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THE POINT OF THE COMPASS.

The student of natural life and empire, viewing the past and future in the retrospect, has suddenly found a new condition confronting him and one that is largely concerned of the future of the genus homo, man. When we go back to the middle ages and reflect upon the subsequent development of the human race and empire, how suddenly comes upon us the realization, after all, that our great modern civilization hinges upon the point—the western point—of the compass. Charles Darwin has said:

"The remarkable success of the English as colonists, compared to other European nations, has been ascribed to their 'daring and persistent energy.' But who can say how the English gained their energy? There is apparently much truth in the belief that the wonderful progress of the United States, as well as the character of the people, are the results of natural selection; for the more energetic, restless and courageous men from all parts of Europe have emigrated during the last ten or twelve generations to that great country, and there have succeeded best." Obscure as is the problem of the advance of civilization, we can see at least that a nation which produced during a lengthened period the greatest number of highly intellectual, energetic, brave, patriotic and benevolent men would generally prevail over less favored nations."

Darwin was right, but had the selected of the European continent made their way eastward instead of westward, what might have been the result? Going toward the rising sun these fittest must have met great settled populations inate with improvidence and unthrift, amalgamation with which must have lowered the best standard, although it would have raised the local average. The west, however, offered the field for the doctrine of advancement. The best blood and sinew surged toward the lesser inhabited domains and civilization dawned new robes. The daring spirits of our forefathers were infused into posterity and still the star of empire beckoned westward. It was a matter of substance. The strongest left their early haunts for new fields where homes could be acquired without too much crowding. Take our own history. Go back to the civil war. Where did the great American civilization find its savior when its fate was trembling in the balance? In the marts of New York? In the great commercial institutions of New England? The answer is—to the great west, where the posterity of daring was drawn by scope of empire! Abraham Lincoln, the select of the select!

But to go further: take Canada—she has known more freedom in her last 10 years of existence than the mother country has known in the last five decades. She has broken from the eastern domination, controlled by the commercialism and collateralism of great houses, built upon the best blood of a nation—and she moves forward. The parallel is our own east seeking to rule the better and stronger west, and it has its sides amongst us. But the west will over-rule those left behind and bring new blessings to the nation whole, in repetition of what has transpired in the past.

And now we face a new era, and one which must cause us pause for earnest contemplation. It is a metaphysical matter—a scientific question, and one that is thrilling in its problems. The great west must now regenerate the Orient. Amalgamation, affiliation and decades of association, the entering of domain where brain and brawn have long been naught save indolence and rust, the Anglo-Saxon spirit is suddenly up against the greatest scientific proposition since it evolved from the middle ages to its present great proportions. The west of today is the east of yesterday. Every lover of his fellow; every person interested in the great problem of man and his advancement must view this threshold of a new and undefinable future with

wonder and awe. For the first time in time the point of the compass has pointed more than once around. It is not now a question of subduing a few savages, but of regeneration of those who are next of kin in numbers. Our civilization must either infuse itself into the Orient or go to the southward. Is the Oriental proposition one which will lower or raise the standard of man, on the whole? We are inclined to think the latter, yet advanced man had never so great obstructions to overcome. The greatest light on the question is the fact that never was civilization more equal to the combat than at the opening of the siege.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

That the money changers and income taxers shall not further debase the product of the farm without a desperate struggle is evidenced by the recent party declarations by the democrats and populists of the East. In the face of a war with Spain and Asiatic war clouds we have seen wheat and cotton get down to the low ebb and the basis of no profit. Whilst the gold advocates have been busily explaining that it is a "law of supply and demand" we have noticed that the price of the dollar has gradually grown better and better while the prices of everything else have been further and further debased. Isn't it about time these so-called economists realize that the law of supply and demand is operating upon the dollar just as upon other things and that if the volume of money, legal tender money, were permitted to be enlarged, that the dollar would then hold its proportionate ratio to property, instead of being the only thing growing dearer?

To be explicit: suppose wheat had kept up to the dollar mark, enabling farmers to buy machinery and make improvements. This would have kept up prices of labor, lumber, machinery, etc., and of all things produced—that is to say, if dollar wheat were a fixture. Dollar wheat would set to work and keep to work, the manufacturers of all kinds of supplies needed by farmers. Business must have increased wonderfully. Everybody must have been employed and farm property must have doubled in value. Money holders and income taxers would not have had so much power in the dollar itself, yet would they have complained? Then why complain when one desires to have a money system that will provide dollars proportionate to the business transacted and elevate property, as measured in money, to its old profit-giving standard? It is a notorious fact, however, that such complaint always comes when one tries to keep product from being cheapened, from being debased, and you hear demagogues talking about "cheap money," "dishonest dollar," etc. Why don't these critics get down to the real comparison and think a little about "cheap product" and "dishonest product?" Why not protect the farmer and his home? Why debase all that makes commerce and supports the world? Why seek to depress the value of the tax and debt-payer and appreciate the holdings of the dollar-holding classes? Why not, by law, convert our silver to a legal-tender basis with free and unrestricted rights at the mints, thus making it as good as gold and therein keep the unit of money from growing dearer, which has a tendency to drive it from circulation, causing stagnation and national decay. Products are to be measured in dollars. Products must be measured in dollars. If by law you must better one or the other, which should it be? Which would most benefit to better? and how about the majority being farmers?

AN OUTRAGEOUS ABUSE.

Why do not the public administrations of the various counties of Oregon see to it that the railroads pay their share of taxation? It is high time that our farmers are released from paying taxes which should be met by these corporations. When railroad corporations are granted benefits like the Southern Pacific enjoys in the valley counties, something in our state and county governments is out of joint. Equality of taxation does not exist as between this corporation and the very properties which contribute to its dividends. Must farmers sit idly by and see this preferment bestowed at their expense?

It is a safe proposition to assert, after a careful examination of the California and Washington assessments, that the S. P. does not pay over one-half that it should on its road bed in Oregon. Is this practice acceptable to Oregonians? If not, what is the remedy?

Let farmers come forward before the various county boards of equalization and ask that their assessments be reduced to compare with the proportionate valuations of railroad bed. Let them insist that favoritism shall not obtain, as it has in the past, at their expense and see whether they are to bear burdens not equitably proper. It is high time that this should stop, and the farmers are the only agency which can bring the proper influence to bear. If this reform can not be accomplished in this manner there is but one way to accomplish it, and that is to drive out, by ballot, Southern Pacific control of state affairs.

M'KINLEY, NOT ALGER

The cry against Alger is not without cause, but it is for nothing. Sincerity directs that public complaint should look higher than the mere instrument of the administration and look at the cause of the effect. More than likely it will be found that Mr. Alger has consulted his political father, the president, in moves of both general and detail. His ill conduct of his portfolio for weeks been placed before the executive and as yet we see no sign except perhaps a general inclination to whitewash the artful old demagogue. But Mr. Alger is more to be pitied than to be blamed. No one expects aught but incompetency from a man like Alger, a person totally unfitted for public service. His appointment was not recognition of merit, and his succession as a ranting rear car displayer of low and vulgar politics, aided by a barrel, to the high office of secretary of war, is highly indicative of the power now assuming control of American government. Merit, in no sense, entered into his selection. He bought the appointment out and out, and the American people knew it before votes were cast which elected Mr. McKinley. Nothing will result in the howl, no matter how incompetent he may be, unless the November elections in the East go against the administration. In that case a scapegoat will badly be needed—and Alger will fill the bill as he has neither ability nor influence. The president is the man to look for when the incompetency of the war department is the subject of criticism.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

There is no logical reason why Oregon should have an extra session of the legislature. Such is but a political move and has none other than political significance. It is folly to assert that it will save money for the state—ridiculous folly. A political body which can not enact laws and elect a senator in one and the same session is not worthy of political honors and the cry of economy is far fetched. The whole truth of the matter is, the legislature is convened solely to elect a senator. It is a fight between men who are open aspirants for the honor and for men who want it, but fear public avowal. The per diem for a 20 days' session alone would be \$5,400; and at the usual clerk hire rates of our "reform" legislatures, penicillars would receive seven or eight thousand more, if not nearly \$10,000. Considering that with decency at the helm, the legislature could elect a senator and transact all necessary business, pass laws, etc., in the usual 40 days, it appears that the extra session is nothing but a burden, and if a senatorial fight ensues, the taxpayers can have the pleasure of paying doubly dear for a nothing.

THE HANNA LASH DID IT.

It is passing strange how like conditions are at times ignored by some of our bright newspaper men. Here in these piping times of cheap wheat, the Independent feels editorially prosperous. In the winter of 1895, with like conditions, the Independent was prone to say of our present financial system, in calling up the policy of the late Senator Dolph:

"He is representing a policy of contraction, is working to secure the interests of the banks and railroad corporations against the interests of the people. He represents Wall street and London, not the producing classes of the state of

Oregon. He is the representative of the east and Europe, not of the great west. Oregon, as well as the entire western part of the U. S., has been built up largely on borrowed capital, and owes large sums to the east and Europe. We are willing to pay these debts fairly in the money of the value in which they were contracted. But the policy urged by Mr. Dolph, of the contraction of the currency, making it scarce and high, would double and treble the indebtedness of every man in the state."

The west sells food products and has no other way of paying its indebtedness, either principal or interest. The policy of Senator Dolph would decrease, and is decreasing from one-half to TWO-THIRDS the price of everything Oregon has to sell. Brother Gault, if questioned about the above, would doubtless say, "the wise change, the foolish never." But he would be real angry should someone suggest that "the foolish change often." But this is not the first paper the Hanna lash has stung to base servitude.

Why do not some of our Alger abusers "stand by the administration" and swallow some of the gratuitous advice given us during the recent election?

It is supposed that the great desire to govern the nine millions Philippines is in no way dampened by the fact that there are not offices enough to go around—and there must be some expansion of offices.

The Oregonian frequently took the position that the late war was a "republican war." We begin to believe it. And from the way the Oregonian is kicking about Algerism, we are convinced that it, too, is satisfied it told the truth when it claimed it was a republican war.

It is highly amusing that those who staid at home have been most generous with advice and criticism on the conduct of the late war. Their desire to wipe out poor, incompetent Alger, the teamman of the administration, is good evidence that "their lack of enlistment was a good thing for the country."

There is but one way to equitably dispose of the Philippine question, and that is for the United States to hold Manila harbor and city as a naval station and give the Philippines home government with notice to the world that no other power shall acquire a foothold. Thus the vexatious question would be settled.

Real Estate Transactions.

Real estate transactions have been very light the past week, but 9 instruments having been filed:

Uriah Trumboly sheriff to Geo. R. Bagley s e 1/4 sec 19 t 2 n r 2 w and tract in sec 19 3300.

Victor C. Crop to L. T. Sinclair 3 1/2 a sec 5 t 1 n r 3 w \$700.

F. S. Bower and wife to Wm. Ridgeley pt 1/4 blk 33 F Grove \$100.

Anton Pfanner by assignee to Frank Nachbarn n w 1/4 of n w 1/4 sec 4 t 2 n r 4 w except 6 a \$180.

Michael Rahn to Eva M. Smith s 1/2 of n e 1/4 and lts 4 and 5 in n 1/2 of sec 4 sec 10 t 1 n r 2 w \$2000.

F. B. Reeder to Wm. Rohn 5 a tract n e cor J. Kirts d l c \$330.

Jonnie C. and Sophia Brooks to Wm. and M. E. Leach 3.81 a in S. Emeried d l c \$1000.

Catharine Maxwell to Geo. Ernest 15 a in A. W. Hart d l c \$450.

Warren Thatcher by sheriff to D. L. Hoffman tract in H. Thatcher d l c \$7.95.

The good little fellow of the Hatchet has occasionally referred to Forest Grove's strong republicanism as compared to Hillsboro's half and half. This is, indeed, sad for to contemplate. Perhaps if Forest Grove had as much silver strength as Hillsboro she would now have more than one man at Manila. Hillsboro clearly has "16 to 1."

The wheat market is still in a state of stagnation. It really looks as though exporters would be offering up a little if there are any prospects of an advance.

Several hop men have been in this vicinity for two or three days and it is reported that they are offering 9 and 10 cents.

Sheriff Bradford and L. W. House did business at Portland today.

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Notice of Time.

Notice is hereby given that the signed has this day granted his time, Charles J. Bennett, a minor son, and all are hereby notified to grant no creditor sell him merchandise on undersigned's account. Dated at Hillsboro this 30th day of August 1898.

(Signed) S. BENNETT.

Treasurer's Notice.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Gottlieb Stager, deceased, by the County Court of Washington County, State of Oregon, and that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same properly verified, to me at the office of John M. Wall, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date, this 15th day of August, 1898.

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Administrator of the estate of Gottlieb Stager, deceased.

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Madison street, Chicago.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of June Patterson, deceased, has this 9th day of August, 1898, filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, his final account of the administration of said estate, and that the said court has fixed Monday the 19th day of September 1898, at the court room of said court at the Court House in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of ten a. m. of said day as the time and place for hearing objections, if any, to said final account and the final settlement of said estate.

(Signed) J. A. Patterson, Administrator of the estate of June Patterson, deceased.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, made and entered on the 6th day of September, 1898, in the matter of the estate of Eliza Jolly, deceased, authorizing and directing me, as administrator of said estate, to sell the real property of said estate hereinafter described, I will, on Monday, October 10th, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court House in Hillsboro, in Hillsboro, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor, for cash, all the following described real estate, situated in Washington County, Oregon, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the West boundary line of the Donation Land

Claim of William Jolly and wife in T. One (1) North Range Three (3) West of the

Williamette Meridian, where the division

line dividing the North and South halves

of said claim intersect said West boundary

line, said beginning point being 54.2

chs. South One (1) degree West from the

Northwest corner of said claim and running

thence East (variation of 21 deg. 30 min.)

following said division line 41.45

chains to the center of McKay Creek, thence

following up said stream with the meanderings

thereof 17 chs. to the South boundary line of

the North 7 deg. 15 min. West 34.88 chs. to the

center of the County Road 43.80 chs. to the boundary line of said

claim on the West boundary line of said

claim; thence South following the center of

said County Road 9.70 chs. to the point of

beginning, containing 44 acres more or less, together with all the right, title and interest which said deceased had in and to her death, or which has since been

owned to said estate.

Dated at Hillsboro this 7th day of September, 1898.

ANN ELIZA WILLIAMS, Administrator of the estate of Eliza Jolly, deceased.

The young boy was at the head of his glory when yesterday he man with the monkey and struck town. Several nickels were got by the "monkey shines."

See the card of Dr. Williams, dentist, on local page.