THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, PORTLAND, APRIL 8, 1900. ers, successeded in getting the floor, and stated that, according to his recollection, the constitution of the club of 1895 pro-vided that the club be known as the "Bryan and Rogers Club." This fell like a thunderbolt from a clear sky on the assemblage, and the members present, al-most to a man, were on their feet claim-ing recognition from the chair in order to move a reconsideration. probably not even a state convention will BURDEN OF GOVERNMEN that the only chance any of the new as-TONGUE IN THE LEAD pirants had was first to beat the incumbeld in Washington. Commenting on the style of fusion by ab-ription. Indoned by Daniels, the East Whether the contest at McMinnville wil Oregonian declares that "anyone here in this county (Umattina) who opposes such union will certainly 'ay himself open to suspicion, or be indictable of placing some-thing above principle in the goverance of his political actions." levelop the same spirit of determination BRYAN'S SPEECH HAS NO BEARING and the same intelligent and effective co But His Opponents Are Putting operation remains to be seen. ON LOCAL QUESTIONS. The campaign for the fusion nomination Up an Earnest Fight. has not yet been pursued with vigor by o move a reconsi Finally the motion for reconsideration passed, and a motion was made that the words "and Rogers" be stricken from the constitution of the club of 1996, and then it be made the constitution of the club of 1900, which motion was unanimously passed computer to the delight of all n's Paerto Rican Vote-Bryan anybody. Several names are mention The "Imperialist" to Be Dreaded Is Papers Jump On Dewey's Candimong them two from Linn County-J. J. the Taxeater-A Bryan Paper's Bryan and Barkley Compared. dacy-The Utah Election. MANY CONVENTIONS THIS WEEK Whitney and J. K. Weatherford, who was Woodburn Independent. We can now understand why Bryan gen-erally loses the states throughout which he speaks. The people are led to expect a great orator-the greatest in the United States-but they hear an ordinary speaker with an auctioneer's voice, playing on the passions of the people, running down Mark Hanna and England, and enlighten-ing his beavers on no new noint relating Sensible Observations. cessful Democratic nomine against Mr. Hermann in 1894-and ex-Stat Representative Moody's renomination is passed, seemingly to the delight of all Senator Daly, of Lake County. Bishop Mr. Bryan's arguments against imperiulists and Democrats Likely to Barkley, the unctuous brother and silveralism and militarism have absolutely nothing to do with the local problems in Oregon and Marion County, says the Sa--Wolverton for Supreme ongued speilbinder from Woodburn, BRYAN'S DIPLOMACY. Oregon and Marion County, says the Sa-lem Journal (Bryanite). A Republican orator will next be along and present the same questions from the McKinley stand-point, and show how we are blessed with the tariff and the gold standard. Then Cyclone Davis will convince some that both parties are wrong, and that state socialism alone will save the common-wealth. All these discussions are carried on from a partian standpoint and for partisan purposes, on the theory that good government is to result from the applica-tion of a certain National policy at the hands of a certain set of party politicians. Mr. Bryan's arraignment of the Repub-licans as the backers of any policy to op-press and crush the Cubans, or Fuerio Ricans, or Hawailans, or Filipinos, in the Judge. night be persuaded to take it. And so might Colonel Bob Miller, of Clackamas There Are Some Things He Talk About. H. L. Heath, of McMinnville, may be pre-

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This will be a busy week in Oregon state politics, with Portland as the storm enter. The Multnomah County and City Republican Convention will meet tomor row, and will be followed by the Congressional convention of the First district at McMinnville, Tuesday, Thursday in this city four state conventions are to be held, and, besides, the state central committee of the late Silver-Republican organization will make an effort to get together. Friday an interesting week will close with the Congressional convention of the Second district.

The work of the Republican State Conention may be outlined with some degree of certainty. It has little to do. One can didate for Supreme Justice is to be named, four Presidential Electors, and four of the eight delegates to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia. There will probably be a more or les perfunctory declaration of party principles, and the National Administration and the services of the Oregon delegation in Congress will doubtless be indorsed in general terms. The convention is not likely to take drastic action of any sort on the new questions that have come up since the last election, as, for instance the Puerto Rican bills. Nor is it proba ble that special notice will be taken of the attitude of Senator Simon toward the sure that is being forced through Concress by the National Administration Precedent for refusal to commit the party in this state to any advanced policies may be found in the action of the conven tion four years ago, which declined to utter any expression on the money ques tion more definite than the Minneapolis latform on the ground that it was not the siness of the State of Oregon to blaz the trail for the National convention.

The only candidate for the Supreme each likely to be seriously considered is Judge Charles E. Wolverton, of Linn County, now an incumbent. There has been some movement in the direction of Judge E. B. Watson, of this city, formerly a Supreme Justice, but it seems to nave amounted to little. Judge Wolverton' friends point with entisfaction to his record, which they declare has been in the highest degree creditable, and, as it looks now, the convention will unanimously concede their claims.

No names have been prominently men tioned for Presidential Elector, or for delegate to the Philadelphia convention The usual method will be followed of distributing these honorary positions among Republicans who by their party services appear most to merit consideration.

The Populist and Democratic conventions are likely to fuse, while the Middle-

sented to the Democratic convention, he ground that he has a good war record, having been captain of the McMinnville company in the Second Oregon; but he is not likely to carry the convention by storm. The Democrats say they expect Mr. Tongue to be nominated, and they profess to think that he will be less diffi-

oult to defeat than any other Republican ikely to be named. There will probably be no great trouble in inducing the Populists and Democrats to fuse for this nom

natio In the Second District, no Bryanite hankers greatly after the nomination. Name mentioned for it are those of Hon. John Smith, of Clatsop, and Judge A. S. Bennett, of Wasco County. It is conceded that Mr. Moody, or any other Republican, will have a walk-over at the polls. The State Central Committee of the Silver Republicans, at its meeting Thursday, will name delegates to the National convention at Kansas City.

VIEW OF MITCHELL'S LETTER. It Settles One Thing, That He Is

Candidate for the Senate." Salem Journal. Ex-Senator John H. Mitchell has pub

lished a reply to the charge that he was a party to the hold-up of the Legislature. His reply settles only one thing, that he is a candidate for the Senate. His controversy with Mr. Simon or Mr. Corbett are personal matters, but the going before the people and circulating his pamphlet all over the state as he is doing, places him in the light of an aspirant

Whatever claims Mr. Mitchell had on the people of the West was gained as a cham pion of free coimage of eliver. If he had taken his place, as a man of his record and views should have done, in the Bryan column in 1896 (and he never got out of that column until after the June election) he would still command respect, and he might be Senator. But in trying to steal back into the Senate as a more tool of Mark Hanna, and without taking his stand either by his own record or on the Republican platform, he fell between the two stools.

two stools. Trying to make himself an issue as against men like Corbett and Simon will not help him. Simon is showing himself to be an independent man in the Senate. He is standing out against big steals like the Puerto Rico tariff, the Hanna ship-ping subsidy, and Matt Quay's stealing a seat in the Senate, while McBride and Mitchell (if he were there) are on the side where the carrion is and against the people. Men like Simon and Corbett, who have some personal character, and are not impecunious enough to always be compelled to receive assistance from every graft of national proportions, are safer men to send to the Senate than the Mitchell variety of statesmanship. If the next Legislature is Republican a man of Mitch-ell's stripe will never be chosen. If it

is not Republican, a Bryan man of clean type, and who is not for sale, should be sent to take McBride's seat. The Legisla-ture should not be over 15 minutes about it, either. There is other business before the Legislature than reviving the personal fight over Mitchell and anti-Mitchell.

LANE COUNTY REPUBLICANS. Hon. H. R. Kincald's Paper Throws

Sidelights on the Primaries, Brown or any other Demo-Pop. wanting office badly enough to go into a union with such scoundrels to get it." Th Gold Standard Repu primaries in Eugene last Monday and elected delegates to the county conven-tion. Edward J. McClanahan, who was tion. Edward J. McCiananan, who was discarded as being too awfully awful for anything 10 or 15 years ago by the Re-publicans, who were then all clamoring for free silver, like McKinley. Mitchell, Hermann and the other bosses, came to the front and swiped the whole publ, electing himself and his entire ticket in An Unspeakable Outrage. Seattle Times. When Colonel Bryan arrived in Seattle yesterday, three gentlemen belonging to Colonel Bryan's party were assigned to one of the carriages proceeding from the depot to the Rainler-Grand Hotel-and the editor of the Times was assigned a seat beside Senator Turner-but the "gall" of each precinct. The following persons, mos back precision in the following persons, measure ly war horses of many battles, were voted for and beaten by the Luckey ticket for Sheriff and the McClanahan rustlers: Dr. D. A. Paine, ex-Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum; J. H. McClung, ex-State Senator; H. B. Miller, ex-President of the State Accienting College; S. M. the reporter enabled Paul Hedric, an employe of the political enemy, to take pos-session of that sent, while the editor of the Times had the pleasure of walking to the point of destination. of the State Agricultural College; S. M. Yoran, ex-McKinley Elector; Colonel George O. Yoran, a hero of the Filipino In Washington State. war of "conquest and criminal aggres-sion"; L. N. Roney, contractor and build-er of the new Courthouse and many bridges and buildings; R. McMurphey, principal owner of the Eugene Water Com-Colfax Commo The people's party has formally disband-ed. Its prominent leaders, Governor Rogers, Lieutenant Governor Daniels, Auditor Cheetham and Land Commissioner Bridges have all expressed an intention of affilipany, extensive mineowner, and local agent of the Northern Pacific Malirond Company; Dr. T. W. Harris, Mayor of Eugene; F. L. Chambers, William Preston. ating with the Democratic party in the state campaign. It is very doubtful if even an attempt is made to hold a Pop-A. Yerington, George Midgley, S. R. Will-iams, E. A. Wood, R. H. Miller, Eli Banga, F. B. Bellman, W. H. Alexander and a long list of others. The boys who un-horsed these distinguished gentlemen, like ulist State Convention. Skillful and Resourceful. Jacksonville Times Hon. E. V. Carter will go to the Repub lican Congressional Convention backed by the delegation from his own county. A the English in South Africa, are now in possession of the works, and will prob-ably shake the plum tree if they can carry igorous fight was waged against him, but Majuba Hill (the county convention) and hold their indignant rivals down at Spion-kop (the State and District Conventions) he won, although by a very close margin. However he confirmed the fact that he is the most skillful and resourceful politicis and do not meet too many Boers at the The Senator Has Troubles.

ing his hearers on no new point re to public affairs. He is a man of plo earance, which is requisite to the who have been so fortunate as not to hear him, and have been so fortunate as not to hear him, and have beend our Bishop Barkley, may form some conception when we state that, while having particularly a facial resemblance to the Bishop, but not as good-looking, he is not so fine a speaker, all told, as the Bishop.

A Populist's Card. the Roseburg Plaindealer appears a signed "D. P. Fisher, Roseburg, which has a measure of interest to In the Ros card, Il fusionists. Here it is: "To my Populist friends, who request me

THE SITUATION AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL



to accept the nomination on a union tick-ot for Constable, I will say that I was et for Constable, I will say that I was elected two years ago as a Populist and the Democrats wanted the office so badly the Democrats wanted the office so badly they stole it, and told lies enough to sink half the party of the state, and all for the measly little office of Constable. I have come to this conclusion: under no

circumstances will I accept a nomination on a union ticket for anything, and if you can't find a Democrat good enough for the office, would recommend Gillett, Ray.

will not noin true. The masses of the Republican party as sincerely and as hear-tily are the well-wishers of the inhabi-tants of the porcessions that fell to our sovereign control as the masses of the Democratic or any other party. Republicans want cheap grain sucks, cheap binding twine, cheap sugar and cheap tropical fruits-free trade with our own posee sions-just as much as any party. heart they want just as little milita At no mat arty.

what some of their misguided leaders force upon them.

Spokane Chronicle. Scene-Bryan's apartments of his special car, about 11 o'clock Thursday evening, after he had returned to the car from his

The Chronicle reporter questioned the Democratic leader on the situation in Kenucky caused by the assassination of Goe

He tried to draw an opinion from the Presidential candidate on his attitude to-ward the military rule in the Coeur d'Alene country after the strike hast April. He suggested that the people would be nterested in knowing Bryan's opinion of the Boer war.

Ricans, or Hawailans, or Filipinos, in the long run, and speaking of the rank and file of the great masses of Republicans, Then he inquired whom Bryan wanted as a running mate on the Democratic

From that he asked Bryan about the probable action of the Populist convention at Stoux Falls. But Mr. Bryan is a diplomat.

He would not discuss political condilong in Kentucky.

He would not voice an opinion on the state of affairs in the Coeur d'Alenes. He had nothing to say on the Boer War. He was not willing to make any state-ment on the probable Vice-Presidential

indidate on the Democratic ticket.

He would not even talk on the Populis convention to be held early in May. "But you might ask me the same ques ion a reporter did back in New York."

d Mr. Bryan, as he threw sugges coat and vest, preparing to retire for the night. "That was the worst I ever heard. Yes, sir; a reporter back East asked me if I was defeated this year if I would be a candidate for President next time." "And what did you tell him, Mr.

Bryan "I told him it was none of his business

A Home Paper on Gatch. Woodburn Independent.

Claud Gatch will go to the Congress convention with very bright prospects. He will have not only a solid delegation at his back, but after the first ballot will have the strength of other delegations. who will give their home candidates a complimentary vote and then turn to Tongue's strongest competitor, Mr. Gatch, Few of the delegates who do not support Mr. Tongue on the first ballot will subequently go to him. Look at the ques-tion squarely in the face-Tongue and uncertainty; Gatch and certainty. There should be no hesitation among sensible and perspicacious men. The Republican party of Oregon simply cannot afford to take a risk in nominating Mr. Tongue, and having the news go back East that Captain Heath or some other Democrat has been elected in this state on the eve of a Presidential campaign. We canno afford to take Mr. Tongue and chances Too much of the Republican element is irrevocably opposed to him for the party to shoulder him this Spring. We must put up a stronger man and that man is Claud Gatch.

Democratic View of Bryan.

The Dalles Times-Mountain At every point where W. J. Bryan has stopped in this state or Washington, he has been greeted with happy applause and has been greeted with happy applause and extended a welcome that indicates the people are with him; that they look to him as the leader of principies which they indorse. Everything he has said has been drunk in not only by his admirers, but by listened to with the deepest interest and his words of wisdom have been opponents. of a single idea; a man that could discuss the money question fluently and ably; bu they have learned through the speeche Republicans are divided about thes they have rearned through the spectres be has made in Oregon and Washington that his mind is broad enough to grasp every issue now before the people, and that he can discuss them ably and fully. The people who looked upon him as a fanatic now recognize in him a statesman, equal to any the Nation has ever produced.

Populiets of Sidney, in Marion County, where the Jorys live, are against fusion. Registration is reported to be going on with reasonable rapidity in Columbia County. Nearly 900 are on the lists.

The names of three Populist delegates to Umatilia County's Convention, from Echo Precinct, are Od. Teel, Twig Teel and Elt Snike.

Republican nominees for Sheriff in Linn and Marion Counties are both officers from the Second Oregon-Captain Phillips and Lieutenant Murphy.

The Lane County Republican Convention "requested its delegates to do all they can honorably to bring about the renomination" of Representative Tongue

Hon, M. Stewart, renominated by Jack-son County Republicans for member of the Legislature, was recently offered a

lace in the census office at Washington but declined it. The Republican Legislative nomin-Coos County are favorable to Binger Her-mann for Senator. When his name was

mentioned in the county convention, it was oudly cheered, John T. English, nominated by Baker

County Republicans for Representative, made an address before the convention, in which he pledged "unalterable opposition to county division."

Dr. Bernard Daly, of Lake County, who both

has represented his district in bot branches of our state Legislature, would accept the Democratic nomination for igress in the First District, so report goes.

A paper that formerly gave ardent sup-port to ex-Senator Mitchell, now says: "John H. Mitchell has been in politics" ince 1866. The Republican party has been in a row ever since."

The Newberg Graphic has this item among its locale: "The Hon. Clarence Butt pulled his coat Wednesday and his fruit trees on the Miles Rece property shine forth in a fresh coat of whitewash as a

esult. Ex-Senator John H. Mitchell stops off at The Dalles, en route from Pendleton to Portland. Next day The Dalles Chronicle makes a thurst or two at Senator Simon But as Mr. Mitchell is "out of politics," he paper's action is merely a coincidence The narrow margin by which ex-Speaker Carter secured Jackson County's delega tion to the Congressional convention re rea's the intensity of the fight put up by the Tongue men. At the same time, it shows Carter's resourcefulness and skill n combinations.

The Coquille Bulletin says of the recen Coos oCunty Populist Convention: "There was no platform adopted. The refusal of this party to a union of forces with the places Coos County Populists as opposed to the Chicago plat-Den

on record as opposed to the form and to W. J. Bryan." The Salem Populist who was robbed of two gold "twenties" and a quantity of silver during Bryan's speech had more money than even his political party con-cedes to be a proper "per capita"; so he may not complain of the man who was equalizing the condition of the rich and the poor."

The poor. Dr. J. M. Keene exams still to take an interest in politics, judging by the follow-ing from the Medford Mail: "Dock Keene is, by long odds, the 'General' of Republi-can politich in Jackson County. In fact, 'Dock' is the Joe Simon of Southern Ore-roon as well as generalization of the mid-

gon, as well as generalissimo of the mis die-of-the-roaders. The Albany Democrat says that, "so far as now known there is nothing in the make-up of the Linn County Republican ticket that will give any occasion for per-sonalities, and it looks now as if the cam-

expresses no sympathy with the Lentz-Sulzer folly. In the Jackson County Republican conrention, the opposing "slates" received rotes as follows: Carter ticket - C. E. Stewart 55, G. W. Dunn 54, F. D. Wagner 54, G. M. Love 54, C. A. Hitchcock 54, H. E. Ankeny 54, M. L. Alford 54, George L.

Davis 54, . Ray 55. Tongue ticket-P. R. Whitney 53, E. B. Currey 53, A. S. Bilton 53, W. T. York 54, W. H. Gore 53, W. J. Freeman 53, W. T. Reames 53, C. J. Dickinson 53, H. von der Hellen 54. State Senator T. eron was on both tickets and receive 07 votes.

tional Democratic platform, the blunde

will lose Mr. Bryan the electoral votes of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and

California. The Pacific Slope is for law and order; Colonel Bryan knows it, and

Lieutenant J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City, who is a candidate for the Republi-can nomination of Prosecuting Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District, has an nviable record in the Second Oregon Volunteers. He entered as a Sergeant, and received two promotions, coming out a First Lieutenant. The Clackamas delegation is expected to put up an earnest fight in his behalf, using his standing in his profession and his war record as points in his favor. As Washington and Columbia Counties have recently had the office, it is

thought the Clackamas delegation stands an excellent chance of success in its support of Lieutenant Campbell.

PUERTO RICAN BILL.

Comments of Oregon Papers on Votes by the State's Spokesmen.

Bandon Recorder.

Senator Simon will make many friends by his fight against the Puerto Rican tariff scheme and the ship subsidy bill. If Congressman Tongue had taken a like stand, Oregon would have had more cause to do him honor.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer,

All honor to Senator Simon for the stand he has taken against his party in opposing the Puerto Rico consp.racy, and condemnation to Senator McBride for sup-porting the nefarious scheme. Oregon may well pride itself in having one rep esentative out of four who puts principle above party. The Times-Mountaineer has ordinarily rdinarily been opposed to Little Joe Si-tion, but must now acknowledge that he is a bigger man than it had ever thought

him to be. Notwithstanding he is a politi-cal boss, and we believe an unscrupulous politician, he is a patriot, and we honor him for it.

Elgin Recorder.

While the election of Joe Simon to the inited States Senate lacked a whole lot of being satisfactory to all the Repub-licans of Oregon, he is nevertheless prov-ing himself a statesman of more than orinary ability. Unlike his colleague, Mr. McBride, he possesses sufficient inde-pendence to go contrary to the majority of his party when it goes contrary to what he considers right. McBride sup-ported the Puerto Rican tariff measure because the Administration wanted it passed, but that fact did not prevent Mr. Simon from asserting his independence and volcing his sentiments. It is to the ndependence of such men as Mr. Simon

that the country must depend on for the lefeat of such unjust measures as the Puerto Rican tariff bill.

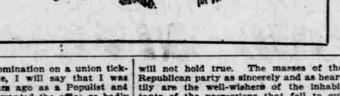
Antelope Herald.

Senator Joseph Simon demonstrates every day his superb qualities as a statesman, not one who suffers himself to be arried from pillar to post by the dif. ferent political leaders in the United States Senate. He has brought himself prominently before the public by his deermined stand against the Puerto Rican tariff bill, and also the bill granting subddles to the large shipbuilding concerns, commonly known as the Hanna-Payne subsidy bill. If he continues this manly course, with an eye single to humanity. and the masses who pay the taxes throughout the United States, he will in-deed endear himself to the prople of the entire country. Oh, for another Simon in the Senate from this state, and Oregon would regain her lost prestige in that body!

"DEAD DUCK IN THE PUDDLE."

Democratic Paper of Eastern Oregon on Admiral Dewey's Candidacy.

paign ought to be a clean one without any



lonely way to defeat. For the Judgeship nomination there are no active candidates, although W. M. Ramsey, of Yamhill County, has been mentioned. Judge Ramsey is a Democrat who stands well with his party and at the bar. The delegates to Kansas City will undoubtedly be instructed for Bryan.

Representative Moody will encounter no opposition in his candidacy for renomination, and the Second District Convention will be a tame affair.

In the First district it will be different The liveliest kind of a fight is being made against Representative Tongue. The county conventions have all been held, and a fairly accurate forecast of the situation can be made. The McMinnville convention will number 163 delegates, and it will therefore take 82 to nominate. The counties that have either instructed for Mr. Tongue or are conceded to him are

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Klamath	7 Tillamock	Ы
	Total	Ŀ

The five opposition candidates have or doubtless will have, the united support of their several counties, as follows: on (John D. Daly)

Jackson (E. V. Carter)	1
Total	1 1 1

Curry 3	Polk		
Douglas			Z.
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It will thus be seen that the leading candidate must secure 23 votes from the uncertain delegations to defeat the combined opposition. The most the managers for Mr. Tongue now claim for him is 80 votes on the first ballot, but they are hopeful that a break may occur somewhere so that the needful remainder may be obtained, and the danger of a protract ed contest avoided. It is reasonably cer tain that Tongue will be favored by a majority of Coos and Curry, and that he will have votes from Douglas. Lincoln is an unknown quantity, but it is probably friendly to Daly. The leaning of Polk is supposed to be toward Mr. Gatch, and it will not come as a surprise if Marion County's popular candidate secures a ma jority, if not all, that delegation. He will also have a few votes from other coun ties, and so will Carter and Hewitt. The line-up on the first ballot will be some thing like this:

Tongue	to	3
Gatch		
Brownell	to	8
Hewitt		5
Carter	***	iii iii

The opposition to Mr. Tongue will en Populists at that time, and the trend in that direction has grown stronger every deavor to adopt precisely the same tac tics pursued by him at Albany four years day. ago, when he defeated Mr. Hermann. The Populists Will Be Wicked It They Decline "Absorption." Lieutenant-Governor Daniels, of Wash-higton, when in Pendleton last week with William J. Bryan, was very frank in his expressions about "union of the reform forces" in his state. He said that the Washington Populists had carefully con-sidered the matter from the standpoint of state and National politics and that the decision had been simply to form a union with the Democrats and disband the Pop-ulist organization, henceforth working as one party with the Democrats; that Gov-ernor Rogers and the other Populist state Hillsboro man stands in exactly the same position today as the Roseburg statesman did then. But his friends claim there is important distinction to be made, and it is this: That Mr. Tongue is second ice of many delegates, who will vote for him after the initial bailot, or after they have given nominal support to the candidates from their respective counties At any rate, the opposition dees not ap pear to have reached so perfect an ur ierstanding as the opposition to Mr. Her mann at Albany. It was realised there

NOT UNION, BUT "ABSORPTION."

It is reported from washington, is wor-McBride, one of Oregon's Senators, is wor-ried over reports from Republican pri-ried over reports from Republican primaries in Oregon. He has reason to be. The chances are that his successor will not be named McBride. This is to be hoped in

matilia Democrats Want to Gulp Down the Populists. Pendleton East Oregonian. The question just now agitating the ocal politican's mind is that of a combination of the forces which comprise the Democratic, Populist and Independent Re-Democratic, Populat and independent re-publican voters. The logical trend and the only sensible conclusion, so all local politicians say, is towards a coalition. Some time ago the matter was first open-ly broached, and the proposition then was to organize under the name of Democracy, all voters helps invited to go into the all voters being invited to go into the Democratic primaries who were desirous of forwarding the movement for coalition.

Populists Will Be Wicked If They

ago he said.

the Philippines, knows about those islands than Bishop Potter, President Schurman and others who have been there. One of Macrum's Mistakes. Joseph T. Hinkle was one of the original advocates of the coalition. Several weeks

Chicago Post. In making his report of alleged outrage Mr. Macrum mistook the yellow journal "I' am heartily in favor of having th or the United States Government, and is Democratic party simply absorb the Pop-ulist organization entire. All the princi-ples vital to the populists have been taknaturally surprised to find that that view is not held by others. "A Merited Compliment." Salem Journal.

the interest of Oregon.

one with to the populates have been tak-en up by the Democratic party, and only the one with selfish ends in view and who wants something in the form of personal gain will oppose the absorption of the party by the Democrats. This is the trend throughout the county, and J hone to see it counts to a successful terms. That was a very pretty compliment the Republicans of Marion County paid Justice Wolverton, a merited but unsolic indorsement for a renomination. hope to see it come to a successful issue These views of Mr. Hinkle were repre-sentative of the thought of a majority of

Russia's Way. Washington Star.

Albany Democrat. It is reported from Washington that Mr.

Not When You Know Atkinson.

New York Mail and Express. It is astonishing how much more Mr. Edward Atkinson, who has never visited

It looks as if Russia meant to have sol-diers and not statesmen on hand the next time it discusses the prospect of peace.

In Kentucky Now. Memphis Commercial Appeal. The proper salutation in Kentucky: "Good morning !Have you been arrested for the murder of Goebel yet?"

In Usual, a Stone.

Baltimore American, Puerto Rico is asking for bread, congress is giving her speeches. Xaturnily Paul Dispatch Mr. Bryan favors the annexation

questions of foreign policy just as men and women in other partice are. And we reiterate, all these matters of foreign

policy are entirely foreign to the problem of local government. The battle for go government in the city of Salem, that has restored confidence and is restoring values in property, was fought out on business principles and not by an appeal to parti-canship. The adoption of a solvent policy in Marion County, that shall conduct pub-lic burdeness for the newly their shall in in Marion County, that shall conduct pub-lic business for the people, that shall in-augurate and maintain a programme that will reduce county taxes one-half and hold them there for four years to come-will not be brought about by Cyclone Davis or

any other national-political orator, but by the cool-headed, common horse sense of the best men in the Republican party, aided by the same kind of men in the other

aided by the same kind of men in the other parties. It will take them all, because in the end the enemies of good government will be found where the plunder is. The Bryan party contains a larger num-ber of men who want economical city, county and school government because their party has not been in power so much and has not been corrupted by the spoils of office as much as the controlling element in the Republican party. They want reform just as badly as any man in any reform party on earth and the perany reform party on earth, and the per sistent howier for reform is too often a mere place-seeker in disguise. Excessive taxation cannot be laid at the door of any one party, but to the partisan system that reverses every principle of good govern-ment and makes office-holding and office-getting the main purpose and reward of party loyalty. There is no hope for relief from the burdlens of excessive local tax-ation in Bryanism and McKinleyism or Cyclone-Davisism or Probibitionism or any

Cyclone-Davisism or Prohibitionism or any isms involving National policies. Relief must come by laying aside these things and putting them in the background as far as possible. They have their place in the Presidential election next Novem-ber but not now exceed to desting a Conber, but not now except in electing a Senator and Congressmen. The injection of National politics in the

county campaign will work a great hard-ship on the people of Marion County if it prevents their securing a County Court that will for the next four years reduce county taxes so that real estate shall county taxes so that real estate shall again have a market value aside from tax sales and mortgage executions. Excessive taxation hangs like a pail on all local enterprises in this county. Nothing but a programme of rigid economy and non-partisan business administration can save our property from remaining a drug on the market, profitable only to the taxeater. His imperialism is more to be dreaded than what may be termed that in our foreign affairs. The militarism of the taxgatherer has been the ruin of once powerful nations, which today seem dying of dry rot be-cause, to meet their immense expenses and to pay interest on their debts, taxa-tion has been increased beyond a safe

tion has been increased beyond a safe limit.

"ROGERS" CUT FROM CLUB NAME.

Olympia Fusionists Show Contemp for the Governor.

An Olympia d'spatch to the Tacoma Led ger gives an instance of the harmony that exists between the executive and the fus-

cause between the executive and the fus-ionists of Washington's capital. A meeting of the fusionists was called Friday night to organize a fusion or Bryan Club to participate in the coming campaign. Officers were chosen, and the question arose as to the adoption of a constitution. One of those present moved that the constitution of the fusion club in 1896 'be adopted for 1900. It went through with a whoop, and every one was In 188 be adopted for 180. If went through with a whoop, and every one was tickled that the matter had been disposed of with so little difficulty, until one mem-ber, with a better memory than the oth-

Bryan's tour of the West has brough him in closer touch with all classes, and it has been beneficial to the cause Democracy.

For Clerk of Circuit Court.

Willis Fisher is being urged by his friends to enter the political field and try for the nomination of Clerk of the Cir-cult court. Mr. Fisher is a native Ore-gonian, and has an extensive acquaintance gonian, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the country. He is a traveling man whose business has brought him in close touch with the merchants and a large portion of the consumers of this county. Mr. Fisher's friends are confident that he would prove a valuable acquisi-tion on the Republican ticket, and be far from a drag. He is an exceptionally pop-ular young man, and, owing to his wide circle of friends will undoubtedly make a formidable candidate, whose nomination would probably prove equivalent to elecwould probably prove equivalent to elec-tion. Mr. Fisher also stands high in the fraternal world, as he is a member of sev eral strong and prominent orders.

Judge Sweek for Chairman

Pendleton East Oregonian. One of the important issues the Dem ocrats are now considering is the chair manship of the state central committee. The most mentioned candidate is Judge Alex Sweek, of Portland. He is one of the best-known Democrats in Portland, and has a high standing in the state wherever he is known. It is quite generally the case that Judge Sweek would be acceptable to Eastern Oregon Democrats, who desire a clean man who will stand firmly for party integrity throughout the entire cam paign.

Salem Journal.

A Philippine Captain of the Second Or-egon, Bert Heath, a bright young McMinn-ville editor, seeks the Union nomination for congress. An editor in Congress from Western Oregon would be a novelty. If he would go there and publish the truth about what is going on at the Nation's Capitol, he would render a valuable serv-

"Bryan Republicans."

Lostine Leader. A hot time was there at the Republi-can primaries in this county, and in Los-tine in particular. The "Bears" have it and the boom goes on. The delegates elected to attend the conventions from this place are if W this place are: H. W. Cole, O. F. Mays, J H. Haun and E. W. Rumble. All Bryan lays, J

A Weakness of Mr. Bryan,

Salem Statesman. In his speech at Salem Mr. Bryan dis-played a fondness for comparing himself with Abraham Lincoln. We believe he is the only compleuous citizen of this country who has ever seriously thought of such a comparison. It is very near to blasphemy.

Repudiating Their Only Moses

Omaha World-Heraid (Dem.). It is reported that Mr. G. Cleveland hears numerous requests that he again be a candidate for President. If this be true, Mr. G. Cleveland certainly has contracted the habit of talking the second sec ontracted the habit of talk

g. The matter of qualification, though, is always an open one." A Salem "Silver Republican" paper thinks that "it would surprise people if the Populists and Democrats of Marion County showed their sense by not adopt-ing a string of resolutions on National and themational questions but got down and international questions, but got down and did a little straight business for th relief of the taxpayers of Marion County. A cynical Republican suggests that a few crocodile tears ought to be shed in Congress over the proposed transfer of the Danish subjects in the West Indies to the United States without getting a written permit from each person. Perhaps an issue could be worked up out of this "sale

of human beings," resembling that of the Louisiana purchase and the acquireme of Florida.

The Coos County Populist Convention decided, by a vote of 37 to 26, after an carnest discussion, not to fuse with the Democrats. The Democrats were waiting for a fusion proposition, but, after re-ceiving notice of the other convention's action, put up a full ticket. The Populists also adopted a resolution agains nominating any one to an office for a third term

The Native Sons are cautioned by the editor of a Salem paper, who is evidently eatior of a Salem paper, while to controly not one of them, that they will hurt their order by taking it into politics. He says: "It is wrong to spend money to induce immigration only to discriminate against the people who come to Oregon to build up the commonwealth. Such is not the purpose or intention of the more thought-ful and intelligent of the Native Sons of

Oregon.' Eugene candidates had poor success in the Lane County Republican Convention. The Register makes this comment: "The delegates who came from the mountains melling of balsam, and from Siuslaw with the odor of salmon upon them, as one dele-gate put it, knew how to capture most of the candidates for office. Eugene suc-ceeded in getting a candidate for Representative, and by timely effort captured the coroner." The influence of Senator McBride ma-

terialized in his home county, Columbia so the St. Helens News reports. In four precincts-Scappoose, Goble, Deer Island and Clatskanie-resolutions favorable to and Claiskanie-resolutions invorable to him were adopted at the primary meet-ings; but similar resolutions were lost in Auburn and Rainier Precincts. At Ver-nonia, the attempt to indorse the Senator caused the primary "to break up in a

The county convention will be held

The county convention will be need April 10. The differences between A. D. Stillman and T. G. Halley, of Pendleton, both of whom for a time aspired to the Demo-cratic nomination for the Judgeship of the cratic nomination for the Judgeship of the Sixth Jdicial District, are reported to have been settled. Mr. Stillman continues as an aspirant to the Judgeship, and Mr. Halley will, instead of esking that nomi-nation, seek nomination for the District Attorneychip. The two therefore agreed on the delegates to the state convention. Hon. H. R. Kincald says of Representa-tive Themas H. Toncue: "From personal

tive Thomas H. Tongue: "From personal acquaintance with Tongue, we have no doubt that he is an abler and more reliable man than McKinley. He flopped, like the rest of the office-holders, on the silver question, and is reported to have flopped from free trade to turiff on the Puerto Rican business, but that does not prove that he would flop back again right away, or flop every time and carry water on both shoulders all the time."

The fact that Lents. Sulzer and other well-known Bryanites are making frantic efforts to create party capital over the events that have led to the restoration of law and order in the Coeur d'Alenes, leads law and order in Bevlew, which supported Bryan four years ago, to warn him in all candor and conviction that if by unhappy mischance men like Lents and Suizer and Boyce inject even a small tincture of their anarchistic sympathy into the pext Na-

Pendleton East Oregonian.

The announcement now comes from Washington that Admiral Dewey is will ing and will accept the nomination for

president on the Democratic ticket. Of course. Through the efforts of of the Gold Democrats, who desire to rid themselves of Bryan, in order to gain control of the party for doubtful purposes, and because of the influence of John McLean and Mrs. Dewey, who is a very ambitious woman and John McLean's sister, the Admiral has worked himself up to a pitch to accept the Democratic nominal which he will never get.

There was a time last year when his nomination was probable, but he com-mitted a deed in Washington, in signing away his title to the house that was given him through popular subscription, that dulled the appreciation of the people for him, and that established him as a weak and silly man, at least, in the ordinary affairs of life; one not suitable to be President, because of his susceptibility to the influences exerted upon him by others.

The fact is, the Democratic nomina-tion for the Presidency has been fairly won by William J. Bryan, and he alone is entitled to it. Had it not been for Bryan the organization would have fallen under the control of the same influences that are uppermost in the Republican par-ty, and become the football of the trusts and the money power. As it is, the party now is free from these influences, and so long as it rotains Bryan as its leader it will remain so

The truth of the matter is, Bryan is a far stronger man for President than Dewey, for Dewey has shown that he is a man of pliable clay in the hands of others, by publicly expressing his will-ingness to accept the nomination for President at this time. In short, Dewey is being made a fool of and don't know the Dewey like Adam owner bits fall to it. Dewey, like Adam, owes his fall to a woman, or like Samson, he placed himself in the power of a woman and he now before the American people minus his strength.

THE UTAH ELECTION.

Roberts' Successor Wins by a Re-duced Majority. Salt Lake Tribune.

It looks as though the Democratic ma-jorities of 1896 and 1898 had not quite been overcome. The state has probably gone Democratic by something like 4000 major ity. The result is apparently due to apathy of the voters of the state, and especially the Gentlie voters. They re-mained away from the poils by hundreds. Two other causes hurt. There are probably 1990 bands of sheep in the state; they average three men to the band, and they were all out on the ranges. Those men are almost to a man Republicans. In this city several hundred Republicans were denied a vote because they have removed from the precincts in which they are registered. Twenty-eight voters in the Tribune office alone were thus dis-

franchised. Then the Republican speakers made (in our judgment) a mistake in not calling upon the Mormon people to enter their protest against the final resolution of the Democratic platform. They kept still, which left a thought in many minds, especially Gentile minds, that the party as represented by those speakers lacked the courage of their convictions, and all the

but after all, how many such victories can the Democracy stand? They carried the state in 1856 by 52,000 majority, and in 1898 by nearly 6000. The 1838 plurality has been reduced by about one-third. It would have been a menderful victory it would have been a wonderful victory to have overcome those majorities entirely. but that it was so nearly done is an omen

full of hope for the Autumn. The Republicans have lost the skirmish; wait now for the real battle in November

A Chance for an Editor.