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The issues of the Oregon election are two: 1. Bad money or good money. 2. Pacific expansion or Pacific stagnation.

Nothing else is at stake. Nothing is worth worrying about. The Republic nominator, as it is to be feared, weak and imperfect human being. We could all pick out more acceptable men, beginning, of course, very near home.

Something like this has appeared in these columns before, and upon each occasion of its appearance the Fusion papers of the state have been observed to jump and howl as if hit in a vital spot.

If a mistake has been made in this matter, there is just about time to set it right before election day. It has been assumed that the people of Oregon take pride in the achievements of the Oregon volunteers; that they do not relish characterization of those volunteers as rapacious assassins, or characterization of their services as an enterprise of bloody conquest.

The statement that a vote against the Republican ticket is a vote against Pacific expansion, is a vote against Pacific expansion, is a vote against Pacific expansion, is a vote against Pacific expansion.

If a man wants to drop the gold standard for silver, and close the Pacific American market, the best way he can do it is to knife the Republican ticket June 4.

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platform is to be the model for the Democratic platform to be framed at Kansas City, so that the real object of the Bryanite Democracy is to revive greenbackism, using the demand for free silver only as a cover for the ultimate aim, which is not free silver, but free paper.

One of the most important questions that will come before the Legislature at its next session will be that of a primary law, by which the people of the various political parties may express their preference for party nominees.

Drunkness in the Army. The recent comment is indulged upon the recent order of the French Government prohibiting the sale of brandy in the army, and the prohibition of the sale of spirits in the British Army in South Africa.

While the Army in the field, of course, there is no civilian saloon, and the soldier is compelled by circumstances to keep sober, unless he is able to smuggle enough liquor into his kit to get drunk upon it.

There is no regulation in the Army against a soldier's drinking or becoming intoxicated, nor is there any law preventing civilians from doing the same things.

Mr. J. T. Flynn's announcement through the press dispatches that the Russian Government had submitted plans to the United States by which the wheat market of the world could be dictated in interesting, coming, at it does, at a time when the wheat markets are at a low ebb all over the world.

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