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READERS OF THE OREGONIAN can hardly doubt that their distinguished editor is opposed to free coinage of silver, but when they conclude that he does not believe in the advantage of college education in all probability they err.

There will be no war, but Cuba will receive her freedom entire or substantially so, and reparation will be made for the Maine disaster if the responsibility can be fixed.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. The present administration has more momentous questions to solve than any other since the civil war, questions that loom up more portentous than tariff or finance, great as they are to the welfare of the nation, as well as to Europe.

producers of this country go into the markets of the far East on an equality with Europe? Allied and interwoven with the Eastern question is that of Hawaii.

That this country will build and control the canal is practically settled. It is a stupendous undertaking requiring vast capital but the size of the undertaking is not to be compared with the commercial effect its completion will have on the country and especially this coast.

The question before the administration is the Cuban matter. Ever since the destruction of the Maine the opinion has been growing that Spain is responsible. The indications so far as they are obtainable bear out the theory that a Spanish agent, or citizen caused the explosion.

DR. W. D. WILLIAMS, the present able pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will be with us now, we are sorry to understand, only a little while longer, possibly not over two Sundays.

IT WERE CHEAPER for the country that manufacturers of an artificial product move their business to a section where its existence will no longer depend on aid from the Govern-

ment. If Massachusetts cannot survive her present unfortunate predicament, which is due simply to the refractory effect of that ever upheld doctrine of all "practice" and no "theory," her villages had better become deserted.

BECAUSE the Supreme court has decided in the Nebraska railroad case that corporations are entitled to the same consideration that individuals are; that corporations are persons in a legal sense and their property can not be confiscated by a Populist legislature; that as common carriers their rates may be regulated by law but not placed at so low a rate as to amount to confiscation of property; that the stockholders have rights that even Populists must respect; that the Court has the right to review the fixing of rates by the legislature; because of this stand by the Court, the Governor of Kansas howls all sorts of Populist innendo.

It has been suggested that Spain has placed a chip on her shoulder and invited the United States to knock it off, and The Dallas Mountaineer desires to know if Uncle Sam should accept the challenge? It might better be asked should a gentleman take notice, of the extent of resenting, the taunts and blackguardism of the Bowery tough? The old Southern idea of regarding insult, however beautiful to behold, was lacking in good, horse sense, and it has almost entirely been replaced by the now generally prevailing, more manly, more practicable, more honorable, more charitable unwritten law of "resenting violence, but paying no attention whatever to insult."

SILVER Democracy is nearing its end when it adopts measures like those recently adopted in Kentucky and Texas. In the former, fearing defeat, they have placed the entire machinery of election in a board of three persons chosen by the legislative party caucus. Kentucky is a gold state but the present law passed over the Governor's veto will crush out every vestige of free election in Kentucky. In Texas they make it a condition precedent for the voters who supported the Silver party in both State and National campaign in 1896 to vote at the primaries, but in Oregon where they feel they are not strong enough to fight an open aggressive fight they are gently leading the unwary Populist, under the guise of fusion, to that historical place between the devil and the deep sea.

Mrs. Lease is coming to Oregon, too. What a great thing it would be if she could prevail on the Governor to accompany her. Between the Leedys and Leases, ladies and laces, bloomers and editors of Populist, so-called newspapers, Kansas ought to be considered pretty productive in the eyes of Mr. Debs and Mr. Watson.

The validity of the Oregon mortgage tax law has been sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States. The law was repealed some years ago but the collection of taxes under it has been in litigation for some time. The important question being whether mortgages held outside of the State on lands

here can be taxed under the law. The Court holds that under this law such mortgages can be taxed. This was no advantage, as the mortgagor was required in nearly every instance, by stipulation in the mortgage, to pay such tax. We believe the law was properly repealed.

CONGRESSMAN BAILEY of Texas is the Democratic leader in the house of representatives. He officially promulgates Democratic doctrine. At his recent speech in Richmond he disclaimed any sympathy with the flat money doctrine. He wanted money of "primary value." This is the doctrine of the party that the Populists are going to fuse with. Of course the St. Louis and Omaha platforms of the People's party are diametrically opposed to this, but that makes little difference, they are fusing on principle (?).

People who persist in not giving a man his just deserts are apt to create suspicion; they are evidently prejudiced and, as investigation would prove, usually dishonest.

THOMAS WATSON and Eugene V. Debs are contemplating an invasion of Oregon. Should they be hungry when they reach this city the Enterprise could give them some wood to saw.

The handicap in the school election was J. W. Noble and the Press. It is a question which candidate carried the most dead weight.

"And a dude is a fellow whose brains show such lack that he carries his claims to respect on his back."

The rush to the Klondike is abating and from now on there will be a falling off in transportation business.

F. T. GRIFFITH accepts his defeat like a man. He is entirely resigned, and refuses absolutely to talk.

It either hails, or it does not hail; therefore if it hails, it does not hail.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Governor Leedy Will Be Pardoned—Jingo Press Would Fight For Peace.

Astoria Herald: Washington was first in war and first in peace; but he took them one at a time.

Washington Standard: The jingo press seems to be so anxious for peace that they want the people to fight for it.

Oregonian: The fundamental error of Mr. Towne, and of all others who talk as he does, lies in this: "America is the world, and we can fix values as we please."

Oregonian: Governor Leedy says, "If anybody goes to jail it will be me," and the Governor's bad English will be pardoned, should he prove to be a true prophet.

La Grande Chronicle: The fact that the war scare has not given a shock to business is the most conclusive evidence of the fact that the present activity of trade rests on a sound basis.

Union Weekly Republican: Senator McBride is a representative of Oregon and in voting against the seating of Corbett he represented 99 per cent. of the people of this state. Did he do his duty?

London Times: Mr. McKinley cannot more surely tranquilize American opinion and secure a fair field for his pacific endeavors than by convincing the American people that he is prepared for all contingencies.

London Graphic: England would sympathize with a war for the liberation of Cuba, but if the United States goes to war, it must be in a just cause, and after every effort to secure an honorable peace has been exhausted.

The Temps: Spain does not deceive herself when she counts upon the sympathy of at least the latent European governments, but it would be a mistake for her to expect any effectual support from either Great Britain or the triple alliance. Before all, she must rely upon herself.

Oregon Statesman: Cuba will be free, and she will owe her independence to the brave men who have for so many weary months resisted the armed powers of Spain, and are now, after all the loss of life and suffering, stronger than heretofore in every way, and none the less determined.

Blue Mountain Eagle: Senator Proctor of Vermont, who recently visited Cuba to inform himself on

the situation there, witnessed a lively engagement between two hundred insurgents and an equal number of Spanish infantry. The Senator does not say, but he leaves the impression that he sought refuge behind a huge Cuban boulder while the battle was going on.

The Dallas Times Mountaineer: Spain has thrown the gauntlet to the United States. When it asked the recall of General Lee it put a chip on its shoulder that it invited the United States to knock off. Will the United States do it? Will the money power permit President McKinley to accept the challenge? The President is no doubt willing to maintain the dignity of the nation, though he is somewhat slow to act, and does not exercise the promptness the people would like to see.

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