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For President, GROVER CLEVELAND, Of New York.

For Vice President, A. E. STEVENSON, Of Illinois.

For Presidential Electors, W. M. Colvig, of Jackson, Geo. E. Noland, of Clatsop, Robert A. Miller, of Clatsop, W. F. Butcher, of Baker.

A BIG OFFER.

From now till January 1, 1893, we will send the WEST SIDE for 50 cents. That will give you the paper till after election, and will keep you posted as to the course, not only of political events, but in regard to the news of the world as well. Subscribe for four months.

The whole country sympathizes with President Harrison in the severe illness of Mrs. Harrison. It is especially trying for him to have her in this condition with the presidential election coming on with all its excitement. The report, therefore, that she is worse will be received everywhere with genuine expressions of sorrow. It is to be hoped that cooler weather may have an invigorating effect.

Our esteemed cotemporary, the Dallas Observer, gave us some kind advice last week, which we duly appreciate; but we remember last winter he gave an unknown writer from Monmouth great latitude to speak anything but kindly of us. We hope hereafter, that the good brother will take a dose of his own medicine and see how it tastes. Advice is quite a cheap article, and is usually given without adequate data.

LONGFELLOW'S home in Cambridge, with its lilac hedge, its elms, and its superb view across the meadows to the Charles, is tenanted now by the poet's daughter, Miss Alice Longfellow, who sometimes extends the hospitality of its roomy parlors and handsome grounds to the ladies of the Harvard Annex. The house was built by a colonial tory, and although it is nearly a century and a half old, there are few handsomer residences in New England to-day.—Harper's Weekly.

The Lincoln (Neb) Free Press would not be surprised if the Democrats would elect their entire state ticket in Nebraska. There are 70,000 German voters in the state, a large majority of whom have heretofore acted with the Republicans. They are tired of McKinleyism and the general liberal tendencies of the party, and are fast breaking away from it. The Democrats have nominated two German-Americans for important state offices, S. N. Wolbach for lieutenant governor and Matthew Gering for attorney-general. The Republicans, as in Illinois, have ignored the German-Americans entirely.

WHEN the Presbyterian ministers came through The Dalles on their way to Portland, they stopped off for breakfast. The Times-Mountaineer says considerable merriment was created by a kind-hearted Christian lady, who went about distributing tracts among the passengers, not knowing they were all preachers of the gospel. A doctor of divinity received one on "The Evil of Gambling," and a white haired pillar of the church was given one on "The Sin of Dancing." Some of the ladies were the recipients of tracts on "The Evils of Tobacco Smoking and Chewing," "Drinking in Saloons," etc. No one doubted the good intention of the donor, but the subjects for missionary work were not well chosen.

ROBERT JOHNSON, of the Corvallis Times, our esteemed friend and brother, says in this week's issue of his paper that "he has too much respect for Bro. Bell to reproduce his article in this community, for there is neither an insinuation nor a sentence of truth in it." Now Robert, we thank you for kindly respect, and say. That is just what you should have done, either printed all we said, and let the people judge of its truthfulness, or you should have said nothing about it. We are more than willing that the people of Corvallis should see our article entire. We simply said that Judge Fullerton had decided the O. P. case as had Judge Pipes,—that is, so far as granting more time was concerned. That is the only point in the discussion by either judge. We said then, and we say now, that if Pipes was owned by the O. P., so is Fullerton.

AS CLEAR AS MUD.

The Dallas Transcript has a way of getting its ideas mixed that is truly appalling. In commenting upon a recent declaration of the West Side in favor of absolute free trade, it says: "This necessarily suggests the abolishment of revenue collectors at every port of entry and the levying of a direct tax upon the nation's population annually to raise the \$370,000,000 or so necessary to carry on the government. Add to this the slipshod system of raising state and county revenue, with its injustices, evasions, and partialities, then cap the climax by adopting the West Side's pet hobby, the single-tax ignis fatuus, which would tax the farmer's lands while it exempts the millionaire's railroad cars, steamboats, telegraph lines, etc., and if you would not see a monkey and a parrot time in this country for a few years it would be because the people had gone so wild they could not tell whether they were American citizens or Australian kangaroos."

Here is a paper that says our scheme would necessitate the adoption of three distinct modes of taxation, namely, a direct tax on the people, the present system of county and municipal taxation, and the single tax. Now it is evident that the learned editor of the Transcript has forgotten the definition of the word "single." Webster says: "Single, a. 1. One only, as distinguished from more than one; consisting of one alone; individual; separate." Of course we took it for granted, when we spoke of the single tax, that even the editor of the Transcript would know what we meant. We see, however, that we erred.

But is the man sincere when he objects to raising public revenue by a direct tax? Is he willing to stand up and be counted as one who favors a tax that costs the poor man as much as the millionaire, and also gives every dealer a profit on the tax? And note that he says "the slipshod system of raising state and county revenues, with its injustices, evasions, and partialities." What can the man mean? In one breath he seems to be opposed to changing the present system, and in the next he bitterly denounces it. We confess that we are unequal to the task of unraveling the mystery.

But what astonishes us most is what he says regarding the single tax. It is plain to be seen that he believes the "millionaire's railroad cars, telegraph lines, steamboats, etc.," are hostile to the public good. The WEST SIDE does not think so. He also appears to be laboring under the impression that telegraph lines can be hung from the clouds, railway cars use the rainbows instead of tracks laid on the ground, and steamboats ply the air. The WEST SIDE does not think so. If what the Transcript says about exempting millionaires were true, you would see the thirty-odd thousand millionaires of the United States straining every nerve and using every effort to have the single tax adopted. But, strangely enough, like the Transcript, they oppose it.

And what would be the effect of the single tax on corporations? It would tax their rights of way at their actual value; it would annually place in the public treasury the full rental value of all the land they use, including the millions of value of real estate in places like Portland, which are taxed now only nominally. Their taxes on real estate would be greatly increased, while the taxes on their personal property would be abolished. Why would we take the tax off from their personal property? Because that kind of property is a benefit to everyone. Men are given labor in making the rails, cars, engines, buildings, laying the tracks, grading, etc. Other men are employed in depots, freighthouses, round-houses; in running trains and making repairs—in a thousand different ways. Besides, if there were no railroads, think how inconvenient it would be to the people who have no interest in them except to travel over them or ship merchandise over them. So the more personal property in existence, the better for everyone; and if this is true, as even the Transcript must admit, it is only the part of public policy that personal property be exempted from taxation. For it is an axiom of political economy that a tax levied on a product of labor increases the cost of the product, and that as cost increases, consumption decreases. But while taxes on industry inevitably increase the cost of production, and hence tend to decrease the output and reduce the number of laborers employed, a tax on land as inevitably decreases its selling value, and hence, by giving a greater number of people access to those natural opportunities from which alone all must live, tends to stimulate production and employ more labor. Now these are self-evident propositions, and must be applied as well to lands and personal property of every description as to railroads. Tax the farmer's land indeed! Surely the Transcript is not so silly as to suppose his land escapes now. At present not only is the farmer's land taxed, but everything he has, including im-

provements; and everything he buys is taxed also; and—he sells his produce in a market free to the "pauper" labor of all the world. Can the Transcript find one farmer who would not be willing to have his taxes levied upon the value of the bare land, provided all his improvements and personal property were exempt? Of course it can't, for the taxes of every farmer would be decreased. "Who, then, would pay the taxes?" we think we hear the Transcript ask. The people who hold land for speculative purposes, of course. There are hundreds of acres near Independence and Dallas that are wholly unproductive and unimproved, and which pay comparatively no taxes, because they are assessed as "farms," and which are being held for the increased value that the pressure of population is constantly giving them. A hundred acres of such land is worth in the market as much as a thousand acres of ordinary farm land, improvements and all; but it don't pay a tenth part of the taxes. The single tax will tax it to its full value. Does this look like exempting the rich and taxing the poor?

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TIME TABLE.

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Table with 2 columns: Leaves Independence, Leaves Monmouth. Times listed for various days.

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