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THE TAMMANY QUESTION.

There is much talk that Tammany will try to dictate the next democratic nominee for president on a straddle platform. This is all bancombe. New York will have to go with the democracy as a whole or else keep out of the race. The state has always endeavored to control the nomination and has always fought when it failed to name its man. The democracy, as aligned at Chicago, and as maligned by the republican press, wants no success at the polls for the sake of office only. In 1896 it declared for its first principles and polled more votes by a million than any other presidential candidate, successful or unsuccessful, ever received, and it did not have the support of the New York delegation—and polled this vote in the teeth of antagonism made terrific by onslaughts from an administration in power and accelerated by assaults from a power which courted office. The democracy wants no compromise. It will have none of it. It cannot afford to stultify its record by remaining silent on issues of vast importance—and it will not—Tammany to the contrary notwithstanding. The city in which Tammany controls is made possible by the commerce of the country. That commerce is made possible by the farming and producing elements, of which there is a sufficient majority to bespeak and put in force American laws and just principles of government. Tammany may support or reject as it sees proper. The whole people will speak rather than Tammany, but a portion.

THE UNION PACIFIC.

After all the blow about the Union Pacific sale; after the repeated assertions of the administration press over "getting every dollar due the government," it transpires that Uncle Sam is out twelve millions which should have gone into the national treasury had the administration willed it, but it seems that the close corporation must have had a lead pipe cinch on something or somebody. The New York Journal and World made so hard a fight on the steal that the re-organization committee, fearing that the government might postpone the bid for different action, raised its bid eight millions of dollars. After all, it seems that Mr. McKinley followed out the original idea of his predecessor, whom his organs frequently accused of stealing two millions of money in a bond deal!

The Union Pacific will now go ahead and do business. Its campaign assistance has been paid for.

ANOTHER DEFICIT

The tariff question continues to give the American people a great deal of trouble—especially is it now dawning in the minds of the people that a tariff which is of sufficient proportions to protect the manufacturing capitalists is bound to be a poor revenue producer, and on the other hand, a tariff which is low enough to afford inlet to foreign manufactures in quantities sufficient to be a market factor in commerce, is not yet acceptable to the majority. In either case we must bond for money to meet expenses, legitimately or illegitimately incurred. What, with governmental expenses on the increase, pensions growing more in volume each year, will be the outcome of our present regime? It must mortgage its future, and there the matter rests. Of course, the present administration controls nearly all the powerful press and you hear very little about "deficits." You only heard that when it became apparent that the people were getting their eyes open on the money question, and it was

desired to put in, under the disguise of opposition, a party with gold monometallic proclivities. The ruse succeeded, but can it be done again?

THE GREAT PROBLEM

If our great politicians devoted their time as assiduously to the studies of our economic problems as they do to practical politics, we would be more apt to have that evolution of government which would do the greatest good to the real bone and sinew of the government. That we may never get a perfect government is a foregone conclusion, but we should clearly have such government as will mean the greatest good to those who make social, commercial and national life possible. Commercial interests, which are made possible only by the existence of farm and labor elements, and which interests draw their substance from the elements of farm and labor, often—we may say ever—take advantage of speculative legislative machinery to gain further benefit. Laws are bought and sold like so much merchandise and the farmer pays for it in the end.

Men have organized the farm elements again and again and the organization has held fairly well in sections, but the leaven works slowly. The laborer, and he is quite numerous in places—has been pitted against the agriculturist, to the sorrow of the latter, the first named forgetting that he lives off the largesse of the latter. The problem grows more and more unapproachable each year and unless the tillers of the soil unite on a common ground, and get away from the purely mercenary control of the commercial influence of our common legislation, we shall have a country full of indeterminate strife.

SOUND MONEY CANT.

Sound money sages are sending out their supplements, editorials, and whatnot to the country press in great effusion. These wise fellows understand full well the calibre of the average country newspaper man who supports gold monometallism. The little editors, having but precious little originality, imagine they see brilliancy in the cheap-because-free literature, and send out the rot to their readers in the delusive hope that the stuff may be deemed of home manufacture. This pollyglot and tommyrot is always assuring one that money must be kept "sound," must be "stable" and "not fluctuating in value."

Ye Gods! Why, is there anyone who will deny that money was "sound" a year ago now? Isn't it still "sounder" at this moment than it was one year back? Will not a dollar buy more wheat today than it would one year back? More cotton than it would a year ago? Here is your sound money for you! But for right, good, stable, sound, honest money, we must yet wait awhile. We must have a little more contraction, a few more bonds, a little more "commercial legislation" and after a while we can turn out a fifteen cent per day peasantry on a scale with "enlightened," "honest money," "patriotic" Portugal! Let us have sound money!

HOW LABOR IS PROTECTED.

The protection of American labor is again getting in its patriotic work. The trend of immigration is coming "uswards." Just as soon as the people elect a congress and president which pass laws favoring our friends, the manufacturers, (and for the protection of American labor) in their special lines, our shores are visited by a foreign laborer, who incidentally drops in just to see the protected American. He doesn't hire out to the American manufacturer at lower wages—he simply has come to give us a social call. The manufacturer, of course, wouldn't have him (until he is naturalized, or takes out his first papers) because the manufacturer is a "philanthropic," and would rather "raise" wages than lower them. But, come to think it over, he does hire the foreigner at a raised rate of wages, and thus is American labor protected in a statesmanlike manner. The American laborer then sees the beauty of voting for close corporate power. He can go home and rest up awhile.

A HARD FIGHT.

Banker Corbett will go to the Senate in December backed by all

the great financial institutions of the east and their counterparts abroad. It will be remembered that the contest now on in the United States over the money question is one of supreme importance to our English creditors. These great credit agencies are making a supreme effort to get the United States financial system where it will not give them chills and nightmares. If they were even contented to allow the present system to stand one could at least tolerate their position with some degree of equanimity, but they are intent upon forcing a retracement of eight hundred millions of our credit or representative money to make further contraction. If they can do this before another election, with their control of the courts, they opine to hold the ballot of the country in their own hands. With this in view, Mr. Corbett will go to the senate aided by all the power of that which rules the world. If he be seated, the currency reform bill stands a show of being passed, and the monometalist contractionists will have had their way.

THE COMING MEET.

The coming session of Congress will be watched with much interest. When a congress has no great measure in view, and it meets simply to round out a few policies, there is apt to be more or less mistaken legislation. From dispatches it is learned that Congress may vote to annex Hawaii. Our government will find that the spirit of acquisition, once breathed into life, will give the nation much trouble, and a little possession here and there may be provocative of very much trouble if not national disaster. We stand as a republic today only because of our centralized territory, where armed forces can readily be mobilized. The nation had better correct the existing evils at home in the solution of some of our native problems and leave the acquisition of new territory by the wayside.

The United States has plenty of troubles of its own, but if it must acquire new territory let it get something nearer home—the island which commands the situation at the gulf. In going farther away from home the nation may run up again at a doctrine as dangerous to our welfare as is our own Monroe Doctrine to foreign powers. Let Congress have care that it makes no mistakes.

FOLLOW THE LAW.

There is but one conception of public office and that is—that it is a public trust. Officials can lose nothing by following the statute when that statute is provided as a safeguard over the expenditure of public moneys. Excuses or bald assertions never palliate in instances where officers play lawn tennis with laws governing their actions. Bulldozing a thing through does not in the least excuse a breach of public faith. Laws are made to be followed to the letter, and, in many instances, are drafted for the protection of the public, and this is none the less true when applied to the officers of a strongly republican country. If laws are bad, strict adherence will cause their repeal. Where laws are mandatory, there is no excuse for ignoring them.

Where are those little republican sheets which were for silver and the downfall of the late Senator Dolph? Where? Advocating the same policy? Not much! They have switched and are now supporting the same policy pursued with faithfulness by Dolph. "He stood for a policy which would decrease from one-half to two-thirds the price of everything that Oregon had to sell," these little shriekers said! Is there a change in the Dolph policy? Or, as Scott's Oregonian would say, have the "vermin" changed? Is it any wonder that the Oregon republican party has rotten bones with such editorial representation?

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS.

Hanna has troubles of his own. National honor must be maintained, as well as deficits. It is not money that rattles. For instance that deficit. It is possible that Prof. Andree is stuck on the Chilcoot Pass. The Dingley bill has made a forty million touchdown and as a center rush bids fair to break the record of Bill Wilson. If Mr. Kipling will just write a poem on Tom Reed's coits, he will have learned



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Those journals which uphold the game of football as promoting muscle and self reliance have evidently overlooked the seductive woad and its alluring companion, the sawbuck.

In his letter of Thanksgiving Mr. McKinley did not divide the honors of fame abroad between Dingley and Jehovah. He gave it all to the latter which shows that Mr. McKinley yet occasionally caters to public sentiment.



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A contract will be let at the county court room, at Hillsboro, Oregon, Washington County, on Wednesday, December 8, 1897, at one o'clock p. m. to the lowest bidder for building a bridge over a creek and canyon near the house of Knox on the county road leading from Bux to the residence of J. N. Bailey, in said county, all bids to be sealed. The commissioners court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Specifications may be seen at the Clerk's office and after this week, by order of commissioners court. B. P. Cornelius, Judge.

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned farmers and residents at Mountaineer and vicinity will prosecute to the full extent of the law, for such offense prescribed, all persons who hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon the farms of said undersigned.

Dated at Mountaineer, Washington Co., Ore., this 25th day of September, 1897. H. Taylor, H. C. E. Sherry, John Smith, Geo. Harris, L. I. Northrup, J. C. Crocker, M. M. Rowell, M. W. Hah, J. C. Lafferty, S. J. Rafferty, C. B. Taylor, Geo. H. Argonaut, John Jacob, A. C. Wirtz, W. A. Montgomery and W. S. Hayman.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, ORE. Oct. 20th, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County at Hillsboro, Oregon, on Dec. 4th, 1897, viz:

Grant Bacon

H. E. No. 273 for the E 1/4 S 1/4, and lots 3 and 4 of Sec. 7, T. 3 S. R. 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas G. Mendenhall, John Q. Johnson and Dan R. Cox, of Bacon, Ore., and William Neaves, of Forest Grove, Oregon. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1897. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, ORE. Oct. 19, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on Nov. 27th, 1897, viz:

Thomas W. Sain

Adjoining farm Rd. 978 for the E 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 7, T. 18. R. 4 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Dennis, Benjamin Dennis, Simon Wahl and E. N. Hall, all of Gaston, Ore. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1897. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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John Byrnes

H. E. 10366, for the W 1/4 N E 1/4, S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec. 15 and S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec. 19 T. 3 N. R. 4 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. J. Crabb, Leitch Peterson and A. H. E. Wolf, of Buxton, Ore., and J. Kennedy, of Greenville, Oregon. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1897. ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, in the matter of the estate of Lyman L. Williams, deceased, and that said Court has set Monday, the 6th day of December, 1897, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Court room, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement of said estate.

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