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VOORHEES ON FREE SILVER.

It will be remembered by a grateful public that Senator Dan W. Voorhees, of Indiana, the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash, got tangled up with the Kansas cyclone, Ingalls, some months prior to the retirement of the latter from the United States senate. The result of the contact on that occasion was that the Tall Sycamore went into total collapse and has since been one of the most peaceable citizens of the republic. There was a fervent hope that this un-reconstructed copperhead had received his quietus but he is wriggling into notoriety again. In the November number of the North American Review he occupies nine pages with what he calls a Plea for Free Silver, in which there is such a lamentable lack of either sense or humor that one is almost forced to the conclusion that the old man is in his dotage. It is safe to say that only the picturesqueness of the career suggested by the name of Daniel Voorhees secured the publication of such matter in the Review. Even the article by Governor Penoyer that recently appeared in the same periodical contained more "food for thought" than does this demagogic nonsense of the back-number Hoosier. To attempt a criticism of the "Plea" would be beating the air.

The only value that attaches to Senator Voorhees' article is that it serves as a sort of democratic weather vane indicating the attitude of the party on the money question. There was hardly a necessity for this declaration, however, since the democratic party has always been opposed to sound finance and it is consistent in now advocating free silver and whatever else that it fancies will bring it a few more votes. For a temporary gain the democrats are seeking to make themselves agreeable to the farmers' alliance reformers regardless of the fact that the farmers would themselves be the worst sufferers if their own wild notions of money were carried out. It is not the permanent good of the laboring man which concerns such blatherskite democrats as Voorhees but merely the ballot he holds in his hand and which Voorhees thinks a little glamorous rhetoric will win.

Long experience with poverty does not qualify one to elucidate intricate financial problems but it does make one an easy victim to the oily tongued demagogue who paints rosy pictures of golden glory just waiting to fall within the grasp of the tolling millions. It is hard enough now to get money honestly, it will always be hard to get money honestly; and the measures of the cheap money advocates would only make the poor man's dollar less valuable, not easier to get, than it now is.

THE IRISH CAMPAIGN.

And sure its a beautiful time they're having over in auld Munster all along of themselves. The Oregon City municipal row just isn't "in it" in comparison with the interchange of compliments among our Hibernian cousins across the water. At this distance the press accounts of the Irish political canvas have a certain grim humor that throws American politics quite into the shade. For instance one dispatch from Cork says: As soon as the convention had closed its proceedings Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien passed through the city, still accompanied by the procession which met them at the railroad station. Suddenly the McCarthyites were attacked by a large mob of Parnellites, and both sides fought desperately with sticks, clubs, shovels and pikes. A large number of wounded were stretched bleeding and groaning in the streets before the troopers restored order. The neighboring hospital had to find accommodation for many wounded persons by the time hostilities were suspended.

The next night the news was that the city was quieter and the unique reason

given was that "the Parnellites are beginning to realize that they are in such a minority that they cannot even make a formidable street fight, and that they are obliged to send to Waterford, Limerick and Dublin for troops to aid them. The Cork men are declaring, however, that they will show what they can do in the way of fighting next Sunday." Continuing, the account reads:

The anti-Parnellites loudly complain of the partiality of the police in yesterday's fighting, but the Parnellites do not seem any better satisfied with the treatment accorded them by the officers of the law, and disinterested outsiders are of opinion that the guardians of the peace bestowed their cudgelings impartially among the combatants. The Parnellites assert that the government has ordered the troops to be used mercilessly on the first occasion when a lively scrimmage shall give an excuse for calling out the military. A strange rumor is current to-night that the guns at the barracks on the top of St. Patrick's hill were turned upon the city and that the cavalry at Balmongie were booted and spurred ready for an instant descent upon the town. One female Parnellite partisan tried to strike O'Brien with a bust of Parnell, but her aim was a little wild, and the bust was smashed to pieces.

And so the merry war goes on. Parnellite and McCarthyite stand pitted against each other with a most malevolent bitterness and wage their fratricidal strife unrelentingly. And then they wonder why home rule is long in coming.

TO START THE BALL ROLLING.

The sentiment in Clackamas county in favor of better roads to Oregon City may be said to be unanimous. But the need of good roads has been talked of before and the thoroughfares are still impassable.

Now, in order to get the question before the house, as it were, the ENTERPRISE suggests the following plan of action: First, take up the road from Oregon City to Molalla and Marquam, which may be considered the chief thoroughfare in the county. Let the Oregon City board of trade employ a surveyor to relocate certain portions of the road to avoid the present steep hills, or to report a feasible plan for reducing the grade so as to permit the passage of heavy loads. Coming from Marquam this way there is the Everhart hill first to receive attention. Then coming up from the Molalla bottom there are the Howard and Paine hills that should be reduced in grade. The Howard hill has now a grade of about fifteen per cent, which should be reduced fully half.

When the surveyor shall have reported the changes necessary to secure a good road let a petition be drawn and submitted to the interested voters for the road to be on that line. Then the matter can be brought to the attention of the county court and some action obtained. To expend county funds in repairing the road as it now is, is merely to throw away public money. A definite and intelligent plan of action should be determined on in the beginning, and then enough money spent to bring the desired relief. The county court cannot spend money on the preliminary work mentioned in the foregoing plan. The only practicable way of dealing with the matter is to have some organization like the board of trade conduct the preparatory work. Monday night will be none too soon to start the ball rolling.

THE EASTERN ELECTIONS.

Last Tuesday's state elections in the East were not so decisive as it was hoped they would be. Still the state in which the most significant fight was made, Ohio, went republican by a plurality approaching 25,000. New York elected a democratic governor as did also Massachusetts and Iowa. Pennsylvania surprised even the republicans by defeating the democratic candidate by 49,000 votes. The legislatures at this writing are in doubt, though the indications for Ohio and New York are that the legislature of the former will be safely republican and of the latter democratic.

Outside of those states the most noticeable feature of the elections was the development of unexpected weakness in the alliance forces in Kansas and Nebraska and rather more strength than was expected in the indocent party of South Dakota—in fact the indocents polled more votes than the democrats. Prosperity is killing the farmers' alliance as a political factor. In Iowa the democratic tactics on the non-enforcement of the liquor laws proved seductive and Boies was re-elected by about the same plurality as before. The returns at this writing are too meager to warrant any analysis of the vote.

We are pleased to welcome an international complication in the western hemisphere to give a much needed rest to our old friend, the European war cloud. It is hardly probable that there will be war between the United States and Chili, but it must be admitted that this country is just now pretty well prepared for a contingency of this sort, and Chili would welcome outside strife as a means of unifying its present discordant political elements. America's having an Irish agitator to represent her in Chili appears to be at the bottom of this whole trouble. And if Pat Egan reaps no illegitimate personal reward for his contumacious intermeddling in Chilian domestic affairs then will his right hand have forgotten its cunning.

Now that the wizard of Menlo Park has about perfected a means for making practical application of electricity to the propul-

sion of railway trains we may expect some surprising changes in railway management in the coming few years. Henry Villard is quite intimately associated with Edison and takes great interest in his electrical inventions, and Mr. Villard's statement that the trains of the Northern Pacific would be run by electric power within a few years must be taken as something more than empty speculation. Electricity will probably do more to reduce freight tariffs than grauer legislatures have done.

Now that Secretary of War Redfield Proctor has been actually appointed senator from Vermont in place of Geo. T. Edmunds, resigned, the talented newspaper correspondents will have a fresh opportunity to recast the president's cabinet. However, Mr. Blaine is back at work again now and it will be difficult to arouse anxiety as to the government at Washington. No matter what exigency shall arise the people feel that it will be taken care of promptly and completely, and there is no use worrying about it.

OBSERVER PAGE finds himself somewhat handicapped in collecting agricultural statistics through the neglect of the persons whom he has addressed for information. It is not necessary that any canvassing be done before answering the questions; only such knowledge as is already possessed by the person from whom the report is asked is desired. An effort should be made to make these reports as full and prompt as possible.

THE Oregon City council makes a mistake not dealing with the cow ordinance when the matter is ripe. If the ordinance be brought up again when the late contest shall have been forgotten all the argumentative old straw will have to be threshed over again and with uncertain results. It is left to rest as it now is a long-suffering public will be inclined to take this council for a private interview in the woodshed.

DURING his ride up the Willamette by steamer last Saturday afternoon Congressman Hermann observed the river to be a little wetter than usual at this season of the year owing to the late copious rains. Our river is all right, what there is of it; the burning question is, when will the channel be improved so as to admit ordinary river boats as far up as Oregon City at the lowest stage of water?

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Carus warmly endorses the suggestion in last week's ENTERPRISE for the formation of a county fruit-growers association. Let us hear from others interested in this matter. Two weeks hence we hope to be able to publish a call for a meeting of fruit raisers of Clackamas.

THE statement was published last week that the first newspaper on the Pacific coast was started at Milwaukie in this county. This was erroneous. The Spectator was started in Oregon City, not Milwaukie, in 1848.

We wonder what the recent people's party convert, Governor Penoyer, is thinking these days.

TWO FAILURES.

She married a man for his money.
Not an atom of love in her heart;
But little he thought what his wealth had bought—

How a woman can play her part!
Of course deception will never last long;
He learned it too late to repair the wrong,
But the thought of it creeps into every song
And clouds the fairest sky.

He married a girl for her money.
And yet he had made her believe
It was not for pelf, but her own dear self—
How a man will sometimes deceive!
She found that his soul was steeped in guile,
And her face is marred by a cynic's smile.
Though we gain a point it is worth the while
To act a living lie!

LILLIAN PENKERT.

PRESS OPINIONS.

New York Tribune: Maud S. is no longer queen of the turf. She made the record of 2:08½ in 1885, but this was reduced by Sunol, who trotted a mile at Stockton, Cal., in 2:08½. Mr. Bonner's wisdom in purchasing her at a price larger than he paid for Maud S. has been justified. The reduction of half a second in the mile record is a notable accomplishment.

New York Herald: If Mr. Edison be not self-deceived there are children of to-day who will in their old age regard the steam locomotive as one of the vague impressions of their very early youth. It must be remembered in making this qualification that Mr. Edison has never been self-deceived. If Mr. Edison can give us safety and speed in city streets he will be more than a magician. He will be a benefactor. It may be that electricity's grandest era is at hand.

New York Sun: This year has proved a poor one for the Labrador cod fisheries and the September gales supplied all the misfortune needed to complete the season's failure. Nine-tenths of these poor fishermen come from the west side of Newfoundland, and as they are not permitted to fish on their own coast owing to the treaty between England and France, they cross the straits to Labrador and until the season closes sail along that shore catching cod. Their comforts are meager enough in any year, and such a bad season as they have had this summer greatly intensifies their hard lot.

Excellent Local Newspaper.

The Oregon City ENTERPRISE is a quarter of a century old, having begun its twenty-sixth year this week. It is an excellent local newspaper, and though editors and proprietors may come and go, it will go on for centuries.—Portland Telegram.

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ITEMS FROM BARLOW

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED AND OFFICERS ELECTED.

A Hallowe'en Ball—Barrett Comedy Company—Buildings all Occupied—Personal and General News.

WILL ORGANIZE.—A general railroad meeting will be held in Barlow next Saturday, Nov. 7, to determine the best plan to adopt in promoting the early completion of the proposed railroad from this point to Mackburg, Wrights, Molalla and Marquam. At this meeting there will no doubt be steps taken to organize and put men into the field for action to make a thorough and complete canvass during the winter so as to get a report from each and every farmer as to the amount of subsidy he will give. The people in this vicinity are looking forward with the expectation of seeing a large and enthusiastic meeting, and as it is peculiarly of interest to each and every land owner and resident along and in the vicinity of this proposed line no doubt there will be a large gathering that will help the good work along.

SCHOOL MEETING.—At 2 P. M. last Saturday a school meeting was held at Zeek's hall here for the purpose of duly and legally organizing school district No. 97, by order of Mr. Alex Thomson, county school superintendent. The meeting was called to order by W. W. Jesse, chairman-elect; T. Andrews, secretary. The following are the officers of the new district: W. W. Jesse, William Barlow and William Irvin, directors, and T. Andrews, clerk. A vote of thanks was tendered W. B. Marye by the newly elected board for the generosity shown by him in presenting the newly formed district with a handsomely drawn map showing the boundary of our newly formed district. After voting a special tax to provide the necessities for a three months' term of school this winter the meeting adjourned.

TWO NIGHTS WITH SUCCESS.—The Barrett Comedy company that were billed here last Thursday and Friday nights, October 29 and 30, were so gratified with the success financially attained that they remained over Sunday to take in the town and see the sights. The clever comedian, Mr. Barrett, did himself credit in his Irish tura, as also did Mrs. Barrett in her character of a flirting Irish girl. All the members of the company were clever.

HAS COME TO STAY.—W. B. Marye, a deputy county surveyor of this county, is now a permanent resident of Barlow. Through the kindness of Simey Smyth, county surveyor, Mr. Marye retains his commission as deputy and makes this place his headquarters. He has rented the Sinis building on Main street and will at once refit it for his purpose.

AURORA HALLOWE'EN BALL.—No less than 200 attended the Hallowe'en ball given at Aurora Saturday night last. A few games were indulged in, but none so far as heard from have been able to discover their future husband or wife. The merry makers were all out for fun and a general good time was had.

HOME AGAIN.—For three long months Thomas Grady has been down to Grant's Pass running a steam shovel, but he returned home this week feeling satisfied to again open up business at the Blue Front.

BUILDINGS ALL OCCUPIED.—There is not a building of any description here that is not occupied, and many more could be rented if erected. Many families are contemplating moving here on account of school accommodations.

SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTING POINT.—Barlow is now the center and distributing point of a large section of country, and our merchants are holding their trade on the plan of "live and let live."

PERSONALS.

Mr. Thomas Grady is registered at the Koehler.

Mr. George Schuetter has gone to California to spend the winter.

Mr. George Schiell went to Oregon City on a business trip last Monday.

Mr. P. Muller, from Oakland, Or., was seen on our streets one day this week.

Mr. T. H. Scott, of Ashland, Or., was registered at "Tull's Cafe" on Tuesday.

Mr. Neil Jackson will move into town for the winter to send his children to school.

Judge W. L. White spent last Sunday in our town and was the guest of William Barlow.

Mr. J. O. Johnson, bridegroom at the Southern Pacific, was seen in town last Tuesday.

Mr. Ed Hope went to Portland on a business trip Monday. He received a letter from Germany acquainting him of money sent to the United States bank for him from his mother's estate.

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