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The Oregonian is very mad because Ellis and Tongue and McBride all voted against the Teller resolution. Why shouldn't it be out of humor? Their action made all the populists mad.

The populists in Polk county refused to fuse. There seems to be a difference of opinion along this line in the different counties. Perhaps official salaries are not so high in Polk as in some other parts of the state. These little items sometimes govern the case.

The ocean between the Columbia river and Skaguay seems to be a hazardous part of the world. Shipwrecks on this stretch of coast are of almost weekly occurrence. There has been no less than a dozen during the past year and the Clara Nevada, one of the finest steamers of the fleet, adds another to the long list of vessels that have gone down in these waters.

There is no reason why the republicans of Clackamas county should not be successful in the coming election. The republican party stands for good citizenship in all the term implies, and the man who is nominated by a majority of his party in convention ought to receive the hearty support of every member of the party. Whenever the republican party wanders from the principle of majority rule it may expect defeat.

Opinions differ materially in regard to the course which this country should pursue in the de Lome matter. We believe the policy laid down by President Cleveland in the Lord Sackville West case to be the proper method of handling representatives of foreign countries when they have the effrontery to dwell upon our own shores and write letters attacking the head of the government. Prompt action in these matters is necessary. Diplomatic dignity should be enforced and no representative of a foreign land be allowed while under the protection of the government, to characterize our chief executive as a jingo. It is true de Lome has resigned and is no longer the Spanish minister, but he was the minister when the offense was committed and for that reason Spain should be made to at least apologize. A liberal government is good but there is such a thing as carrying it too far in dealing with such fellows as de Lome.

It seems to be the well arranged plan of Mr. Simon to prevent, if possible, the election of any man to the legislature who is not a disciple of his, or a populist. The plan as generally understood is that in counties where candidates for the legislature are not Simon men, pure and simple, the ticket is to be knifed in the interest of the populists for the reason that the latter could again be controlled with Mr. Corbett's sack, while the anti-Simon republicans could not. Simon cares nothing for the republican party and has never hesitated to knife the ticket to accomplish personal ends. In 1896 he, while chairman of the state central committee, had printed and issued bogus republican tickets containing the name of R. S. Strachan, a democrat, for supreme judge in order to defeat Judge Waldo, the regular republican nominee. In doing this he defeated the state treasurer and the governor as well. Last year he joined the populists at Salem to defeat the will of the people and cast odium upon the state. U'Ren and Ogle of this county were two of his willing tools and did his bidding. The republicans of this and other counties of the state are today being visited at their homes by paid emissaries of this prince of debauchers for the purpose of concocting a scheme by the use of money to defeat the regular ticket in June if it is not made up entirely of Simon's henchmen, men who will prove traitors to the people whenever their boss shall give the word. Do the republicans of the state believe in the Simon method of conducting public affairs? If they do, Simon is the man to stand in with, but if they want an honest election and remedial legislation they should repudiate this arch conspirator whose every deal in politics is made with dollars and cents.

It is currently reported that the Corbett "push" has men out making a poll of Clackamas county to ascertain the strength of certain aspirants for office. These canvassers, so the report says, receive \$50 per month for their services, paid by the "push." Just why Multnomah county

should at this time be taking so much interest in Clackamas county politics can be construed in only one way which, we believe, is thoroughly understood by our readers. It is certainly not for any good will toward Clackamas county or her people. Clackamas county ought to be able to settle its own affairs without the treacherous assistance of the Portland bosses. Who these hired men are is not known, but it may be that the boss has the same old servants in his employ, but owing to the dull season between sessions has reduced the pay from \$70 to \$50.

THE FREE SILVER HERIST.

A little over one year ago the people of Clackamas county declared by their votes, that they were in favor of sound money, a currency, every dollar of which should be on a par with every other dollar; that they were opposed to the socialistic tendency of the Bryan platform; that they, as good citizens, were in favor of maintaining the high standing of the nation among the nations of the world, so that the best results might accrue to the employer and the employed alike, without arraying one class against another. Fallacies were pushed aside and William McKinley, the representative of good government in all that the term implies, was elected president by an enormous majority. More than a year has elapsed since this remarkable conflict of the ballots took place, and it has not been necessary for a man to have kept a diary to remember what the conditions of the country were at that time. It is an easy matter to contrast the business situation then with existing conditions now.

Our populist friends contended at the beginning of the campaign of 1896 that the price of silver regulated the price of wheat, and that the two traveled together. But before the campaign had progressed far and the outlook for republican success began to brighten, the price of wheat began to raise while the price of silver began to go down. The charge was then made in all earnestness that Mark Hanna was buying up all the wheat at an advance in price for the purpose of influencing votes; that it was a campaign dodge, and that the price would drop as soon as the election was over. No one was heard to say at that time that the advance in price was caused by an expected famine in India. But by-and-by McKinley was elected, and the price continued upward. The theories which had been previously advanced had exploded; had not come true. The cry then went up that the cause of the increased price was due to a short crop in Europe and that Mark Hanna and the administration had nothing to do with it. But while wheat was gradually advancing, wool, hops, cattle and other products of the farm were on the upward grade in a perceptible degree, thousands of laborers, out of work for months, found employment, until today there are comparatively few idle men in the country among that class who really desire employment. Wages have advanced in most lines of business and an entirely different condition prevails than that of eighteen months ago.

If wheat had been the only product which had advanced then there might be some reason in the assertion that a short crop in Europe was the cause. But was there a short crop of laborers in Europe that made the demand better in this country; was there a shortage in the shingle crop there that caused that article to more than double in six months; was the hop crop, the wool clip, or the growth of cattle short over there that caused the advance in prices here? Onions, too, are now selling at five cents a pound; is that because of a shortage across the water? What nonsense! The facts are that business has taken on new life because the people not only of the United States, but of the world, have been given to understand that when they send a cargo of merchandise to our ports and take away our commodities the transaction will be made with a people whose products represent a value based on the best money of the world, and that every dollar they bring will be exchanged for a value of one hundred cents; that they are not dealing with a Mexican or a Chinaman, but with American citizens.

Again our populist friends have a great deal to say about plutocrats and the bond holders, and that the money of the country is in the hands of the rich. Did anyone ever hear of a country where the money was not in the hands of the rich? Suppose the rich should give the money to the poor, would not the rich of yesterday be poor today and the poor of yesterday be the rich today? Indeed the money will always be in the hands of the rich, but the same people will not always be the rich, for business disaster comes to those who have wealth, and thrust to those who start without means. Industry backed by business ability will make any man rich under the conditions in any free country. Howling calamity and looking for office is not conducive to wealth, though it is necessary for some one to hold office.

But as to the free coinage of silver. Suppose the government should coin all the silver it could get hold of, how would you and I get hold of it. Would we not have to perform some service in an earning capacity? What has the government got for us to do? It has now a sufficient number employed to do all the work necessary and has plenty of money already to pay for the labor. Does any man contemplate that the government is going to create money to give to its subjects merely for the asking. Such it certainly will not do, and such indeed would be to take the premium off of industry and encourage idleness. It never was so intended and never will it come to pass that a nation will encourage its subjects in idleness, and never will a nation stand that even attempts conditions whereby its subjects may get a living without earning it. The republican party stands not for free silver but an honest dollar and a chance to earn it by industry, frugality and economy.

Some of our populist friends offer as an excuse for leaving the old parties that those parties have been promising reform for many years and have failed to keep faith with the people wherefore a reform party was necessary. But when confronted with the proposition that the reformers elected to the last legislature refused to enter upon their reform duties the further excuse is

offered that they were justified in breaking their pledges because others had previously done the same thing. These excuses might be taken with a grain of allowance if emanating from any other source, but coming from men who profess to have a copy-right on all that is good and noble in politics; who denounce the old parties as being corrupt, and imply that redemption can come only through the populist party, their position is certainly amusing. Truly they would have some people do, not as they do, but as they ought to do. If the old parties have been so corrupt the populist party proposes to continue the policy of preaching reform and practicing corruption. Indeed if the old parties are bad the populists are worse because of the insincerity of their position. As in the past they advocate no single principle which would not be sacrificed for the sake of holding office.

VALUE OF THE AMERICAN MARKET.

Foreigners do not underrate the value of the American market, although some of our own people seem to be strangely oblivious to the importance of keeping it as far as possible for the benefit of American industry and enterprise. The loss of their trade in the United States in consequence of the Dingley tariff is to many foreign manufacturers a serious matter. They look to this country with its 70,000,000 of prosperous people as the most valuable of all markets, and are greatly disturbed at finding themselves shut out as the result of a policy which reserves the American market to Americans.

The announcement is made that a large silk manufacturing concern of Lyons is now engaged in building a plant at South Bethlehem, Pa., with the intention of operating about 500 looms and employing a large force of operatives, most of whom will be Americans. It is thought not unlikely that other firms in Lyons will follow suit. At present about 80 per cent. of the silks used in the United States are made here, whereas nearly all of this class of fabrics was formerly imported from Lyons.

American silk manufacturers have suffered from foreign competition because of inadequate duties and the lower standard of wages paid in Europe, but they have nothing to fear when these unfair conditions are removed and foreign capital is forced to come to this country and pay the higher labor cost that obtains here. The domestic silk product for 1897 amounted to about \$100,000,000 in value, and the year, upon the whole was a prosperous one. The advent of French capital and enterprise is not likely to disturb the excellent prospect for the current year, as the foreigners will doubtless be content with a fair share in the general prosperity without resorting to cut prices.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

(Roseburg Plaindealer)

You may call it "fusion" if you like, or "union," if you prefer, but the coalition is a scramble for spoils and nothing more. Populists have no particular sympathy for it and democrats are not in love with the imperative mandate. The things aimed at by the ill-assorted pair is the defeat of the republicans and the enjoyment of the "usufruct."

(Polk County Observer.)

Is this a one idea county and must everything else take a back seat until that one idea is cremated?—Ex. Let every republican carry out the St. Louis and McKinley platform, which has many sound planks to stand on, and not follow after H. W. Scott, who is a gold democrat, and makes the Oregonian ride a one idea—the Indianapolis platform. Be republicans.

(Ashland Tidings.)

If anybody had any doubt about the views of the republican party upon the proposition to pay the obligations of the nation in anything but the best money the world affords, President McKinley and the house of representatives have put that doubt at rest. But why discuss such a question? The record of the republican party for loyalty and good faith makes it unnecessary.

(Portland Dispatch, dem.)

W. S. Vanderburg, after all the fuss made by the populists, must have made out a very thin case in his contest against Mr. Tongue. A unanimous report of the committee was made last week in favor of Mr. Tongue. Either Vanderburg failed to make out his case or Tongue was legally elected. Vanderburg gets \$2,000 and has seen Washington City. This is probably all the contest was made for. Had he any pretense for a contest the report of the committee would not have been unanimous against him. The pops are as anxious as any of the old stagers in the other parties to get into the treasury.

(Polk County Observer.)

The Oregonian of Tuesday welcomes Senator Mitchell, Oregon's congressman, Hon. C. W. Fulton, Hon. Sol Hirsch, and others, back into the republican party, and says: "Let us have a procession in the streets. The Oregonian is willing to march humbly at the tail of it." Thus we are constrained to give the Oregonian credit for at least having located its position in the procession of republicans. The head of the procession of which Senator Mitchell, Oregon's delegation, Hon. C. W. Fulton, Hon. Sol Hirsch and all republicans follow is McKinley and the St. Louis platform. We congratulate Mr. Scott on having found his position in the "procession" and being willing to take it.

(Independence West Side.)

Mark Hanna, with that low cunning that characterizes all his acts, not content with raising wheat in price 150 per cent., has made the consumer of mutton pay \$4.00 a head for mutton sheep. The old reprobate, forgetting the value of milk to any family, has raised the price of dry cows to \$20 per head and the devilish cuss is making the cattle buyer pay \$12 per head for last spring's calves. Is it not enough that he raises the price of bread and corn-meal mush? The late good prices and fine crops have been very exhausting to the fields, too. O Calamity! Come! Open the eyes of the unsuspecting who may be led away from Bryanism by the seductive influences of high prices. Put wax in their ears that

they may not hear the bewitching songs of joyous plowmen, mechanics, artisans, and of house wives singing at ten million hearth stones. Selah.

(Grant's Pass Courier.)

The political chameleon is beginning to boil, and men are looking about to see what offices they want, more than the people are looking for men to fill the offices. This is an important year for the people of this state, they have had lessons, will they profit by them? What the state needs more than silver or gold is men, men who will do their duty when elected to office regardless of the consequences; men to the legislature worthy the name of men, who will stand for principle first, and party second. And when we get legislators of this sort, needed reformation can begin that will affect the whole state in general, and individual localities in particular. State officials need to be put on reasonable salaries and all perquisites and parasites cut off; a United States senator be elected by a majority, whether they be for free silver or the gold standard. Grants Pass needs some changes in her charter, which must be effected by the legislature.

(Eugene Register.)

The populists of Clackamas county are awakening to a sense of their true political standing in the state. They have grown tired of being wagged by the democrats and have come out boldly and unequivocally and announced their declaration of faith. This movement is significant. One of the chief doctrines of populism is "initiative and referendum." Here on the threshold of the campaign, a practical application of the doctrine has confronted its devotees, and after due deliberation on the part of W. S. U'Ren, he has determined to make a test case of the fusion movement. He favors submitting the question to the people's party of Clackamas county, to be decided not by a few committeemen, whom he says have been "worked," but by the populists themselves, by an initiative and referendum vote at the primaries. Mr. U'Ren has resigned his chairmanship of the county central committee on account of his conviction that fraud and deceit are being practiced by the Bryan democracy of Clackamas, and every other county in Oregon, and as Mr. U'Ren says, the effort for fusion is one for spoils and not for principle. Some interesting developments are expected.

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