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IS HE "CONSERVATIVE" BRYAN?

"Datto" Bryan is the title by which the admiring Sultan of Jolo has placed the Nebraska among the grandees of the earth. "President" Bryan is the title by which Democrats of Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas and other states would place him among the world's real potentates.

But say! What is Bryan saying? Does it echo of that which came forth from his mouth before? Is he cured of heresies that beat him twice, and is he passed from a radical to the boasted conservatism?

In writing from Stockholm he says he wants "certain reforms" in America, but tells not just what. In London, he wants "two-legged" money and denounces imperialism.

In campaigns past Mr. Bryan has demanded "two-legged" money as free coinage of silver as well as gold; and imperialism as retention of the Philippines and other insular possessions.

This, then, is the "conservative" Bryan, who has been tamed by two defeats at the hands of Republicans and one defeat at the hands of his fellow patriots.

These "certain reforms" are of tremendous interest to the electorate of the United States. Bryan's fitness to be President. His last utterances have been awaited ever since his last boom began, and it was said for him that time and travel had reformed his notions and tempered his speech.

But Mr. Bryan is beginning to show himself the same type of man and mind as the people twice rejected. Though he admits the "white man's burden" as a better price for our goods than we can receive for them at home or in markets where we are not doing much export business.

The Washington Railroad Commission is at last displaying commendable regard for the proportions of the task which it encountered in the making of a new distance tariff.

disregard for property rights shown in its order regarding the joint rates on wheat. Men with a lifetime of experience in the making of rates and distance tariffs approach any such radical change as that proposed by the Commission with considerable seriousness.

OUR FRIEND THE RAILROAD.

There are so many contributing factors to the remarkable growth Portland is experiencing at this time that it is difficult to point to any one as the cause for the wonderful change which has taken place since the close of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

To all of these good new friends Portland owes a debt of gratitude, but above all others to whom we should feel grateful stand the railroad men of the country.

The visit of the American Association of Traveling Passengers Agents to Portland last Summer placed those men in possession of the actual facts regarding the great Northwest, towards which the gaze of many people was directed.

It was largely through the Commercial Union that the Railroad Men's Convention was held here last year, and while this splendid commercial organization has achieved rare success along many lines of promotion, it is doubtful if any other single feature which has enlisted their efforts has done so much to advertise the city and state, and induce the efforts of the Commercial Club.

FOREIGN TRADE MISUNDERSTOOD.

With the aid of a guidebook and a few pages of foreign trade statistics, the political economists of the Middle West evolve grand theories regarding the export trade of the United States.

Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of this country, by reciprocity treaties and by political protection, to build up trade with America, progress has not to any other section of the globe.

Our exports to South America have made less progress than to other parts of the world for the simple reason that the commodities of which the United States exports in the greatest quantities are not the same as those of which South America leads.

There is no sentiment in trade and buyers purchase where they can secure the best bargains. "Hostile legislative and treaty enactments" against China have had little or no effect on American export trade with that country.

A little less than a dangerous thing, if a writer on trade topics essays to put out anything approaching a truthful review of the situation.

that which is enjoyed by the Europeans until we buy from South America as freely as the European countries do.

ANARCHY AND NEWSPAPERS.

Collier's Weekly, which is friendly to the Socialists and hostile to all anarchism, undertook in a recent issue to name those American cities which harbored the bomb-throwing fiends within their borders.

Portland got some undesirable and perhaps undesired notice from the Collier's writer; and Patterson, New Jersey, received the greatest attention because it has been headquarters for years of a very active anarchistic "group."

London advises that the Sultan of Turkey is very much disturbed over the activity of the Greek revolutionists in the North Aegean islands.

It needs to be cold or a hot or a normal day when Seattle does not break into view. On the recent trip of the North German Lloyd liner, the Graf Zeppelin, from Bremen to New York, triplets were born the second day out.

WILL FIGHT ADVANCE IN RATES.

Washington policyholders are threatening suit against the fire insurance companies that propose to advance their intention to make an arbitrary increase of 25 per cent in rates in order that they may more speedily recoup their losses by the San Francisco conflagration.

To Buenos Ayres and even to Patagonia by rail will be one of the new trips available for the globe-trotter a few years hence. The projectors of the Pan-American Railroad are pushing southward from San Gerónimo, on the high rate of the line in Johnson's canyon.

On second thought, the Canadian Parliament has decided not to shut the lid down tight on the Sunday trains that run and on Sunday newspapers will go on just the same, and every citizen will be permitted to make himself as miserable as he pleases in his own way.

A Seattle young man fatally shot a Superior Judge because he thought the latter had interfered to prevent his attentions to a young lady. The Judge failed to figure in the shotgun character of Seattle love.

They are quoting District Attorney Manning as saying in Seattle that if Mitchell had slain Creffield in Portland "he would not even have been arrested." He meant "convicted."

Senator Depew will serve his country during the Summer by spending the Senate recess abroad. He has no intention of resigning. Why should he? He hasn't been convicted by a jury.

JOB FOR PLUTOCRAT PREACHER.

Let Him Show The Oregonian the Error of His Ways. Salem Capital Journal. The Oregonian should mend the error of its ways and become more orthodox in its religious views.

Does not the Oregonian know that Dr. Hill is a labor union man, and pleads the cause of the down-trodden at \$500 per month and an occasional trip to the holy land thrown into the bargain?

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KING ALFONSO'S CHANCES.

They Are in Favor of His Escape from Assassination. New York Tribune. While King Alfonso himself, and many others besides, are smothered with the conviction that he is destined to die by the hand of an assassin, his consort may derive some comfort from the fact that of all his long line of predecessors upon the throne of Spain, throughout a period of nearly a thousand years, not one has been murdered.

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DU PONT'S FIGHTING BLOOD.

Delaware's Next Senator Has a Fine Civil War Record. From Various Sources. In 1861 two classes were graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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