

THE ONE ISSUE

Present Democracy Wrong as to Expansion.

WHAT THE WISE FATHERS TAUGHT

Letter of Hon. William H. White, Democratic National Committee-man From State of Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—Hon. William H. White, Democratic national committee-man for Washington, makes public the following letter indicating his purpose to leave the democracy because of its attitude toward expansion.

The republican plan is about to crystallize into law, not only the single gold standard, but a national bank system that in the end will result in one great bank dominating all other banks.

Mr. Bailey was right when he announced in the house of representatives that the gold production of the world for the past few years and its future production, is about to be exhausted.

The democratic leaders are now seeking to make a new party for the year 1900, and unless they have permitted their ancient enemies, the Hoarses, the Carnegies and the Alkisons, to make that party for them, they have raised the cry of revolution.

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QUESTION THAT PERPLEXES WHITMAN COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

Murderer of George Boland Thought to Have Come to Portland to Sail for a Far Land.

COLFAX, Feb. 4.—Rumors of the arrest of Samuel R. Clemens, the murderer of George Boland, are prevalent throughout the county. The officers report, however, that they have no trace of him, and the theory they have been working on during the past week—that he was endeavoring to elude them by sailing for a far land, has been discarded.

Stephen A. Douglas had no hesitancy about writing the famous letter which was published in the Oregonian, and he preached the good old democratic doctrine—that the more degree of latitude and longitude under the flag, the sooner free trade would be possible.

Look into the Future. During the past decade, the great Chinese empire, dominated by the stern civilization of Confucius, is seeking the trade of that empire. She now controls the harbor of Port Arthur in the Yellow sea, and also the harbor of Vladivostok in the sea of Japan.

While the democratic party is opposed to plutocracy, it is not opposed to progress. In the commerce of the Pacific, we will rebuild and rehabilitate our lost merchant marine. The vast coal fields and water-power of Washington and Alaska are waiting to be developed for manufacturing purposes.

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IS THERE A "HORSE HING"

The Trick of Selling Cavalry Animals to the Government.

Walla Walla Argus. There are some queer things in the buying of cavalry horses at Fort Walla Walla for use in the Philippines. In many cases, it has been observed that horses which were rejected, when offered for sale by their owners, have been accepted when offered by certain individuals, who either have a wonderful pull or remarkable string of influence.

The fact that horses offered by the same favored individuals are nearly always accepted leads to the suspicion that a little ring has been formed to get a "take-off" from Uncle Sam. Such things have occurred in the purchase of canned beef for the army, and it is just possible that some crooked business is done in the purchase of horses. If so, it is not the fault of the government.

Report received from Mr. Dickard (a carrier on the Shulaw mail route) received quite an injury at Mr. Tallman's last Wednesday. He had saddled a vicious horse, strapping the mail bags on him, and was about to start on his journey, when his horse foot caught in some brush, throwing him to the ground. The horse, already rearing and plunging, jumped over him, striking him on the head with a rope attached to his body.

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LETTERS FROM THE WAR

DESCRIPTIONS OF SCENES AND INCIDENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

News of Buller's Check Cashed Deep Disappointment in the Army.—Julian Ralph's Story.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—War letters from Ladysmith monopolize today's London papers. The Times correspondent at the place writes, under date of December 19: "It is impossible to express the feeling of consternation with which the news of General Buller's check on the Tugela river was received. It has done up to this point the most serious blow to our military activity was at an end. No one for a moment imagined that the southern force would be anything but successful. On December 12, heavy firing had been heard in the direction of Colenso, while on the following day the pickets on Caesar's camp and Wagons Hill had seen the smoke made by the burning shrapnel. Then we waited for news—waited breathlessly for orders to be given to the flying column, composed of the Devonshire and Manchester regiments and the Gordon Highlanders, to leave camp to complete devastation of the southern force had begun.

Men and women congratulated themselves in the streets when they heard that one of our heavy guns had been sent to Wagons Hill to cover the movements of the advancing columns; but the silence was prolonged, though the telegraph winked incessantly from the hills, but rumor after rumor, and still no word of a decisive victory, of deserting Boers, of fleeing Dutch and slaughtered burghers; but nothing from headquarters. December 19 was Dingans day, the anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the South African Republic by the triumvirate, in 1850. It was thought that this would be a suitable date for us to crush the power of the rebel state.

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THE PARIS EXPOSITION

Statement of the War Department Unfavorable to Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The report which the war department has made to the military committee of the senate on Senator Turner's bill providing for travel pay for Spanish-American war soldiers in the Philippines is unfavorable. "The within bill, in effect, provides for the payment to all officers and soldiers of the volunteer service who served in the Philippine islands and were returned to the United States for muster out, and who received transportation to and from Manila to San Francisco and travel pay and commutation of subsistence from the latter point to the place of their enlistment or muster in, additional travel pay and commutation of subsistence from Manila to San Francisco, minus the actual cost to the government of transportation and subsistence, and the monthly pay for the period in transit. It is based upon the assumption that officers and men of the regular army discharged in the Philippine islands receive travel pay and commutation of subsistence from the Philippine islands to the place of their enlistment or muster out, and who received transportation to and from Manila to San Francisco, minus the actual cost to the government of transportation and subsistence, and the monthly pay for the period in transit. It is based upon the assumption that officers and men of the regular army discharged in the Philippine islands receive travel pay and commutation of subsistence from the Philippine islands to the place of their enlistment or muster out, and who received transportation to and from Manila to San Francisco, minus the actual cost to the government of transportation and subsistence, and the monthly pay for the period in transit.

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