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PLATT and Odell bow respectfully when they accidentally meet, but they do not embrace.

WEBSTER DAVIS, the eloquent orator who moved great audiences in 1900, has sold his farm near Kansas City for \$37,000, and will hereafter live in New York, taking a prominent part in Democratic politics.

GERMANY is said to be again negotiating for the purchase of the Danish West Indies, but a lively protest is being made in Congress on behalf of the late lamented Monroe Doctrine. Isn't this calling upon a cadaver for assistance?

CHARLES EMORY SMITH, former post-master-general, protests indignantly against the charges of Mr. Tulloch and the approval of those charges by the resident's commission. In reply to his fuming Mr. Bonaparte, the head of the Commission, merely says, "Mr. Smith has made his record."

THE nations of the world owe the money monarchs \$30,000,000. To support this huge bulk of national debt, mostly incurred in war, are \$5,000,000,000 in gold, of which at least \$1,000,000,000 must be annually paid over to the money lenders as in interest truly a pyramid standing on its apex.

ALFRED AUSLIN, poet laureate of England, has produced a wild jangle of words on current events. He speaks "the British flag on every sea with its symbol unfurled carrying liberty, reverence, law, wherever wave pulses reach." Perhaps this is in allusion to the way in which the British flag carried freedom to South Africa.

It is estimated that the Philippine traffic has cost the United States up to this New Year's Day, about \$627,000,000, including the bonds about to be issued for the friar lands, and taking no account of the 10,000 deaths, and the ship-loads of lunatics sent home. Whether the oriental game is worth this Occidental candle,—well they say it's altogether too late to talk about that.

Nor more than half of the members put in appearance on the 4th at the re-assembling of the Fifty-Eighth Congress. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale acted for the first time as chaplain of the Senate. Hardly any important bills are ready for action and some weeks must be spent in talk before the appearance of the appropriation bills. Mr. Lodge, in the Senate, led off in a speech on the Panama Canal, extravagantly eulogizing the President for the remarkable wisdom which he has exhibited throughout the whole transaction. He will be followed by Senators Morgan and Carmack, and as the former has been a close student of Panama affairs for years, some new light will probably be thrown upon the conduct of the President in what Mr. Morgan regards as a conspiracy of plunder.

The Democrats smiled during the reading of the President's message on the 4th inst. when he laid before Congress the facts and incidents which caused him to create a new republic called Panama. The contention that the canal can be built "forthwith" as the President said, even if the treaty is ratified, when at the most conservative estimate it will take twenty if not forty years, was enough to make anyone smile. It seems the President knew a revolution was about to burst at a given date, for he had read many newspaper articles to that effect and had seen recent travelers from Columbia and Panama. All told the same story. Therefore he headed it off, except the killing of one Chinaman, by sending the American navy to the isthmus to protect American lines and interests. The President asserted that Columbia had the power to ratify the Hay-Herron treaty, and give us the Canal strip at our own price, and in failing to do so affronted the United States. As the matter is now all settled the Senate had only to ratify the treaty, and business will of course be done.

This time has now come, says the Scientific American, for the government to demand for every passenger on the railroad the same immunity from maiming and death as is shown by the Pullman Company, in their statement of only ten persons killed or wounded out of thirty-two and a half million passengers. In ordinary passenger cars, 7000 or one in every 92,000 were killed or injured.

This editor of the New York Tribune, speaking at the New England dinner in New York, says he wants to know if the nation is to find a safe course "by roaming the oceans to drag in semi-tropical and revolutionary communities to be made states in the American union," and he rains maledictions upon the head of any such unpatriotic American. Mr. Reid is willing to steal semi-tropical and revolutionary communities only when they can be held as vassals. Is this the highest form of Americanism?

It seems from the annual report made by the County Treasurer of Polk county that Polk does not owe a cent and has money in the treasury. It is a miserable shame that Clackamas county, the best county in the state, should be bowed down under a county debt of \$200,000 and a tax rate that is a disgrace to modern civilization. "Get your thinking 'caps' on, boys. Don't you believe it would be a good time 'to turn the rascals out' and install a good business administration in the county court house? We couldn't make matters any worse, that is certain.

THE Republican party, in making Porto Rico "free," has virtually deprived her of self-government. The scheme is under the absolute control of President Roosevelt and limits representation at Washington to a simple commissioner. He is not allowed on the floor of either house and can make his wishes known only in a roundabout way. This humble individual is a startling contrast to the dozen members from Porto Rico who sat in the Spanish Parliament at Madrid helping to shape wise legislation for their province. Spain seems to have been a monarchy that believed in some sort of self-government; the United States appears to be a republic that believes in imposing laws upon its dependencies.

A GOOD many Democrats favor General Miles for President, on the ground that he is not an avowed partisan, if he ever even voted, that his record is blameless, that he is our greatest living soldier and a hero of a hundred battles, that he has no enemies in either wing of the party, and that he himself would be all the platform that would be required. That he is not a vociferous partisan or a professional politician might not injure him. Gamaliel Bradford urges that his military achievements would constitute his sufficient platform. The Whig convention that met at Harrisburg December 4, 1830, nominated General Harrison for president and adopted no platform whatever. (His opponent was VanBuren). Harrison was elected and "Van, Van was a used-up man." So of Miles: He never did run, but perhaps he would.

THE STATE TAX LEVY.

The Board of Apportionment has estimated the amount necessary to meet the obligations of the state for the next year and find that under the appropriations made, it will require the expenditure of \$1,498,310.10. Of this amount, there will be raised by other means than direct taxes the sum of \$273,310.10, leaving \$1,225,000 to be raised by direct taxes from the different counties. This enormous expenditure is occasioned by the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Portland exposition, one half of which is to be paid this year; \$165,000 for the Portage railway, \$100,000 for the canal between the The Dalles and Celilo, and \$100,000 for the Indian war veterans. These are extraordinary expenses that we do not have to meet every year. Deducting these amounts from the total to be raised, leaves \$610,000 to be raised by direct taxation for state purposes.

This is somewhat less than the average raised for that purpose, yet there are still some items in it which we think might be reduced.

Take for instance the Normal schools, the State University and the State Agricultural College, which cost the state for the next year \$185,656. This is just one of the many items that we think people of this state are paying too much for. Is it not about time the legislature and state officers were to take into consideration the burden they are placing on the people and endeavor to relieve them of some of it instead of increasing it all the time? Is not the welfare of the individual of any importance, or must his identity be entirely submerged in the state? With the present rate of taxation, it takes nearly all the interest on money loaned to pay the taxes and if a person is in debt he pays almost double interest by the time he has paid his taxes.

The question now is, will the people continue to vote to keep a party in power that has shown that it will not reform in this matter? In every campaign for a number of years the Republican party has promised the people that if they would re-elect them they would reduce the expenses of the state, and the people

placing confidences in their promises, have re-elected them to office and when they were in office they have increased the expenses from year to year until they have gone beyond any reasonable amount. There will be another election in June and the voters will have a chance to decide as to whether they wish the taxes to be kept up as they are now or whether they want the expenses cut down. This matter lies in the hands of the voters and they can select members of the legislature that will have their interests at heart and will keep down expenses and taxes or they can continue to vote as they have in the past and continue to pay out all their profits in taxes.—McMinnville Tel-Reg.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Since the Jackson's day banquet last week the Democrats of Oregon City have been congratulating one another and figuratively speaking patting one another on the back. The Democrats in this county were never in more harmonious condition than they are today. It is now proposed to at once organize a Democratic club in Oregon City and petitions for that purpose are now being circulated. The club should by all means be organized at once and it ought to have no less than 300 charter members. It is the intention for the club to meet about once a month and at each meeting to have refreshments and a good speaker away from home and just as soon as the Oregon City Democratic club gets to going all right, a club will be organized in each precinct in the county, and for the Oregon City Club to visit each county club and to work up just as much enthusiasm as possible. It is good work and the proper thing to do and by all means let the good work go on. Any one wanting petitions for the purpose of securing signatures for club membership can have them by applying at the Courier office.

IN CASE OF JUDGE GRAY.

The busy gentlemen who have kindly undertaken to select the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party in advance of the meeting of the national convention are finding their task somewhat more strenuous than they expected.

One of their latest essays was to set all other possibilities aside and present Judge George Gray as a national personage so much bigger than his little state of Delaware as to commend him to the hearty acceptance of the democracy, and the elimination of favorite sons and the personal pride of Democrats in pivotal states. They are able to say many fine and true things of the abilities and integrity of Judge Gray—things that neither Democrats nor Republicans can possibly deny.

But there is a large body of Democrats in Judge Gray's own state who do not believe he deserves, on the score of loyalty and steady service to the party, honor of being its presidential nominee. They charge that his superior soul repudiated the party judgments in the recent past, that he held aloof from its campaigns and refused to vote the party ticket. His ballot lost to the Democracy was a gain for the Republicans. And they further aver that for this negatively helpful action on his part he has been since on at least four occasions signally honored and rewarded by Republican administrations that he so aided to create.

That is what leading and loyal Democrats of Delaware, and of other sections also, charge against Judge Gray, and they do it without impeaching his high intelligence or his admitted abilities as a publicist. They charge these things against, and only against, his record as a party loyalist.

But what the Democracy needs and its strongest voices demand today, is internal peace and external solidarity against the Republican oligarchy. The party feels thoroughly that the past is history not to be apologized and yet not to be made the inexorable rule of future policy and action. The standards of the party are set far forward toward the coming days. In that spirit of new hopes for a new era of party unity and victory all Democrats should weigh with leniency and justice the claims of those who adhere to those standards.

Judge Gray has not in his veins a drop of the virus of radical republicanism. If he owns an independence that is sometimes annoying to his Democratic colleagues it would cease to be independence if it did not act with some friction. But other Democrats in other times have been equally independent and yet not banished for their independence.

Judge Gray holds to the old, established faith and stands staunchly upon the foundation principles of the Democratic party. If, on full consideration of his claims in comparison with those of other offered candidates, he appears to be the strongest and most militant to make the presidential race, there is no reason why he should not be nominated. Certainly he is strong with the great conservative business world and on the other hand has the unquestioning confidence of the labor world as a friend who understands their causes and deals justice in the adjudication of their rights.

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