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A GREAT CONSPIRACY.

It is not without reason that the democratic party angrily resents the attempt of Grover Cleveland to pose as the oracle of a "reorganized" or "reformed" democracy.

Proofs are not wanting that the panic was the result of a conspiracy hatched in Wall Street, and that Cleveland was privy to it.

Before Cleveland had been inaugurated a week he predicted: "This country is going to have the hardest times during the next six months it has experienced in many years."

At about the same time the American Bankers' Association issued a circular to the national banks of the country, in which these directions were given.

Mr. Carlisle, one of the gentlemen who wanted to help Cleveland in reforming the democratic party, at that time secretary of the treasury, attended the bank presidents' conference in New York in April, 1893, at which he said that "the country was suffering from a vicious silver law, and he believed that the only way to bring the silver favoring community to a realization of the evil contained in the law was to permit them to have an experience with the business depression it was bound to cause."

In a speech in the senate on August 29th of that year, David B. Hill said: "They (the bankers) inaugurated the policy of refusing loans to the people even upon the best security; and attempted in every way to spread disaster broadcast throughout the land."

It was well understood by those "on the inside" of the machinations that preceded the nomination for the presidency of Cleveland in '92, that the nominal issue only of the campaign was reform of the tariff, but the actual issue was the repeal of the Sherman silver-purchase law, and that Cleveland was pledged to the bankers who elected him to accomplish that object.

so little occasion was there for the widespread disaster and distress consequent, that in his message to congress, at the special session in August, Cleveland truthfully presented the situation when he said:

"Our unfortunate financial plight is not the result of untoward events, or of conditions related to our national resources. . . . With unusual invitation to safe investment and with satisfactory assurance of business enterprise, suddenly financial distrust and fear have sprung up on every side."

The bankers' conspiracy succeeded. They conquered the country. Congress groveled at their feet and repealed the Sherman law.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

Not content with the wretched war policy in the Philippine Islands that will demand an army of 70,000 men for years to come, as the president's spokesmen admit, the administration is further complicating matters in the island by interfering in the religious relations of the inhabitants, which cannot fail to aggravate the situation.

The gravest blunder that the administration committed in meddling in a delicate matter that was none of its business, was the order issued by the provost marshal of Manila that the Democracy retract certain statements it had made in regard to the religious controversy.

HEARD IN NATIONAL GRANGE.

"The interstate commerce commission, in their latest report, give the amount of railway capital outstanding on June 29th, 1899, as \$1,033,354,898, an average of \$60,559 per mile of line. The actual money cost of the average mile of railroad in the country has been about \$20,000; all above that amount up to the \$60,559 is 'water'—two dollars out of every three, or a total of \$7,355,969,932 above the actual cost.

"Now add to these railroad millions of 'watered' stocks the 'watered' stocks of the 400 trusts for which the people are also taxed higher prices to pay dividends, and we have a system of private and corporate taxation that no government could enforce without revolution."

"February, 1899, export rate on corn from the Mississippi river to New York was 13 3/4 cents a hundred pounds; in February, 1900, the rate was 23 cents a 100 pounds, a difference of 9 1/2 cents per 100 pounds, or practically 6 cents a bushel on corn. Which of these rates was right? The 13 3/4 cent rate was voluntarily made by the railroads, and it is fair to presume that they could carry corn at that rate and make a fair profit.

no good, as the decision of the supreme court in 1897 gives them no power to fix rates or to enforce a just one."—Ex.

Our state legislature should pass a bill protecting all kinds of birds which destroy the insect pests of the farmer. A bill of this kind has been introduced into the California legislature.

KING OIL.

In California oil is king. Previous to the year 1876 the annual production was 175,000 barrels. Ten years later it was 377,145 barrels. In 1886 it had increased to 1,232,777. The production for the year 1899 was 2,292,123.

Of course between oil production and enhancement in value there is great excitement and lots of money being made, and California is producing a big crop of new millionaires. There are also a lot of "might have beens" who are relating their doleful lays, and among them are some of San Francisco's leading citizens who are supposed to know a good thing when they see it.

A year ago a Bakersfield man named Hewitt came up with some McKittrick land which he tried to dispose of for a few dollars per acre. Failing in this, he undertook to promote a few oil companies and asked a life-long friend, named J. G. Underwood, to join him.

California today has the biggest oil field in the world and it is going to make a big difference to the state and the Pacific coast. Those who fear that the supply is going to exceed the demand, need only consider the fact that as a fuel oil is nearly one-half cheaper than coal.

A Letter from the Capitol

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20, 1901. Editor Courier Herald: I presume your readers would like to hear from the legislature occasionally so I am taking the trouble to keep you informed.

Quite a number of Clackamas county people are here: W. W. Smith, door-keeper; E. P. Carter, clerk on the committee; E. C. Hackett and F. M. Darling are clerks on the part of the senate to investigate matters relating to school lands and school funds.

E. C. Chapman, of Clackamas, being doorkeeper, while J. L. Swafford, of Ely, is a clerk.

Senate and house were both settling down to business when they adjourned Thursday afternoon to meet Monday at 2 o'clock, p. m.

A sample of rapid work was given when Brownell introduced a bill one day appropriating \$2000 to defray expenses of a committee of Indian War Veterans to be sent to Washington to try and secure passage of pension bill now pending in congress.

Speaking of Clackamas county people reminds us that our old-time friend, J. B. Day and family, are here, and have been for several years. Mr. Day is engineer, I believe, at the blind school.

In conclusion let me say, Mr. Editor, that our delegation will do credit to the ourselves and us.

LOCAL SUMMARY

The latest out—Try the marshmallow kisses at the Kozy Kandy Kitchen.

Part of house—four rooms and water for \$5 per month. Inquire at Courier-Herald office.

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A brand new top buggy for sale at a sacrifice. Inquire at Courier-Herald office.

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Dr. J. Burt Moore is now prepared to answer professional calls. Office temporarily at residence, 10th street, near Jefferson, Oregon City.

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The latest in chocolate of all kinds at the Kozy Kandy Kitchen.

A few watches for sale cheap at Younger's. Watches cleaned, \$1.

The finest bon bon boxes in town at the K. K. B.

When you visit Portland don't fail to get your meals at the Royal Restaurant, First and Madison. They serve an excellent meal at a moderate price; a good square meal, with pudding and pie, 15c.

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