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WILL IT NEVER END?

The Iowa Republicans, who have just held their annual convention, chose Mr. W. S. Hart for temporary chairman. Naturally Mr. Hart made a speech when he assumed the exalted dignity of his position. As reported in the papers, his speech consists of a series of words strung together without much regard to grammar or sense.

IT MAKES THINGS PLAIN.

It does terribly hurt the Bryan Democracy to be reminded of the courage and sagacious conduct of Grover Cleveland, and to hear the tributes paid by the country to his high qualities. The principal Democratic paper of Oregon, Bryan and silver to the core, and fierce in its feeling against the tariff, who opened a column through a riotous Chicago mob, against the remonstrance of Governor Altgeld, for the mails and commerce of the United States, says of Mr. Cleveland:

SURPLUS OF SHIPS.

Sentiment favorable to a ship subsidy has always been easy to create in the interior states, remote from salt water. Almost any kind of an appeal in the name of the old flag has succeeded in securing the attention of the local organizations of interior cities resolutions favoring a ship subsidy. The promotion of ship subsidy sentiment under such circumstances in localities where the actual working of the business is unfamiliar is not a difficult matter, and there is a tendency to excuse, on the ground of ignorance, of such an indulgence. But out here on the Pacific, where there is always more shipping than there is business for it, we cannot regard the problem from other than a strictly business standpoint. Every man on the Pacific Coast who has occasion to charter a ship to engage in the foreign trade, knows that he can obtain rates on the tonnage that can be utilized at rates so low that there is not the slightest possibility of trade being hampered in any way by either high rates or scarcity of tonnage.

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.

That woman is a puzzling creature has already been remarked by sundry sages, but we desire to repeat it for the sake of emphasis. Though an angel of mercy, at least in fiction, she does things sometimes which would mar the reputation of Beelzebub or Moloch. Perhaps she does not know how to get along so she will flout and buzz in the effort, but simply will "stick." Perhaps this is wise. At all events, it is for him to decide. He offers this, in explanation and exculpation:

O. SANCTA SIMPLICITAS!

Caught in the sticky fly paper of Statement No. 1, Mr. A. H. Eaton, of Lane County, who was elected to the Legislature on "the statement," acknowledges his plight, but admits he will not get loose so he will not flout and buzz in the effort, but simply will "stick." Perhaps this is wise. At all events, it is for him to decide. He offers this, in explanation and exculpation:

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The Denver platform, we are told, will "declare for strict railway regulation." What's the matter with the great Bryan plan of Government ownership?

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liberal government policy which permits the citizens to buy ships where they are the cheapest, and instead of denying them new registry under the flag of the owner's country, as is the policy of the United States, the ships are welcomed. It is regrettable that a Pacific Coast man should have overlooked an opportunity to set the Eastern lumber manufacturers right on the ship subsidy question.

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States That Contain Large Cities Must Work Local Option. The Southern advocates of prohibition have no reason to be discouraged by their defeat, this week, in the Louisiana Legislature, where a bill to submit a state-wide prohibition to a popular vote was defeated, 58 to 47.

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