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LOCAL RECORD

Deposited His Money.—A few nights ago Mr Thomas Harris, of Benton county came to Albany with about $100 in his pockets, and the following is his story of the manner in which he disposed of it. Meeting Mr Pete Montgomery in a saloon and thinking it was not safe to carry the money in Albany he gave it to Pete to keep for him. Pete had business in Southern Oregon and left on the next train south taking the money with him. Mr Harris thinking it about time to keep his money himself had a warrant issued for Pete's arrest out of Justice Humphrey's court. A dispatch on Thursday from Ashland stated that the defendant was there, and an order was immediately issued for his arrest. The charge is larceny from bailee.

Forcibly Expressed.—On the train from Portland a Salem Journal reporter was attracted to one end of the car where some half a dozen or more men were loudly discussing the advantages of Oregon and the new state of Washington. Arguments went on for several minutes, when an elderly gentleman whose head has been frosted by many winters, spoke up and said: "Gentlemen, I have traveled all over both states, have studied closely the situation and the productiveness of both states, and I can tell you in all candid truth that I would not give 160 acres of land situated in the Willamette valley for as much land as a 'black crow could fly over in forty years in the state of Washington.' This remark caused an outburst of laughter, and all decided that the Willamette valley stood as the garden spot of the world.

Horribly Done.—The Eugene Register gives the following particulars of the suicide of Andrew Cristie near that city. As the Eugene express was coming through the woods near Rob. Blair's place about 2.30 p. m. a man rushed from the brush to the middle of the track, where he planted himself with his back to the coming train. The engineer was unable to stop his train as it was close to the man and was going at a good speed when it struck him. He was thrown forward betwe en the rails and the engine, tender and baggage passed over him before the train could be stopped. He breathed a few times after the men reached him. The right side of his face was crushed to a shapeless mass, and his arms, legs and whole body were badly bruised and cut.

Mean Men.—There has long been a contest in this world to find the meanest man, and a great many items apperr on the subject, some of them not very savage; but nevertheless interesting. Here is one: "If reports are true, Pendleton contains a very lazy, good-for-nothing citizen, who has a son of the same calibre. They do no work, but allow the women of the household to do the rustling for the family. A cord of wood was bought for the family by sympathizing neighbors, and the male members would not even do the sawing act, the husband endeavoring to hire er persuade some one else to saw the wood. Pendleton lays claim to the "meanest man" in Oregon."

Natural Genius.—Some men do things as natural as geese fly north and south at a time when the temperature is just exactly right. An Albany young man without having taken a lesson hear a tune on the guitar and repeats it correctly. A few days ago a country boy from the "Forks," who looked as if he were cut out for following the plow, came to Albany and told an artist that he would like to take lessons. He was given one and a picture to copy. In a few days he brought back an exact duplicate, painted by himself so well as to startle the artist. Without any previous lessons he displayed a marked genius. Fine clothes do not produce fine thoughts or natural genius.

A Surprise Party.—Last Thursday a large number of the young friends of Mr Samuel Guiss gave him a genuine surprise party at the residence of Dr Guiss In order to get the victim present he was sent home at the proper hour on urgent business and found himself in the midst of a live company of friends. An enjoyable evening was spent in games and other amusements. Our young people are awakening to the need of more sociability and all kinds of parties are in prospecto.

The Prince of Advertisers.—It is not generally known that Ralston Cox, the Corvallis real estate dealer, is a nephew of the late "Sunset Cox, of New York, but such is the case. Owing to his loose habits he was sent into the "wild and wooly west," in order not to disgrace his family. After a rather chequered career in Corvallis he braced up, married a good woman, was started in business, and today is considered one of the brightest business men in Benton county.—Baker City Blade.

Some Philosophy.—Cold weather is as incongruous to the Willamette valley as a silk hat on a tramp. It is a breeder of discontent, disease and ennui. Cold weather is supposed to invigorate according to the books; but here it causes lassitude, an empty feeling and all the symptoms mentioned in the patent medicine ads. Oh, give us the warm, delicious, fructifying rains that brace up, enliven business and make glad the heart. This is the cry of the Webfoot.

The Genuine Grippe.—There were two cases at one of the hotels pronounced the genuine Russian grippe, the men having all the symptoms, to wit: bleeding at the nose, chills, fever, and even insensibility. The effect is said to be weakening in the extreme.

He Was Smitten.—An old bachelor of Salem, after hearing Hallie Parrish, who is so popular in Albany, sing, said: "I wish I was a boy again!" and he solemnly vowed that Miss Parrish is the sweetest singer and prettiest girl that God ever permitted to breathe the breath of life. Then he dropped his head on his piste and murmured: "I'm too old, I'm too old."

Worse Than Grippe.—"Please ho'd us." A little girl bought four cents worth of white paper and paid for it in pennies. We have been looking for this for sometime; but to have it strike us right in the middle of winter is terrible. Some day people will even get down to putting pennies in the collection boxes as they do in the East. Ugh.

A First Street Fight.—A fight on First Street last Thursday resulted in the city's treasury being somewhat enriched. It arose from a dispute between Pat Fernell and C L Lipps, resulting in some hard blows. Pat voluntarily paid a $5 fine; but Lipps showing that his antagonist was the agressor was discharged.

The Second Night.—Hazel Kirke, as presented by the Ellsford—Brophy troupe deserved a crowded house. The company really did as good work in their field as any company that has visited the city. Though Hazel Kirke has been presented several times here their presentation of it added fresh interest to the exciting adventures of Hazel Kirke. The entire troupe is first-class

What Is It.—The Pendleton Tribune offers $10 for a sure cure for La Grippe, and $10 more to anyone who will tell what it is. An Albany doctor says it is simply colds; but others think there is something fiercer about it. At least it is a terror.

The best line of kid gloves at W P Read's

The Rage.—Dan McGinty is all the crase in the cities. We don't know exactly what it is, but if it equals "Whoa Emma" or "Little Buttercup," and people talk in McGinty language, Ala Harris says San Francisco is crazy about it. Here are a few of the many choruses Mr Harris is able to rattle off. You have to know them in San Francisco:

Down went McGinty to the bottom of the wall
□And tho' he won the foive,
'Twas more dead he was than alive,
Wid ribs an' nose an' back broke from the fall—
Dressed in his best shoot av clothes!

Down went McGinty to the bottom fav the hole,
And the driver of the car-it,
Bedad he gave the cocks a start-it,
An' it took us an hour to dig McGinty from the coal—
Dressed in his best shoot av clothes!

Down went McGinty to the bottom of the say!
An' he must be very wet,
For they haven't got him yet,
But his ghost is at the dock ivery marn at break of day,
Dressed in his best shoot av clothes.

Sensibly Said.—The Albany woolen mill have started up. The building is one of the best in Oregon. It is a brick structure three stories high, with basement and the factory will employ over one hundred men. Good enough. We are glad to see our sister city prosper, for through the success of new enterprises new life and confidence may be injected into to her less fortunate neighbors. The life of one town is by no means the weapon of decay for another, and while the wheels of the factory are set in motion through the valley, we are all, in a measure, mutually benefitted. The town that is dead simply owes to the state a debt that can only be paid by enterprise. If Corvallis is on the delinquent list she will soon liquidate the debt.—Corvallis Times.

Waived Examination.—Marshal Hoffman returned from Ashland on Saturday accompanied by Pete Montgomery, who had been arrested on complaint of Thos Harris, charged with larceny from bailie. He was taken before Justice Humphrey, waived examination and was held under $200 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. The bonds were furnished. Pete's version of the matter is that he did not leave on account of the Harris matter but because of some trouble with a Tramp stranger in which he hit him over the head with a cue. He thought he had hurt him worse than he had. The tramp left the city the next day, after being calibooseed. On being arrested Pete had $560 on his person. The general sentiment seems to be that Harris needs a guardian anyway, else he wouldn't be so careless in money matters.

A Slanderous Item.—It is said that a new fashion has struck Albany, and becoming quite popular among a certain class of young men. The gable end of pants are to be different from the main pants. Cause, too much sitting.—Salem Journal.

Did the Salem man know the active rustling, electic motor style of the Albany young men the above would have never been penned. They do not have time to sit down, and even do their courting on the wing; but the amount of shoe leathered worn is enormous.

Figuring on it.—The new electric light system has one good feature for the company. On being turned on the meter keeps running until turned off. Wednesday night Worhty Master T L Wallace was exhibiting the beautiful hall to a visiting brother, and of course turned the entire set of lights on, producing an unsurpassed effect. They burned all night and the meter kept running. Mr Wallace, at the suggestion of several, with one hand on his pocket book, is working on the following problem: If electric lights cost 1½ cents an hour apiece, how much will 21 cost for ten hours.

In The Spring.—Our live Salem contemporary, the Statesman, admits the fact in the following manner, and we are glad their eyes are getting opened on the subject: "The Democrat is right and the people begin to understand the plan and workings of the building association they will bid more interest in advance. In the spring there will be a general resumption of building operations, the Statesman believes it will see them reach a figure fully twice as high as at the last meeting." Having obtained this admission the Democrat will not again pick at the Salem associations low bidding.

A Live Woman.—The following is the record of a young woman who is evidently destined to be heard from: Miss Mollie Lehman, formerly principal of the public schools of Coquille City, has purchased some land in Eastean Oregon, and is now a resident of Harney valley. With her shrewd business sense she has accumulated considerable means, and now proposes to increase her property interests by judicious investments. The lady is studying medicine, and intends taking a course in one of the Eastern medical colleges during the coming season.

An Oregon Romance.—A Long creek girl named Short, long loved a certain big Mr Little; while Mr Little, little thinking of Short, loved a little lass named Long. To make a long story short, Little proposed to Long, and Short longed to be with Little's shortcomings. So Short, meeting Long, threatened to marry Little before Long, which caused Little in a short time to marry Long. Query: Did tall Short love big Little less because big Little loved little Long.

Where to get It.—The following from an exchange is quite well put; but who ever heard of a newspaper office being robbed. Most of them are not even locked: All burglars are hereby notified not to pay us any nocturnal visits with the expectation of getting money. If they want our money they must call on our delinquent subscribers, a list of whom will be furnished on application to this office.

A New Professional.—"The Boomer" is the name for the latest class of professionals. At present they are confined chiefly to Portland, Seattle, and Spokane Falls. They ape the legislative lobbyist very closely, in fact their title is suggestive of their calling. A good "boomer" often commands $150 or $200 per month to whoop up a given locality, by talking to new Eastern arrivals at the hotels or street corners.

Webfoot Weather.—Mr W S Peters in writing from San Leandro, Cal., says: "We are having lots of rain here this winter and the Cala farmers are correspondingly happy, as it insures abundant crops for the next three years at least. The Northwest and particularly the Willamette Valley is attracting a great deal of attention in California in a speculative way. Wishing Albany prosperity and success, I am, etc."

A Business Change—Mr L W Devoe of Devoe & Robson, hardware merchants, has sold his interest in the business to Mr H Price, an experienced business man from Portland, and the firm name will now be Price & Robson. Mr Devoe has not yet consummated his plans for the future; but we hope to see him continue in Albany

Feet.—A man with big feet run against a keg of pigs feet, at LaForest & Thompsons kicking it about fifteen feet in the snow.

A Large Auriferous Ledge.—A W Purdom, J S Purdom, James S Rea, W P Turpin and C W Rea, on December 23rd, each located 1500 feet on the Estella lode, situated in the Estella mining district, on Eagle Creek. These locations are extensions of the "Estella Mining Claim," of which notice of location was filed by John Green and others on December 5th. A half pound of crushed rock from this claim shows about 20 "colors," the heft of very small shot. If the residue of small gravel and gold exhibited was not "salted," the Estella contains millions, and capitalizing the stock at $1,500,000, 1500 shares at $1000 each, which is talked of, is not a loony scheme by any means.—Oregon City Courier. A W Purdom is a resident of Albany, and J S Purdom, his brother, is well known here. J O is new agent at Oregon City.

Lebanon.—The new city officers, just elected at Lebanon are D Andrews, mayor; W B Donaca, J S Courtney, J J Swan C C Hackleman councilmen W C Peterson recorder; F M Miller, marshal; A J Roberts treasurer. The election is reported to have been an exciting one.

The new officers of the board of trade are D Andrews, president, C H Ralston, J J Swan, 1st and 2nd vice presidents; S O Wallace, secretary; M A Miller, treasurer. The standing committe are: S O Wallace, M A Miller and H Y Kirkpatrick on advertising; C C Hackleman, M A Miller, J A Beard, on finance J J Swan, W B Donaca, Jas Elkins, C D Montague, and G T Cotton on manufacture.

Digs Potatoes Too.—All kinds of charges have been made against the Chinese pheasants; but the following from Argenti, Marion county, rather breaks the camels back: "The false, fleeting, perjured Mongolian pheasant has come. He paid the premises of Mr Hult a visit in his absence and kindly dug all his potatoes and carried them away. Mr Hult says he would not complain if he had left him enough for seed as it may be necessary to have these birds as they are a foreign importation and therefore very valuable. But as the heathens have been protected by law for nearly five years, would it not be well for the next legislature to offer a bounty for their bills for the next five years?

The Biggest.—The following from the Drain Echo is rather the biggest "fish" story yet reported. A short time since, only a few miles from Roseburg, a man walking came suddenly upon a full-grown coyote. Giving a terrible yell and springing at the coyote, he frightened the animal so terribly that, as it ran, it turned its head first one side and the other, looking back at its pursurer. So thoroughly frightened was the animal that the man caught it with one hand by the hind legs, while, with his pocketknife, he cut its throat with the other hand. It was a cold day for the coyote, but pleasant to the person who captured the prize.

A Knotty Matter.—About 6,000,000 feet of saw logs are jammed in the mouth of the Mohawk and the several owners are in Eugene seeking to formulate some plan by which the logs can be divided, and the loggers can get their pay, says the Guard. The logs are inextricably mingled, and it is likely that owners will have to divide them pro rata. The creek is full of logs for two miles from its mouth, where it empties into the McKenzie. A portion of the logs will be held in the Mohawk until spring. About all the legal talent of Eugene has been engaged this week in trying to adjust the responsibility of the several mill men to the loggers.

Died Alone.—Harvey Paget residing on the Siuslaw in Lane county, twelve miles above the head of tide, was found dead in his cabin, Jan 3rd. He had evidently been sitting in a chair reading a newspaper when the fatal stroke came, and had fallen forward on his face. When found he had probably been dead several days. He was of English descent, a bachelor, and about 67 years of age. He had filed a homestead claim on the land on which he lived, and left no personal property of any value.

Had Started Home.—Dr O'Dell of Sodaville, who was taken to the insane asylum from Portland, had started on a visit to his father in the East with $300 on his person. In Lebanon he began drinking, and at Portland ended the job. A few weeks will probably straighten him. Dr O'Dell is a good physician and was doing a fine practice.

AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT.

The Chemical Purity of the Royal Baking Powder.

For some time past the question of purity baking powders has formed quite a feature of newspaper discussions, and eminent doctors of philosophy have given opinions as to the ingredients which compose many of the articles sold under that name. The investigations have narrowed down to the limit which awards the Royal Baking Powder the palm of purity, and the most distinguished scientists have testified not only that no extraneous or deleterious matter enters into its composition, but that its use is positively healthful, making as it does, lighter sweeter and more digestible food. The Royal Baking Powder Company have achieved a world wide reputation for the success which has marked their preparation of cream of tarter for baking purposes. It is indesputably shown that they have eliminated all elements of tartrate of lime, alum or other impurities, and present to the public a healthful and chemically pure article. The U S Government chemists and others widely known have verified its superiority over other manufactures, and testified, through practical experience, to its excellence. It is well for families to observe the fact that it costs more to manufacture the Royal Baking Powder than any other, but it is as shown by chemical analysis, the only "absolutely pure" baking powder made.

"s the Ladies Only.—I amnow prepared to do all kinds of stamping, and have over two thousand designs to choose from. Also keep a nice line of embroidery materials, such as arrasenes, crewels, No. 1 and 2 embroidery chenilles, princess chenilles, etc., etc., and the finest pompons, tassels, crescents, cords plushes, felts and fancy work materials ever in the city. Zephyr is going at 5 cent an ounce. Miss Minnie Colwell has charge of this department, and has had several years experience in all kinds of fancy work and stamping.
G. W. Simpson,
Albany, Oregon.

Notice.—Parties indebted to Mr. E. L. Power, will confer a favor by calling on Mr H F Merrill, with whom his accounts have been left, and settling the same at once.

Lace Curtains. Lace Curtains.
I have just received my fall stock of lace curtains bought direct from importers, the largest stock ever brought to this market, and best value for the money.
Samuel E. Young.

7 Oaks cures rheumatism, neuralgia and toothache. Foshay & Mason Agents.

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To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully,
T. A. SLOCUM, M. C. 181 Pearl St., New York.

REPUBLICAN MATHEMATICS.

It is reported from Montana some of the Republican politicians are afraid that in case two Republicans go to Washington with imperfect certificates in their pockets the senate will not admit them as senators from Montana, on the ground that their election was based on the erroneous proposition in mathematics that 7 is a majority of 16. We can hardly believe the existence of such a fear among Republican politicians. It has become an established principle in Republican arithmetic that a part is greater than the whole, when the part is Republican; that 2 equals 3 when 2 is the maximum Republican strength, and it requires 3 to secure the desired end; that when a majority of given number is necessary less than half constitutes a majority, if there are no more Republicans. "King Bob" Kennedy established that principle in the Ohio senate when he was lieutenant governor, the Republican lieutenant governor of Montana acted upon it in the senate of that state; it is asserted by Republican correspondents at Washington that Speaker Reed intends making a ruling to a similar effect against the uniform ruling of his predecessors in the speaker's chair. Why, therefore, should there be any doubt about the Republican senate following those Republican precedents when the seating of two Republican senators depends upon it?

It is true there are among the Republican senators at Washington men of reputation for knowledge of figures who would be amazed at the proposition that less than half is a majority and others who would stultify themselves by admitting the legality or honesty of the proceedings of the Montana Republicans, but they can be depended on to put their convictions in their pockets at the bidding of a Republican caucus, vote the two bogus senators into their seats for Montana, and compound with their consciences by saying their duty to the party prohibited the bolting of a caucus decree.—Cleveland *Plaindealer*.

INCORRECT.

In view of the fact that two sets of United States senators have been elected from Montana, (two democrats and two republicans,) the *Oregonian* says.

"If it were to be established beyond dispute that the county clerk's certificates, and they only, were legal, and that the democrats from Silver Bow were entitled to seats, even a republican senate could not reject Maginnis and Clark. If it were to be decided beyond question that the certificates of the state canvassing board had a higher validity than those of the county clerk, and that the republicans from Silver Bow were legal members of the legislature, no reasonable democrat would object to the admission of Sanders and Power."

Now this does not state the case as it is, The contention depends upon a matter farther back than the mere difference of certificates issued by the county clerk and state canvassing board. The great wrong done in the first place was the throwing out of the entire vote of Tunnel precinct by the canvassing board of Silver Bow county. This the board had no right to do. No reputable lawyer can be found that would justify the course of the canvassing board of that county. By this fraud, (for it can be called nothing else,) the republicans secured a majority in the lower house. Had the canvassing board done its duty it would make no difference whether members of the legislature had county or state certificates, there would have been but one *prima facie* delegation from Silver Bow county. This board threw out 173 votes because it was alleged that some of them were illegal. It has been decided time and again that boards can act only ministerially and not judicially, Let this whole matter be looked into and the whole country will be satisfied.

MEASURES AND CONTENTS.

One bushel requires a measure 16 inches square and 8 2-5 inches deep,

One quart requires a measure 4 inches square and 4 1-5 inches deep.

One peck requires a measure 8 inches by 8 2-5 inches square and 8 inches deep,

One gallon requires a measure 8 inches by 8 inches square and 4 1-5 inches deep.

A barrel requires a measure 24 inches long by 16 inches wide and 28 inches deep,

Half a barrel requires a measure 24 inches long by 16 inches wide and 14 inches deep.

One ton of coal requires a measure 4 feet long, 3 feet 5 inches wide and 2 feet 8 inches deep.—Yenowine's *News*.

Ex-Governer Geo. L Woods died at Portland last Tuesday. He was a fluent talker but not a man of great ability. He served as governor from 1866 to 1870. It was during his term and largely through his influence that the legislature of 1868 was broken up and the state government compelled to run two years without an appropriation to pay expenses. His administration was unpopular and the democrats in 1870 carried the state electing all the state officers and a large majority in both branches of the legislature Governor Woods was appointed governor of Utah by Gen. Grant in 1870 and in 1874 went to California to reside. In 1886 he ran for congress in the Los Angeles district and was overwhelmingly defeated though the district was republican.

The republicans in the lower house of congress propose to adopt a set of rules by which the minority will have no rights as members which the majority will be bound to respect. They propose to confer upon the speaker the autocratic power of deciding by a mere verbal count that a quorum is present. These leaders are taking the same steps over again that led to their overthrow in 1884. These revolutionary tactics will result in far greater harm to the republicans than to the democrats. Democrats when in the majority in that body held sacred the rights of the republican minority, and the country will not be slow in deciding that the rules under which a democratic house legislated are good enough for the present house.

Much of the discomfort of rubber shoes would be avoided if the wearers of them were a little more discriminating. Rubbers are of inestimable value in wet weather, but they should be instantly removed when the pavements become dry. Being water-proof, they prevent the escape of the natural exhalations of the skin. Wet feet resulting from confined perspiration are often more injurious than an unprotected exposure to the elements would be. Rubbers, like umbrellas, should be used only transiently.

Whatever the thermometer may show, every one knows, from experience that we suffer more from cold when it is windy than when it is still. The wind changes the air around us so rapidly that the heat thrown off from the body is carried away and consequently the animal heat is more rapidly exhausted.

It is a very common error to say a murderer is hung, when the word "hanged" should be used. Meat is "hung;" men are "hanged,"

An elegant line of new designs of shades just received at Fortmiller & Irving's.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

FALSE ASSUMPTIONS.

Every argument made to sustain the permanency of our high war taxes is based upon false assumption. The *Times-Mountaineer* in speaking of objections to the Mills bill says: "The Mills bill of the last session was particularly objectionable, because it placed productions in the north—such as wool, iron, etc., industries which were susceptible of great development, on the free list, and retained nearly the full duty on sugar, which was produced only in two or three southern states, and then not in sufficient quantity to supply the local demand." This statement is made to support the charge that the Mills bill was framed exclusively in the interest of the south. The statement that iron was put on the free list in the Mills bill is not true but it seems necessary to make this statement in order to maintain the allegation that the Mills bill was gotten up in the interest of the south. Is the *Mountaineer* so wrapped up in its devotion to the war tariff that it is willing to risk its reputation for truth and veracity in order to stigmatize the Mills bill and tariff reform as being in the interest of the south? It would seem so. That paper would make its readers believe that wool is grown only in the north. Now nearly two-fifths of the entire wool crop of the country is raised in the south and democratic states, which shows that this objection to tariff reduction was based on a false assumption The *Mountaineer* discloses its irrevocably fixed sectionalism and partisanship by declaring that it is in favor of putting sugar on the free list and giving the farmers a bounty to engage in growing beets and manufacturing sugar out of them. During the last campaign it proclaimed loudly against what it was pleased to call the sectionalism of the Mills bill, and now it proposes to put sugar on the free list, thus taking away all the protection the south has, if it be true that iron and wool are productions of the north only. How could sectionalism be more distinctively narrow and selfish than this? But it has been a very favorite habit of the *Mountaineer* to denounce the Democrat as a "free trade Journal" because it favored free wool. If it be true that a man who favors taking the duty from wool which amounts to about $6,000,000 a year is a "free trader," then is not a man much more a "free trader" who favors removing $60,000,000 duties from sugar? The *Mountaineer* says that if giving a bounty to sugar producers is a robbery, (as the Democrat called it) then the Mills bill was a whole sale robbery for it aimed to tax every man in the country who used sugar for the benefit of Mississippi and Louisiana planters. What a pity that protectionists will not consent to meet all these questions candidly and fairly. Now does not the *Mountaineer* know that the Mills bill found a very heavy tax or duty already on sugar, placed there by the republican party in 1867? Does not that paper know what the Mills bill sought to *reduce* the already high tax on sugar, and that its party voted against this reduction? Then, why say that the Mills bill *aimed* to tax every man in the country who used sugar for the benefit of Mississippi and Louisiana planters? The purpose is very apparent. It is characteristic of those who are called upon to maintain an absurdity or a wrong, to confuse the public by raising a very great smoke. The *Mountaineer* says it wants to keep the tax duty on jute, (and this means keeping a continual tax on the farmer) in order that some invention of a substitute to take the place of jute may be made. But we have had that duty on jute for about twenty years and our farmers and others who use jute have been paying this tax all this time and no invention of a substitute yet. Even upon its own faulty plan the time has now arrived when the *Mountaineer* should speak at least one word for the wheat raiser. Come join the Democrat in demanding that this congress shall remove this nonsensical and obnoxious tax from jute and jute sacks.

There is a grave suspicion loitering around Washington that the republicans of Ohio want to have Governor Foraker sent to Russia in order that the party may get together. We rather think, however, that if the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth is told about the forged ballot box contract, Joey B will be eliminated so completely from Ohio politics that there will be no need to send him to Russia. He will find a political Siberia in Ohio.

Mrs S S Cox owns several houses in Washington. Mrs Cox looks after her property herself and has the reputation of being a good business woman. She is believed to be engaged upon a memorial biography of her husband, whom she accompanied in all his travels and aided in his literary work.

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