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OREGON CITY, FEBRUARY 19, 1897.

DISMAL REPUBLICAN CONFES-
SION.

The following from the leading editorial of the Newark, N. J., Call, of January 24th, an influential republican paper, contains admissions showing that the truth, however bitter, cannot longer be suppressed:

"The cause of the people has no representation in the republican policy of today. There is not a statesman among those who are able to rise above partisanship who fails to perceive that the republicans are re-entering power at Washington upon a fictitious basis, and that they are in great danger of arousing antagonisms which will bring on popular revulsion. The republican partisan recognizes Mark Hanna as his real leader; the party confesses debt to the money-power; its president is an avowed advocate of extreme protection; its vice-president is identified with corporate monopolies and trusts; many of its senators are similarly interested; it has spent its energies during the campaign in denouncing Bryanism, without distinguishing between the sober protests of independence against monopoly and the shrieks of anarchy against order. The republican party is compelled at present to assume the position of acting as the agent and servant of combined wealth and legalized monopoly. That is just as far from the purposes of the people as the socialism of Bryan. The party may perceive its danger, and rise above it, but it must be at the expense of losing the allies who made the big subscriptions to the campaign funds last fall.

There are now two great national issues—the growth of trusts and corporate wealth, and the corruption in politics. The questions of revenue and finance are subordinate to these, just as every governmental measure is secondary to principle always, and financial policies and revenue measures are matters of business. The agrandizement of the few and the sapping of the roots of power through corrupting influences are subjects beyond the realm of ordinary economics, for they touch the vitals of government, and unless they are controlled, make government a failure. These issues are recognized throughout Europe as the chief cause of distrust of the American system, and while we know the people of this country are capable of meeting them, there is no use disguising the fact they must be met. The real question is what political party or body of men shall assume the task? The republicans are handicapped by the late campaign; the democrats by their Bryans. Of the two the democratic party has greater freedom of action."

SILVER IN EUROPE.

In spite of the scorn of the ultra-gold monopolists, says the Outlook of New York of February, we do not doubt that Senator Hoar of Massachusetts was quite within the bounds of truth when he said that there were evident indications of a strong interest in favor of bimetalism in Germany, England, Russia and especially in France. The agricultural populations, in so far as they are active-minded on this question at all, are bimetallic, abroad as well as in this country. So are the laboring classes. The financial centers are opposed to bimetalism, and the commercial and manufacturing classes are divided in opinion. It is clear from the last election that an overwhelming majority of the people of the United States favor bimetalism, and a large minority are so enthusiastically in favor of it that they are willing to try the experiment of establishing it without international co-operation. Under these circumstances political wisdom requires the incoming administration to make an honest effort to secure it; and as its platform explicitly pledges it to make such an effort, political honesty reinforces political policy. Nor is it by any means clear that we need wait until all other nations agree with us in the attempt. The resolution adopted by the senate to provide for an international monetary conference wisely leaves this question open, as it does the question of the ratio to be fixed between the two metals. It is worthy of note that in the February number of the "National Review" Lord Aldenham, ex-governor of the bank of England and president of the English Bimetallic League, concludes an article on the present situation as follows: "There is no doubt that France and the United States, by agreeing together, could themselves maintain a bimetallic law but for greater certainty and confidence it would be reasonable that they should ask the co-operation of England and Germany." This expresses the general temper of bimetalists abroad.

THE GREAT DAILY FROTHS.

For inconsistency the Oregonian deserves the leather medal. In venting its malice against Senator Mitchell, the scar left by a squabble years ago between its editor and him, it can find no utterance against the Senator and his supporters that is too scurrilous or too contemptible. Heretofore it has been friendly to Senator Brownell, and it had no reason, in all conscience, for being otherwise; but on account of his friendship for Senator Mitchell it has suddenly become hostile to him. It cannot be that one of our prominent citizens sinks so low in 24 or 48 hours that "he is detested and despised by all men and all parties alike," as the Oregonian ended the editorial bucket of mud it slung at Senator Brownell on Friday last. It never disputed hitherto that he was a trustworthy and prominent representative of the republican party of Clackamas county, but alas! Mr. Brownell has the hardihood to utter a word in the senate chamber against the Oregonian, and straightway it finds that "Brownell is lower in the estimation of the people of Oregon than any man they know." What sane man will give any more heed to the scolding of an editor than he would to the braying of a burro? Considering the Oregonian's well known lack of all principle—for instance at one time ruthlessly assailing that most corrupt of politicians, Joe Simon, and at another time, as now, "standing in" with him to beat Mitchell—it is to the credit of Mr. Brownell that it villifies him. All men of sense and thought have long ceased to suck their political papulum from the "great daily's" lacteal bottle. While the Courier is opposed to Mr. Brownell politically, it must admit that, from a republican point of view, he is faithful to his promises. Ever since coming to Oregon Mr. Brownell has been an ardent supporter of Senator Mitchell and stands better among the republicans of the county now than when he was elected, and is recognized as a republican leader in the county as well as the state.

MULTITUDES of men and women in the East and middle West are in a most pitiable state of poverty, because there is no work. H. O. Havemeyer, president of the sugar trust, declared before the investigating committee of the New York legislature that he did not engage in any business in which he could not make from 15 to 20 per cent. How do you like the picture? That is the kind of prosperity which is startling the country as a fulfillment of the rosette promises made to the workmen by the trusts and syndicates, before the November election, to secure their votes. What shall we say, asks an exchange, of the heartless wretches who used the working classes and then deceived them? What can we say of those who held out words of hope and cheer, and gave promises of steady work to the laborers, and then, having accomplished their own object, turned the employee out in the depths of a terrible winter? Only this: There is a just God above and He will pay full measure of vengeance some day to these millionaire murderers—for they have proved themselves to be nothing else. Their victims are daily dying in the inclement East, and the end of the massacre is not yet.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said in his inaugural address on March 4, 1861: "If the Almighty Ruler of Nations, with His eternal truth and justice, be on your side of the North, or on yours of the South, that truth and that justice will surely prevail, by the judgment of this great tribunal of the American people." Lincoln had faith that the fraternal war in which he bore so conspicuous a part, would be settled right because he had faith in God. Should we not have faith that the contest now waging between the masses and the classes, fortified by their enormous wealth wrung from the masses, will also be settled right? Justice will prevail by the "judgment of the great tribunal of the American people." The voice of the people is the voice of God even if this voice speaks through war and infinite suffering of the pure and innocent. The martyrdom of man will not end until the millennium.

The sugar trust has made a net profit in 11 years of \$300,000,000. It produces 1,000,000 of the 2,100,000 tons of sugar consumed in the country. The trust is making herculean efforts to secure a place for one of its lawyers in McKinley's cabinet. McKinley will increase the duty on sugar to hasten prosperity and reimburse the trust for its campaign contribution. The total investments of the trust in refineries are not over \$20,000,000.

THERE has begun at Denver, Col., a movement, in which all denominations are invited to combine, to set up a civil church, one of the main articles of whose creed is "that the city is the latest and fullest development of that organized life through which the brotherhood of man may be realized," and that "reform of civic government is not only humanitarian, but also religious in the highest sense of the word."

THE Pullman Car Company recently discharged 200 employees and as a penalty for this will purchase a \$50,000 residence to present to Gen. Miles. The Pullman company urged its employees to vote for McKinley, the "advance guard" of prosperity and higher wages.

Boss Hanna owes his prominence to his success as a manager of political corruption. Corruption in politics is the gravest menace to liberty, which is the foundation of our government. The most powerful and therefore most dangerous anarchists in the country country are in the republican party. Johann Most, when howling blood and fire, is but a flea in comparison with such revolutionists as Quay and Hanna, and H. O. Havemeyer of the sugar trust.

REFORMERS should not lose courage because they number but a small minority. In ideal matters numbers count for little. How many Christians were there fifty years after Christ died? Yet the truth was with them. How many Abolitionists in 1861? Yet they swayed the nation. How many Evolutionists at Darwin's death? Yet his philosophy is transforming modern thought.

PRESIDENT-TO-BE, Major McKinley, intends to inaugurate his protective system as soon as possible after his inauguration in order to stimulate business and give idle men work. Both inaugurations are to follow each other as closely as possible. The country is anxiously waiting for the tariff prosperity.

A MAINE yankee has invented an engine that will run until it wears out without stopping or an ounce of fuel. Its motive power is compressed air, supplied by an air-pump having a capacity of 144 cubic feet. The force latent in air is enormous. Perhaps this genius has solved the problem of perpetual motion.

"We are pleased to note that the Courier, of Oregon City, Or., has taken up the Labor Exchange question. Every newspaper should explain this new movement to the people.—Vancouver Register.

A Query Answered.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 4, 1897. Gentlemen: I have written, or rather started, a story which I would like to have sent out. You no doubt take stories, etc., from those outside and if you consider it worth your time, please state conditions, etc., and what you will pay for a good story. If this one proves acceptable I shall have more ready. Very respectfully,

[It is with great reluctance that we must inform the gifted lady who is the author of this note that we have on hand more than an over-supply of original stories as well as essays on a variety of topics. Only last week a bulky story was offered us for publication, entitled, "The Wanderings of a Wonderer," abounding in wit, pathos and startling incidents. Lack of space forced us to decline it with thanks. If the lady will pardon us for giving advice where it is not asked, we would suggest that she try the magazines, such as Scribners, The Century, etc., who pay generously for meritorious productions.—Ed.]

Demorest's Magazine for March is rich in fiction. It contains charming stories by Gilbert Parker, Madeline S. Bridges, Mrs. W. K. Clifford, and Grace MacGowan Cooke, which it would be a pity not to read.

Good English Breakfast Tea 20c or 3 lbs for 50c at Horton's.

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Dr. J. H. Miller, dentist, has opened a dental office in the office formerly occupied by Dr. John Welch. Dr. Miller does all kinds of dentistry and has arrangements whereby he can fill teeth at night as in day. Office on Seventh street, near Southern Pacific depot. Prices to suit the hard times.

The bankrupt sale of dry goods and clothing is rapidly drawing to a close. Immense bargains are being offered. Did you see those ladies' gloves at 10c a pair and the silk veiling at 8c a yard? These goods are all being gobbled up fast. It will be to your interest to take advantage of this sale. Remember the place, second store north of the Oregon City Bank.

It is wonderful how cheap you can get a hat at Miss Goldsmith's.

Choice Baking Powders at 15 cents per pound can, several kinds, at Horton's.

Miss C. Goldsmith is selling her stock of winter millinery way below cost, making room for her immense stock of spring goods.

Firemen's Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a firemen's election will be held on Monday, March 1st, 1897, for the purpose of electing a chief and assistant chief engineer for the Oregon City fire department for the ensuing year. The polls will be at the Fountain Hose Co.'s rooms and will be open from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m.

E. G. CAFFIELD, Mayor of Oregon City, Or. February 17, 1897.

Job Printing at the Courier Office.

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OREGON CITY OFFICERS. Mayor, E. G. Caffield; Recorder, T. F. Ryan; Chief of Police, G. W. Grace; Treasurer, H. E. Straight; City Attorney, C. H. Dye; Street Commissioner, C. C. Babcock, Jr.; Supt. of Water Works, W. H. Howell; City Engineer, D. W. Kinnaird; Councilmen—B. Koerner, L. C. Caples, T. E. Gault, John Bittner, Frank Busch, R. D. Wilson, H. E. Harris and James Ross. Council meets first Wednesday of each month.

SEWING MACHINES CHEAP.—Want a sewing machine? Get a good one for \$25.00 with five years guarantee; \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month until paid. See Bellomy & Busch about it.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I SHALL apply to the city council of Oregon City, Oregon, for a saloon license to continue my saloon, located on lot 4 of block 24 in Oregon City. License to date from the 7th day of March, 1897. PAUL HEMMELGAHN.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE SHALL apply to the city council of Oregon City, Oregon, for a saloon license to continue our saloon located on lot 5 of block 24 in Oregon City. License to date from the 28th of February, 1897. HILL & COLE.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. January 26, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on February 26th, 1897, viz: PHILIP A. MARQUAM, H. E. No. 379, for the NW 1/4 of Sec. 28, Tp. 6-S., R. 2-E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William H. Mazingo, William P. Williams, Omes C. Williams and Henry J. Thomas, all of Willhoit, Oregon. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been duly appointed, by the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Hiram A. Straight, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, with vouchers, to me at the office of G. D. & D. C. Latourrette, attorneys at law, in Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated, January 22d, 1897. HIRAM STRAIGHT, Executor Aforesaid.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I SHALL apply to the city council of Oregon City, Oregon, for a saloon license to continue my saloon located on lot 1 of block 4 in Oregon City. License to date from February 28, 1897. J. W. CHARLTON.

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