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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. Cleveland has sent in his message to congress and as the ideas therein are in direct conformity with those of his past official utterances, THE ARGUS feels constrained to say that it considered a passing notice would do nearly as well as the publication of the entire message. He defends the Wilson bill by intimating that it has encouraged international trade and rather seems inclined to hold that our expenditures are rather large instead of having insufficient revenue. He is in favor of retiring the greenbacks and seems to consider the national banking system the proper need to give our people a circulating medium. His remarks on Spain are not what were expected by jingoists and are rather conservative. It appears that the president would rather have an amicable settlement of the Cuban question than have any trouble with Spain. His attitude has latitude enough to give Spain time to submit her claims to the island before this country. The president's message is couched in an unusual style, and it is important features are treated in another page.

STATESMANSHIP.

The best problem which constitutional economists of to-day which treats of the relation of the laborer to that of business. If we consider that condition which is best for the laborer we find that it is to his interest to get the products of the farm at as cheap a price as possible, and that the article of manufacture which is the product of his toil, must sell at a price exactly the antithesis of cheapness that his wage may not be lowered. It is true that the farmer looks to this class of labor for a partial market for his product but he must rely upon a healthy competition in manufacturing industries in order that he may get the best condition which the manufacturer and manufacturing laborer the greatest possible benefits militates against the best interests of the farming classes. In the recent election the laborers of the East were taught that the farmer element of the South and West was in favor of giving them "half money" for their toil. It would appear in the end that the interests of all labor should be more closely allied and Mr. McKinley and his administration have a task of statesmanship before them to satisfactorily adjust affairs.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

It seems generally to be the impression that Mr. McKinley will call an extra session as soon as he is inaugurated. This will be obviated, however, should the present session pass such a tariff measure as will provide sufficient revenue for necessary governmental expenditures. It appears that either the nation should have greater revenue or lesser expenditure and if the expenditure is not to be decreased the revenue should be increased. The government is now running behind in the neighborhood of one and one-half millions of dollars monthly and it is a matter that should be removed from a political boundary. If this congress shall see fit to keep on in the old custom of piling up appropriations it should also see fit to increase the revenue by conservative means. If the expenditures are not cut then the revenue must be swelled. It is this congress does not cut down expenses and provides no relief in the way of sufficient cash to conduct the government Mr. McKinley will be justified in holding an extra session at once. There is something peculiar about political parties. The republican party in the South and West was nearly as badly affected

with silver ideas as was the democratic party, but the difference of the two organizations was in the fact that they saw a chance to win and staid with the St. Louis convention. The gold democrats bolted the democratic convention and in doubtful states voted for McKinley. The democratic party was not split in twain as the result, for Bryan polled more than a half million more votes than Cleveland in '92. But enough democrats went for McKinley to give him the election. Only in very few states did the silver republicans leave their party. This goes to show that the republicans, as partisans, had thoroughly organized, while the democrats, disheartened by the hard times, since 1894, have hardly kept up a semblance of a fight in the North, and this had considerable to do with the result.

BANKS are every day failing back east and bi-metallists are now being spared the "sound money" explanations that it is due to Bryan's election. As it is, confidence has been restored and there is a paucity of editorial explanation in the McKinley organs as to why confidence has not kept the banks intact. THE ARGUS suggests to the Independent that depositors, by virtue of great and overwhelming prospects for the coming prosperity, drew out their money to invest in manufacturing plant stock! There is no copyright on this idea and the brother can use as tho' it had never appeared here.

MR. CLEVELAND advises Congress to cut down expenditures. This is clearly the trouble. With a general depression such as we are now experiencing, the McKinley bill does not furnish sufficient revenue. When times are hard a government is in need of exercising economy as much as are individuals. The great trouble with the nation is that too much money has been squandered and the democratic congress was as derelict in its duty to the people as others.

THERE is some agitation for the appointment of a commission of lawyers to help clear off the old docket of the Oregon Supreme Court. It would appear that our Supreme Court should be able to handle its cases without any trouble, considering its numerical strength and the legal business of the state. Our judges are paid a good salary and if they worked one half as hard as do some of our Circuit Judges there would be no great delay in the rendering of decisions.

The Independent appears to take violent exception to an excerpt on Thanksgiving practices of government-made proclamations which was run in this paper. The trouble with our contemporary is this: it doesn't seem to recognize the difference between silly repetition and actual conditions. Still, this is not strange as the brother hasn't as yet discovered the difference between his editorial attitudes of 1895 and '96, which were directly in opposition one to the other.

THE Baker City Epigram thinks the great swelling of the November republican vote over that of June is indicative of fraud. The Epigram should remember that some queer conditions are presented the November vote. Here in this county for instance, where one town went over 50 more for McKinley than the most sanguine republicans looked for, and in Hillsboro, where McKinley was 50 short from the republican poll.

If Mark Hanna goes ahead making preparations for the inaugural it is not reasonable to suppose that he will continually go ahead after that? Mr. Hanna has earned more than a cabinet position and there is no reason why, from a republican standpoint, Mr. Hanna will not make a good presidential advisor. He has brains and daring. He is a good general and ought to be in the "push."

THE silver republican senators have resigned from the republican senatorial caucus with but one or two exceptions. John H. Mitchell is one who still stays. Mr. Mitchell will do nothing to hurt his reelection to the senate and in this he is a wise politician. Had he declined to have gone into the caucus the Oregonian would have at once opened its batteries, and his chances for reelection would have been small.

WHY ENGLAND REJOICES.

The Oregonian.
If there is any country on the earth that is a plutocracy, that country is Great Britain. That country is the mother of plutocracy; it has been a plutocracy for 300 years; it became the mother of plutocracy through the efforts of its aristocrats to check the progress of liberal ideas in Europe in the day of the French revolution and its progeny has been plutocracy ever since.
The Oregonian speaks truly. England is a plutocracy and its wealth is largely invested here. That plutocracy has the same designs in every quarter of the globe. It selfishly opposes liberal government as it means progression and liberal laws for the masses. A liberal government means just monetary laws and the right of all to sovereign expression on governmental ideas; the abolition of trusts, whether of royalty, commerce, trade or finance. Because England was a plutocracy she inaugurated the gold standard, and because she is a plutocracy is she now rejoicing over the triumph of her interests in this country by the election of the gold standard forces. The interests of this element are the same, whether here or in England.

THE United States will have no war with Spain unless that country commences hostilities. The jingoists will see no trouble while Cleveland is president and Mr. McKinley will be as safe in that regard. Unfortunately, however, Mr. McKinley will have more in his party than the jingoists. The McKinley organization.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.
B F Purdy and wf to J F Hall 5a Andrew Harper d 1 c 1 s r 4 w \$250.
J Siger and wf to H Wehrung s 1/2 blk 9 in Hillsboro and other land in city of Hillsboro \$700.
P L Spencer to Carrie Zimmerman 1/2 in Spencer homestead \$80.
Andrew and Rosa Bell and Eliza Eymann to S O Hangan, 6 a sec 32 1 2 s r 1 w \$250.
W C Tupper and wf to Mabel Tupper to a Andrew Harper d 1 c 1 s r 4 w \$250.
B F Purdy and wf to W C Tupper to a same as above \$750.
J P Young and wf to Edna Eymann 47 1/2 a sec 7 1 3 s r 1 w \$800.
Bernj Birsell and wf to Carrie Zimmerman 1 1/2 in Spencer Homestead \$200.
W A and Maggie Walker to J A Ruble 21.50 a sec 2 1 s r 3 w \$1000.
James C Smock and wf to public road-way in Sherwood \$1.
Levi N Sparks and wf to Emily J Sparks pt it 3 blk 19 F G \$300.
First Cong church F G to J P Hansen s 1/2 R 55 Cong cemetery \$9.
Peter Jacobson and wf to Carl Peterson n 1/2 s e 1/4 sec 13 1 1 r 5 w \$300.

BEAVERTON.

The mud is deeper than for years.
Henry Watts has been confined to his bed for several days but is improving now.
Mr Dr Robinson, who has been confined to her bed by an attack of influenza, is now recovering from the past two weeks seems to be improving at this writing.
The baby crop never fails in Beaverton. A Wolf, a Peterson and a Hunter have appeared upon the scene during the past week.
Mrs Ida Burns has gone to join her husband at Pendleton and Mrs J A Burbank has moved to the Sandy in Clackamas county. The latter has resided in this town for over 25 years and will be missed by the whole community.
The new store building of W H Morton will be ready for occupancy this week.
Much damage has been done in this vicinity by the recent storms and freezing. Carrots and potatoes seem to have suffered most as many persons had not yet dug them out of the ground.
J A Reid and wife formerly of this place but now residing in Portland have been stopping in this city for the past week owing to the illness of Mrs Robinson.
Miss Christina, daughter of Robt Johnson, has been quite sick with scarlatina but is now said to be out of danger.

G. A. R. Meeting.

At a regular meeting of the G. A. R., Gen. Hanson Post, No. 69, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing term:
H. L. Locke, P. C.
Green Hale, S. V. C.
B. K. Haines, J. V. C.
C. E. Cline, Chaplain.
Jas. McCulloch, Q. M.
Chas. Bowen, O. D.
J. H. Wilkins, Surgeon.
E. G. Tate, O. G.
Delegates to State Encampment, H. V. Gates and Rodolph Crandall.
Alternates, J. P. Hicks and H. W. Hesse.
The Post passed a vote of thanks to the press of the city for favors of the past year and invited the editors to be present at public installation of officers on January 1st, at 10:30 a. m. Congressman Tongue was also invited to be present.
R. CRANDALL, Adjutant.

John Heisler was down from Gales Creek yesterday on business with Commissioners' Court John's reputation as the best road supervisor in Washington county is still unblemished.
W. F. Werschkul, of Portland, has quite a class in this city which he is instructing in vocal music.
Wm. Reiling was in the city from Greenville yesterday.

Announcement!

Read this carefully, people of Hillsboro and vicinity, if you want to keep a jeweler's business in your city.
I call your attention to my new stock of
Holiday Goods.
Come and see my stock of Watches and clocks and silverware. I also have a fine grade of rings, chains, scarf and breast pins, collar and sleeve buttons, silk watch guards and vest chains, all kinds of optical goods, bracelets opera glasses and everything to be found in a first class stock.
Rings made to order for holiday presents if ordered in time.
Will Unders II Portland.
All repair work which has been left here for over 3 months must be called for by December 25th or the same will be sent for charges. Remember your friends with a choice Xmas Present.
L. V. BERKMAN, Pres.

Mask Ball!

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G. M. Gardner,
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Lock! Rare Bargains These Properties For Sale

Enquire at THE ARGUS office.
No 3 128 acres, highway running through center of place, 50 acres in cultivation; 2 acres in orchard, apples, pears and plums; 6 room house; log barn; good well of water; 20 acres of bowerland, easy to put in cultivation; place well watered by springs and creeks; 100 acres under fence; 14 miles from post office, daily mail; 1 mile from school house and six miles north of Hillsboro. Goes cheap for cash.
No 4 A good corner lot on Main and Third streets, 7x175, with good building thereon, suitable for any kind of business, and in excellent repair, will go at a bargain for cash. Part payment and balance on long time with security.
No 5 12 acres, half cleared, balance in grass. Good house of four rooms; good barn and outbuildings. Fine orchard of 50 trees and various other small fruits, 150 chickens 50 ducks, 1-horse wagon, 2 sets single harness, good cow, 3 heifers 1 horse and farm implements. Everything goes for \$650, cash in hand.
No 2 10 acres, half cleared, 1 acre bowerland, rest slashed and sown to grass, no buildings, goes for \$65 per acre. Within two miles of Hillsboro. Terms, \$100 down, balance in 3 years at 10 per cent. Or will sell 40 acres, of which above is a part, at same price per acre, including 15 acres of bowerland and small cleared.

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Prices so low that they are Absurd
Call and see our new line of China and Glassware.
The only complete stock of dolls and toys in the city
All the latest novelties in Fancy Goods.
With every 50 cent Purchase you have your choice from the 5 cent counter.

The Hillsboro Pharmacy

The Leading Drug House
Where Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Sponges, Brushes and all Druggist's Sundries may be procured at prices that simply distance competition.

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Beef, Mutton, Veal and Pork
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Highest Market Price Paid for Fat Cattle, Sheep and Hogs
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