It is a singular fact that while Mr. Bryan gets his electoral votes in the South he never has a word to say on the negro question.

Many suggestions are offered for a Taft cabinet, but nobody thinks it worth while to speculate on Mr. Bryan's constitutional advisors.

Kodol will without doubt help any one who has stomach trouble. Take Kodol today and continue it for the short time it will take to give you complete relief. Kodol is sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Mr. Roosevelt's attitude in declining to permit under any circumstances, the use of his name before the Chicago convention fixes beyond appeal as the unwritten and forever to be unbroken law of the republic that no President under any stress of circumstances shall be given a third successive term. This decision of Mr. Roosevelt has added to his fame and to the high estimation in which he will be held by posterity.

### Boy's Life saved

My little boy, four years old, had a severe attack of dysentery. We had two physicians; both of them gave him up. We then gave him Chamberlain's Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured him and believe that saved his life.—WILLIAM H. STROLLING, Carbon Hill, Ala. There is no doubt but this remedy saves the lives of many children each year. Give it with castor oil according to the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by A. J. Deming druggist.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft can get along together even when the theme is Harvard and Yale athletics.

### The Remedy That Does

"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pearson, of Auburn Center, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident that its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at Houlton, Warren, Deer Island and Scappoose. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Mr. Bryan's new platform will carefully exclude everything Republican and nearly everything of his own former issues and theories.

"E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, Ill.—Gentlemen—In 1897 I had a disease of the stomach and bowels. In the spring of 1902 I bought a bottle of Kodol and the benefit I receive all the gold in Georgia could not buy. May you live long and prosper. Yours very truly, N. C. Cornwell Roding, Ga., Aug 27, 1906" Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Mr. Taft will have a novel sensation when he stays in one place to receive delegations who do all the travelling.

Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done." Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Politics is such a favorite pastime in Iowa that the Republicans of that state could not spare either Senator Dolliver or Gov. Cummins for the national ticket this year.

### It Can't Be Beat

The best of all teachers is experience. C. M. Harden, of Silver City, North Carolina, says: "I find Electric Bitters does all that is claimed for it. For Stomach, Liver and Kidney trouble it can't be beat. I have tried it and find it a most excellent medicine." Mr. Harden is right; it's the best of all medicines also for weakness, lame back, and all run down conditions. Best too for chills and malaria. Sold under guarantee at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island. 50c.

Brazil has built some of the finest roads in the world and continues steadily to appropriate money for the purpose. Our big South American neighbor comprehends the value of such improvements and is prompt to act.

### Best the World Affords

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "I am convinced it's the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb, and it never fails to heal every sore, burn or wound to which it is applied. 25c. at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose, and Deer Island dealers.

President Roosevelt has been bitterly denounced for stealing Col. Bryan's thunder, and now the colonel is denouncing the Republican party for not putting more thunder in the national platform adopted at Chicago.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Eight amendments to the state constitution will be submitted to the voters of Missouri next November.

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Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, Dec 10th, 1908.  
Notice is hereby given that Forest J. Johnson of Scappoose, Oregon, who, on June 10, 1908, made Timber Land Application No. 776 of 1908, Sec. 28, Township 3 North Range 2 East of Willamette Meridian has filed notice of his intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on the 20th day of August 1909.  
Claimant names as witnesses: William C. Charles Osborn, Robert Osborn, Thomas C. A. Barker, all of Portland, Oregon.  
ALORNON & DARRIN, Agents