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OUR MILLION DOLLAR PRESIDENT

A despatch to the New York American says:

Filled with liquors of all kinds and the object of a thousand jests, the sideboard presented to Mrs. Lucy Hayes when she was mistress of the White House will be one of the principal features of a saloon to be started at the St. Louis Exposition.

There will be not only the Lucy Hayes sideboard in the "White House Saloon," at St. Louis, but many other objects from the executive mansion sold to a Washington brewer and saloon keeper by President Roosevelt.

The sideboard was presented to Mrs. Hayes by the temperance women of Cincinnati, and the subtle humor of the jest, which only Mr. Roosevelt could have penetrated and which only he could properly enjoy, will lie in the use of the sideboard amid environments which Mrs. Hayes had always warned against as a temperance leader.

This act of President Roosevelt in selling the relics of the White House, which would ordinarily have been regarded as worthy of preservation from desecration at least, is but the keynote of the vandalism which has made of the White House a thing which would offend the taste of a levee roustabout, and which led to the two years of greatest extravagance ever known in the White House.

While favored thieves were looting the Postoffice department, President Roosevelt was adding to the expenses of the government at Washington by a wide-flung wasting of money utterly unprecedented in the history of the capital.

It was not until he demanded recently the sum of \$90,000 to care for the White House horses that any attempt was made to check his extravagance.

A MILLION DOLLAR EXECUTIVE.

President Roosevelt has made his record as a million dollar executive. He has squandered more than half a million upon the White House repairs, and has left that building the most fearfully deformed and most wonderfully altered of any building in the history of the world.

Were one to attempt to build a gaudy saloon front on the Parthenon, the same effect achieved by President Roosevelt might be approached. It cost half a million to secure the effect, and no American citizen seeing it but would be willing to have Congress appropriate a million to restore the White House to what it was before the weird and wonderful taste of President Roosevelt had a hand in its designing.

As it stood, the White House was a joy to artists as well as architects. It was pure in design. It fitted perfectly into its surroundings and was one of the most beautiful and graceful buildings in Washington. To this President Roosevelt has made a series of additions, attached in strange ways.

GAME HEADS REPLACE PRESIDENTS' HEADS

Here his vandalism did not halt, however. The interior of the White House was filled with portraits of former presidents and former mistresses of the White House. Until the coming of Mr. Roosevelt these had been regarded as most appropriate and against their presence no word had been said.

Now, however, they lay in the cellar of the White House, their places have been taken by moose heads, deer heads, and other objects of this sort, giving the White House the general appearance of a prosperous taxidermist's shop.

These heads in no wise illustrate President Roosevelt's skill with the rifle. The head of the bear he killed while it lay clamped in a trap is not there, as it was a mangy, unpleasant looking bear and hardly worth while.

The wild cats or mountain lions he killed are also absent, as they would have been hard to distinguish from the ordinary wanderer of the roofs. Those he has on exhibition were either given him or were bought. They cost the government \$2,000. President Roosevelt says that he will take them with him when he leaves. Herein he differs from all his predecessors, who have left in the White House everything purchased by the government, as well as those things given to them during their term. It was in this manner that the sideboard of Mrs. Hayes came to be in the White House.

NO REVERENCE FOR TRADITION. In other ways Mr. Roosevelt has

ripped out of the White House everything that tended to give it anything of traditional distinction. He has doubled the cost of the greenhouse, and now he maintains a staff of 11 army officers, who give him place a general military air. His entertainments, moreover, have become noted throughout Washington as being of a sort more nearly approaching those of the court of King William than those of an American president.

Last year President Roosevelt asked \$110,000 for the mere maintenance of the White House, and this year he asks for \$140,000. There is a bill now pending which will give him \$75,000 instead of \$50,000 a year.

MILLION DOLLAR SUMMER HOME.

There is no evidence that President Roosevelt intends to check the wasteful extravagance that has marked his administration. He has asked of Congress a million dollar appropriation for a summer home, and there is a very likely chance that he will get it. Of course, it will cost twice that much by the time it is completed, and if built in accordance with the taste thus far exhibited by Mr. Roosevelt, will have the garish and florid appearance of a Coney Island temple of mirth.

In the meantime the ordinary expenses of the White House have risen to a point that will make impossible a return to the simpler, more tasteful methods of Mr. Roosevelt's predecessors without a severe shock.

THE 'SACRED WORD' OF MORGAN

The extract printed elsewhere upon this page from the pamphlet prepared by "Spectator" to reconcile Wall street with the inevitable renomination of President Roosevelt is an astonishing confession by and for American plutocracy.

By internal evidence and by the significant circumstances of its issue the pamphlet is marked as being the work of a man at once familiar with the Wall street point of view and sincerely friendly to the President. It is not to Mr. Roosevelt's discredit that "high finance" needs to be coaxed to "be good" and swallow him as a nauseous dose, and this frank explanation of the reasons for the breach between plutocracy and the people deserves to be put on record.

How far the Wall street viewpoint differs from that of the plain people, how far the average man who is not a "financier" but merely earns his living may differ from the promoter, is shown in this significant sentence by "Spectator":

I have never heard the word of Mr. J. P. Morgan questioned; popular he is not, but his word is sacred.

Inevitably this positive statement, to which Wall street is evidently expected to assent, is suggestive of certain queries:

Was Mr. Morgan's word sacred when he in writing assured the government that there was no gold in the country as an excuse for obtaining enormous profits by a secret sale of Government bonds to him and his syndicate for at least \$10,000,000 less than the market price?

Was his word sacred when he organized the steel Corporation whose common stock is now worth \$11 a share, and placed that stock upon the market at five times that price upon the representation, implied if not expressed, that such "insecurities" were secure to receive their publicly stated dividend?

Was his word sacred when with one hand he carried on the management of the Steel Trust "bond-conversion syndicate" and with the other hand he wrote contracts with himself on terms which involved certainly jobbery, perhaps robbery, of the corporation?

Was his word sacred when he organized the International Mercantile Marine Company, representing, or permitting it to be represented, that there would be great profits from monopoly of ocean traffic, whereas the common stock is now unsalable and the "cumulative preferred" is a gambler's plaything at one-fifth of par?

Was his word sacred, or that of his firm, when it cabled to its Paris branch a brief message calculated to make foreign investors believe that the infamous Ship-Building Trust scheme was indorsed by him?

Was his word sacred when he permitted the shrewdly silly Schwab in his "sacred" name to contract with Harris, Gates & Co. that the Morgan-Schwab holdings of Ship-Building Trust waste-paper should be "unloaded" before that of the others who were likewise planning to profit by the plucking of pigeons?

"Spectator," who intimately knows the replies to these and many other piquant queries, must hold that Wall street would answer "Yes" to them all. And so might indeed reply the financiers that three years ago shared merrily the profits of the universal "underwriting." But would it not be better for "Spectator," as Mr. Roosevelt's friend, to abandon the hopeless attempt to range with these great magnates the plain people, who hold such hopelessly divergent views of wrong and right? Would he not better cheerfully leave to the President the advantage of the love he may derive "for the enemies he has made?"

Morg Cockrell went to Corvallis Wednesday to attend the funeral of a friend who died at that place a couple of days previous.

AS TO DEMOCRATIC HARMONY.

Governor Garvin, in a recent speech at Providence, Rhode Island, touched upon some matters that are of considerable interest to Democrats who are trying their utmost to restore to the party the harmony that is essential to success. He did not, it is true, go very deeply into the matters with which the party is concerned, but he said enough to show that harmony will not at all be difficult if the democrats of the east are of his way of thinking.

In his opinion, the live issues of the day are the tariff, the trusts and our foreign policy, and he dwelt on these with some degree of emphasis, and yet not with that measure of particularity that might have been expected. As a matter of fact, however, there is not much harmony necessary to be effected in dealing with these issues, for democrats in all parts of the country are agreed as to their importance.

Where harmony is really necessary, and where it seemed a few years ago to be well nigh hopeless, is the money question. Fortunately, however, events have done more toward furthering the interests of harmony than the wisest statesmanship could have accomplished. Governor Garvin finds no difficulty in disposing of it to his own satisfaction, and this disposition will be endorsed by democrats who understood what they were aiming to secure by the means of the free coinage of silver. Governor Garvin says that the issue, in its old form, as between the single standard and the double standard, is not, for the present at least, either pressing or vital.

This is so true that The Constitution, which was one of the first and most persistent advocates of the restoration of silver to coinage, can most heartily endorse it. The only object which those who favored the free coinage of silver had in view was to secure a steadily increasing supply of primary money. Our readers will have a feeling recollection of the conditions and circumstances under which the demand for free coinage was made. The supply of primary money was so low that the purchasing power of the dollar was immensely increased. Prices of all the products of human labor were at so low an ebb that some remedy seemed to be absolutely necessary, and the people, falling back on the experience of the world as a guide, demanded the restoration of silver to the miners at a ratio which they thought would place it on fair terms of equality with gold.

As the result of this demand the party found itself divided, and this division brought about defeat. Now, at the beginning of a new campaign, all the conditions and circumstances of the financial situation are changed; the gold dollar has lost more than half of its purchasing power, as compared with the nineties; the staple commodities have increased in price, and the country is enjoying a large measure of prosperity. In other words, the contention of the advocates of the free coinage that an increase in the supply of the primary money would result in fair prices and bring about prosperity has been more than justified; for the prices that prevail, and the prosperity that grows out of the situation, are the direct results of the large increase that has taken place in the supply of gold.

In all the circumstances, we think that the advocates of free coinage can afford to harmonize with their late opponents with a cheerfulness rarely seen.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CALLED

Primaries to Be Held April 4-- Convention April 9th.

The County Central Committee of the Democratic party of Clackamas county met at the club room of the Jefferson Democratic Club Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. A full attendance of the Committee was present and great enthusiasm was manifested on all sides. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Beattie and its object stated. After a full and free discussion it was decided to hold the Democratic primaries to elect delegates to the county convention, on Monday, April 4th next, and hold the convention in Oregon City on the following Saturday, which is the 11th day of the month. The apportionment made out and approved is one delegate for every ten votes cast for Governor George Chamberlain in his race for Governor two years ago, and under that rule each precinct will be entitled to the following number of delegates in the convention:

Table with 4 columns: Vote cast for Gov Chamberlain, Precinct, No. Delegates. Lists precincts like Abernathy, Barlow, Beaver Creek, Boring, Canyon Creek, etc.

GLADSTONE

Get a home where you have all the fresh air and freedom of the country, and at the same time every advantage of city life. The elegant cars of the Oregon Water Power and Railway Company make the run to Gladstone from Oregon City in six minutes. After your day's work you travel home in luxury and comfort.

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Call in at the office of the company and see the map of Gladstone, and an agent will cheerfully conduct you to the property without expense to yourself, and give all needed information in making a selection for your future home. Remember you are under no obligation to buy, only come and we will show you the handsomest tract of land in Oregon.

PARK

The great offer of the Gladstone Real Estate Association made to the people of Oregon, of one hundred lots to be selected by the purchaser in the handsome townsite of Gladstone, at an even \$100 per lot, \$10 down and \$10 per month with out interest, has attracted widespread attention. Already lots are being sold to careful, conscientious buyers, who not only know a bargain when they see it, but are taking advantage of the low price to get an elegant property where the location is ideal and the enhancement in values is sure to follow. Already Portland buyers are rapidly approaching Gladstone on the north. In two years time the electric cars will not be out of sight of handsome dwellings in the entire run of 12 miles from Oregon City to Portland. There is no longer any doubt that the motor company will have a double track railway between the two cities by the time of the great Lewis and Clark exposition. Ask any fair man, consult your own good, common sense and there can be but one conclusion, and that is, that property between Oregon City and Portland is as safe as stock in the First National Bank of Portland. It is far better than money at interest. Again, if you ask any fair and unprejudiced man, who does not own property of his own so situated as to be a rival for public favor, as to the handsomest suburb of Oregon City and with greatest promise for the future, and he will unhesitatingly say: GLADSTONE. Already there is a population of five hundred people at Gladstone and not a vacant house. Schools, churches, telephone system and all other modern and up-to-date conveniences rapidly following.

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100 lots of your own selection, in the splendid townsite of Gladstone, on the banks of the Clackamas river, a mountain stream famed for its beauty and purity, at \$100 per lot, \$10 down and \$10 per month without taxes or interest.

Any purchaser can have his money back with \$25 profit on each lot when he has paid for his property, if he is then dissatisfied, provided he give 30 days previous notice to that effect

bright, capable agents wanted in every community to whom liberal inducements will be made to sell Gladstone Property. Write for full information.

Main and Seventh Streets, OREGON CITY. H. E. CROSS.

Table with 2 columns: Precinct, Delegates. Lists precincts like New Era, Oswego, Or City No 1, etc.

Advertisement for SHANK & BISSELL, UNDERTAKERS. Includes image of a horse-drawn carriage and text: 'We carry the only complete line of Caskets, Coffins, Robes and Linings in Clackamas County. We have the only First-Class Hearse in the County, which we will furnish for less than can be had elsewhere. Embalming a Specialty. Our prices always reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed.'

The committeemen from the various precincts were enthusiastic and brought in good reports, the prevailing opinion being that this is a democratic year, and that by using good judgment and putting up the best men the entire Democratic ticket might be elected, and that certainly some of it would be elected in any event. Preparations for the primaries are now being made by the various committeemen, to whom was delegated that work.

Mrs. Helen Williams Post was until recently, making an income of \$60,000 from her "absent treatment" system of curing diseases. She has been found guilty by a federal court of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, as most of her business was being done through the mails. Mrs. Post has taken an appeal from the decision and its reversal would not be a remarkable sequel to the trial. It cropped out in the testimony that the prosecution was instigated by a medical society of Florida whose members were determined to put a crimp in Mrs. Post's success. It was also claimed by her defenders that if she was guilty of fraudulent practice in sending her literature through the mail, those who are continually using the mails to advertise patent medicines, many of which are doing more injury than they are good, are guilty of the same sort of fraud, and that if the government is determined to shut out one class of business from the mails, it should mete out the same drastic treatment to the other classes. If the decision be allowed to stand the curing of the sick will have to be done by not advertising any particular method.

The rapidity with which the burr flouring mills have been superseded, even in this farthest western part of the union, by roller milling has a deep reason. Millstones crush the wheat and leave a pulverized flour; rolls remove from the wheat the outer shell of the coats and the "germ" which impairs the keeping qualities of flour, and produce a flour of a sharp granule—a food substance composed of starch and gluten as specially adapted to the human stomach as bran or shorts is to that of the hog or cow.

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