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LEBANON.—Jas Reynolds, Wm Carothers and the McCurdy boys, who have been working on the Harrisburg ditch, have returned home. The ditch will not be completed for two or three weeks.

J B Kelsey has bought Newman & Walker's placer mining claim, up the Santiam about ten miles above Sweet Home, and left the first of the week to commence work on the same.

According to the terms of an election wager, Bert Wight will not only walk to Lebanon from Albany on Thanksgiving day, but he will also pay Melvin Williams' fare on the cars.

W M Rutlege swore out a warrant before Justice Elson for the arrest of Noah Hamilton for assault with a dangerous weapon—a buck saw. Constable Kelsey brought Mr Hamilton to town Tuesday and he plead guilty to simple assault and was fined $5.

Chas F Miller left Tuesday, for Maxwell, California, where he has accepted a position. Chas has a host of friends at this place who wish him well in his new field.

On Monday will be tried an action as to who is the rightful owner of a certain organ, claimed by Mrs Rhoda Smith and also Wm Beard and wife. There will propably be some music in the case.

Dr Wallace, of Albany, was in town this week. He was called in consultation with Dr Foley on the case of A Dodge, who is very ill.—Advance and Express.

A SPITEFUL MAN.—Wednesday night some miserable wretch who has a grudge against the town of Woodburn started in with the Independent office and smashed the business house fronts, glass and casings, of the following places: Independence office, Rackes store, vacant store, H B Cone, barber shop, T F Moore, E C Wright, Anslin & Son, Baron & Richard. Here the marauder cut his hand on the glass, for blood was on the sidewalk and building. Next came the stores of F A Ford, C L Ogle, Bruce Bros., L Prevost & Son, and W E Finger. From all of these windows were broken and blood was freely spattered on the windows and store fronts, showing that the fellow's hands must have been painfully cut. The citizens of Woodburn have suspicions as to the identity of the scrub who thus maliciously defaced so many buildings and telegraphed his description in every direction. He is thought to have taken the overland train yesterday morning. The damage is about $75 and a reward of $100 for the arrest of the criminal.—Statesman.

GREEN BASIN.—Dr C C Kelley and Dick Fox, of Albany, came up to their ranches last Thursday.

J C Mayo and family, of Breitenbush, have moved out to the valley to spend the winter.

The snow is here. About two inches fell at this place Tuesday night, and back on the mountains it is several feet deep.

J B Brown, of Albany, and John Shaw, of Mill City, both of whom are largely interested in the Santiam Lumbering Company's mill at the latter place, were here last Sunday and Monday. The object of their visit was to look up a location for a saw mill at this place, to be built in the spring.—Lumberman.

LIST OF PATENTS.—Granted to Pacific States inventors this week. Reported by C A Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, Opp U S Patent Office, Washington, D C. D B Baker and M Laffaw, Tacoma, Wash, steam-tranemitter. H Baldridge, Highlands, Cal, transplanter. W H Bell, San Francisco, Cal, producing stencils. A H Dauchy, San Diego, Cal, valve and faucet. A Gyfle, South Bend, Wash, musical instrument. J V Houston, Linkville, Ore, scrap book. E Ireland, Winters, Cal, apparatus for bleaching fruit. W L Roberts, San Francisco, Cal, banjo attachment. Charles A Scharff, San Francisco, Cal, water-wheel nozzle. E F Smith, Stockston, Cal, kitchen cabinet. E T Taylor, Oakland, Cal, cash-register.

A PRINTER'S SUICIDE.—The Spokane Dispatch has the following about the step son of a former resident of Albany.

William L. Taylor, a printer, recently employed on the morning papers and discharged for drunkedness, committed suicide this morning by taking an overdose of morphine. He was a stepson of Hon W G Piper, superior judge at Moscow, Idaho. Taylor had been on a drunk for several days, and when his roommate went home this morning he found him in a deep stupor. A physician was called, but all efforts to revive him failed. He left a note to his mother, asking her forgiveness. Taylor was only 20 years old and a man of magnificent physique. His mother arrived from Moscow this evening to take charge of the remains.

MADE MONEY FAST.—It is not very difficult to make money sometimes: W H Taft went to North Yamhill with a steam bailing outfit, and proceeded to purchase all the straw in that vicinity, shipping the straw as fast as it was baled, but neither paying for the straw nor the wages of his men. When the rain set in he stopped work and went to Portland, and has been missing ever since. An investigation showed that he had not paid a dollar on his machinery, and that the straw that had been shipped had brought him clear of all expense, about $1400, which he had received and put into his pockets. The Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company are out $300 for wire furnished, besides the wear and tear on the machinery, which they also furnished.

WONDERFUL JAPS.—Those who attended the Japanese show at the opera house were given an exhibition of Japanese skill never witnessed here before in so many details. The troup is a first-class one, the three men and two boys being very proficient. The feats of balancing, of light and heavy articles, jugglery, sleights of hand, top spinning, contordion, etc., were wonderful, and elicited continual applause. The exhibition is an education in the possibilities of the human system, and is one it will do any one good to witness. They will show again tonight.

MUST BUILD A DEPOT.—The Commission have a numerously signed petition asking for a depot at Tangent and alleging refusal on the part of company to build one. An order has been issued that the company commence constructing a depot to cost not less than $1000 by December 1st, and to report to the board on or before that date what, if anything, has been done in the matter. If not obeyed the board will make it a test case to see if the company can be compelled to build a depot where it is shown that the business at the station will justify.—Salem Journal.

GOT TOO EXCITED.—George Kirk, who lives west of Irving, was at Junction City Thursday and heard the news of Cleveland's election while there. He was very much elated and started home. When near home he commenced waving his hat and shouting for Cleveland, which frightened his team and they ran away. They ran through two fences and broke the wagon all to pieces and then one of the horses dropped dead. Rather an unfortunate election for George.—Register.

TWO LECTURES.—Roland D Grant, pastor of the 1st Baptist church Portland, will deliver two lectures in Albany, Nov 29th and 30th. Subjects, "The Making and Breaking of Nations," and "The American Saloon; What are you going to do about it?" The W C T U have been very fortunate in securing this brilliant speaker.

THE ST CHARLES OPEN.—Giblin & Howard reopened the St Charles Hotel yesterday, and their bus is now running. The hotel is first class in every respect and the pioprietors are experienced hotel men. Albany is fortunate in having the St Charles continued under so capable a management.

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AN EVENING WITH THE ERODELPHIANS.—Last evening the Erodelphian society entertained their fellow students in the Assembly Hall of the college. The Man About Town was specially favored in being present. The meeting was presided over in a graceful manner by Miss Annie Yantis, backed by the vice president, Miss Olga Hewitt, with Miss Eva Simpson at the secretary's desk. A very meritorious program was presented, showing the splendid training the students receive in the elocutionary departmartment, not only in voice but in action and expression. While there were different degrees of merit, it is only in place to mention the parts as they were presented. Columbus was the theme and the program will speak for the justice done America's discoverer. Miss Maud Beyoe recited "Liberty's Bell," Miss Foshay read an essay entitled "Marco Polo's explorations, and their influence on Columbus;" Mary Williams recited "The Three Ships of Palos;" Mildred Burmester was heard in a piano solo; Maud Geary read an essay on "Columbus and his Friends," Pearl Vance recited "An Ode to Columbus;" Ava Baltimore pronounced an oration on "The Vision of Columbus," terminating in the Worlds fair in all its immensity; Annie Yantis recited "Three days in the Life of Columbus," Mamie Cundiff recited "The story of the Spanish Sailor;" Miss Lou Dyer presented "The American Flag," beginning in the familiar words, "When freedom from her mountain heights," Ethel Redfield read an essay on "Old Ironsides," one of the first boats of the U S Navy, now in a fair state of preservation. The students then sang "America," which was encored. Another song followed, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to sociability and games. The Erodelphian society has a list of members thev may be proud of, twenty-five in number, bright students, possessing spirit and college enterprise. The college is in its most prosperous era, a large attendance speaking for its progress. Among the features that will do much to assist in building up a live college spirit will be the meetings of the two societies. The young men promise to return the compliments at an early day.

SCIO.—The contract for six electric arc lights for the streets of Scio, was signed Saturday, and the work of getting out the poles is now being prosecuted.

Born, on Friday, Nov 8th, to the wife of O B Cyrus, a bouncing boy, orthodox weight.

Died, at the home of his parents, in this city, on Friday morning, Nov 11th, Loftus, son of Mr and Mrs M C Gill, aged 16 years and 23 days.

Mrs Marks, formerly Mrs Stover, will sell her household goods at public sale on Dec 1st, and then with her husband, will emigrate to Eastern Oregon.

W H Ramsey yesterday received a telegram from his wife who was just about ready to start home from her visit to Arlington, Kentucky, that their infant son Omar, aged about nine months, was dead. She will start for home in a few days.—Press.

WHAT AN OCTOGENARIAN DID.—Major Magone, who walked to Chicago from Eastern Oregon, has returned home. The case is a remarkable one, as the Major is over 80 years of age. The Grant County News says: The old gentleman, who is over 80 years of age, walked every inch of the distance to the World's fair city, and was there in ample time to witness the dedicatory exercises on October 21st. When he laid aside his pedestrian garb and donned his best suit of clothes, topped off by a swallow tail coat and high silk hat, his long, flowing white beard and hair gave Mr Magone a venerable appearance so marked that he must have resembled a senator or a bloated bondholder, judging from circumstances which followed. Chicago is infested with a band of bomb-throwers and sand baggers, who are constantly howling for an equal distribution of wealth. They differ from some other classes of howlers, for they work as well as howl. One of them felled our Major to the earth for the evident purpose of sharing his wealth. Major still carries the scar made by the would-be assassin's club. But his life was spared. He came home in a palace car—to the end of the S V R R—and is today the hero of the longest pleasure walk on record. He set out to walk against time, and conquered, with several weeks to spare. He returns home hale and hearty, and as spry as a school boy.

A LIVE HEN.—One hen like the following told of by the Waterloo correspondent of the Sodaville Review, would have saved Mr K E Montague's 28 ducks, recently devoured by a mink. "Mr O P Card has a new breed of chickens, which ought to be much more profitable than those usually kept. He only discovered them a few days since, and that by accident. One day last week he heard a rat squealing at a terrible rate and upon looking for the cause he found that a hen was after the rat which she caught and brought out from under the house and killed, and then devoured his ratship. Thus the hen serves the double purpose of an egg factory and a rat exterminator.

SODAVILLE POLITICS.—Saturday evening a public meeting was held at the school house for the purpose of nominating town officers for the coming year, says the Review. Following are the nominations: For Recorder, A P Flory; Marshall, J S Faulkner; Treasurer, J P Chesher; Councilmen, W W Parrish, J P Pound, Geo Wertz, Sam Cooper and Al Parrish. It was decided to call this the "Peoples Ticket," after which the meeting adjourned. We are informed that there will be at least one if not two more tickets in the field, and we should think that from them all a good set of officers could be selected.

THE UPPER WILLAMETTE.—At last traffic is to be resumed on the upper river. By the way, if the government would assist the upper Willamette only the least little bit there would be no resumption of navigation—the boats would run every day of the year. To the Oregon delegation: "Where are you at" on the upper river question?—Statesman. Not much of anywhere except for politics.

A SPITEFUL WORLD.—Mrs Burknap, an aged lady living at Milton, Or., was arrested, in company with her 13-year old son, for the alleged crime of stealing three sticks of stovewood, at the instigation of a young man named James Willis. The old lady and her son were taken before a justice of the peace, when the evidence showed that the arrest was the result of the spite of one of her neighbors, so the justice dismissed the case.

CAR ON FIRE.—W W Haines returned from Albany Monday night. He stated that on the way up the smoking car caught fire around the flue and burned slowly for some time before it could be put out. Quite a large hole was burned in the roof of the car. He was in Albany when the democrats had their ratification and says they could teach the Indians to yell and make noise.—Eugene Register.

TAKE THE BANNER.—The W R C of this city passed the best inspection of the several corps in Oregon when inspected by the department president Mrs Train, recently. This corps has always been the best in ritualistic work and until the last year or two has been best in numbers. At this time, however, there are other corps in the state which have a larger membership but none that excel in efficiency of work.—Eugene Guard.

WHY.—The Southern Pacific railroad company gave the people of Albany a round trip rate of $3 to the Portland ratification meeting tonight. Those who went from Eugene have the satisfaction of paying $6.65 which in proportion is a third more than the people of Albany paid.—Eugene Guard.

STEAMER ARRIVAL.—Willamette valley arrived at Yaquina this a m at 10:30 with following: F C Spiegel, G R Cows, J B Benson, E Nixon, O Bunch, W H Truell. Nixon was left in San Francisco.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr Hughes, of Niagra, was in the city today.

Mr Walter Ketchum left last night for Ashland, where he goes for his health. His family are already there.

License was issued today for the marriage of A D Woodmansee and Mrs M E Gough, Wm Luce witness.

R R Fimple, of Durham, Calif., has been in the city with a broad Cleveland smile on his face, and will return home tonight.

According to the Astoria program Sheriff Smith is to be U S marshal, Herman Wise, P M, C J Trenchard is to run the Custom house, Theo Noland is to get something worth having, etc.

W A Pinkerton, better known as "Billy," one of the two brothers who conduct Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, with offices in all the principal cities in the United States, is in the city. Mr Pinkerton is a very quiet and unassuming man, notwithstanding the prominent position he occupies in his profession, and is a very pleasant and interesting man to meet.—Portland Telegram.

FRIDAY

The Gazette of Corvallis says Chas Albright is in a fair way to recover.

Dr H A Davis, of Harrisburg, one of the biggest hop raisers of Oregon, is in the city.

Mr and Mrs R McConnell are home from a several weeks sojourn at their Toledo cottage.

The Democrats are circulating a petition in this county for the appointment of T J Black as collector of customs at Portland.—Lebanon Advance. It is to be hoped he gets it.

Licenses were issued today for the marriage of Frank B Stevens and Lillian E Rohrer, L W Densmore and E J Prior, and W A Sharp and Annie Ramsey.

Sheriff Noland passed through Albany yesterday for Portland with a tin horn fifteen feet long, and thirteen inches in diameter at the end. It was labelled "American tin;" but the truth is the tin probably came from Europe.

Capt Sachs and two Marine Cadets, of Eugene, went to Corvallis today with their mortars to make things boom tonight at the ratification. Owing to the excursion train to Portland not arriving in Albany until 9 o'clock it was impossible to make up an excursion party from this city.

SATURDAY.

Cliff Mellen, of Salem, is in the city.

Mr and Mrs L E Blain returned home from Yaquina Bay this noon.

Bishop Gross, of Portland, is attending the archbishops convention in New York City.

Jonas Davis wife and daughter, of Shedd, made the Democrat office a pleasant call to day.

The Prof. Davis quartet club went to Jefferson this afternoon, and will give a concert there to night.

D Van Horn and family returned home to day from Portland, after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Minnie Foley, of Albany, is the guest of Salem friends for a few days.—Salem Statesman.

J A Dammit, traveling Y M C A Secretary, went to Eugene to day and will be in Albany on Monday.

Miss Maggie McFarland returned home yesterday morning from San Jose Cal. where she has been visiting for the last six months.

Mr C H Hart will go to Southern Oregon in a few weeks, where he will sing for Rev C M Hill in evangelistic work, during the winter.

Chas Albright, who was recently shot at Corvallis, does not seem to be in a very serious condition, the ball not having gone into his lungs, as first supposed, but passing through the cavity in front of them. It is reported he will probably be up by next Monday.

Luther L Burtenshaw, of more or less former local notoriety, was on Sunday evening's train going home to Linn county from California where he had been for a year. He said he was going to return and make a week's visit at Ashland.—Tidings.

Theo Mansfield, the well-known and popular drummer, who was with Steinhart, of San Francisco, now out of business, for thirteen years, is in the city, for the first time in two years. Mr Mansfield is now traveling for a New York house.

Mrs McCornack, of Salem, arrived yesterday afternoon to visit her father's brother, Uncle Phillip Mulkey. But a few years since she removed to Oregon from Elorida and has made repeated efforts to find her uncle but did not succeed until she read the notice of his preaching a sermon on his ninetieth birthday anniversary. Since coming to Oregon in 1853 he had never seen any of his brother's family.—Eugene Guard.

BROWNSVILLE.—One day this week Dr I W Starr showed us the horn of a Rocky mountain sheep which was picked up in 1842, about 50 years ago. It is a very large one and as black as charcoal. The man who gave it to him is a resident of Linn county.

Mr Van Bibber has presented Mr O P Coshow with a unique arm chair. It is made of hazelits natural size and shape, and put together in such a manner as to form a perfect chair. It is so seldom that any one sees anything of this kind that it is considered quite a curiosity.

J M Jaeger and I D Boyer, superintendent and secretary of the E W M Co., of this place, informed us this week that the sales of their Portland houses alone for the past six months have increased $12,000 over the sales of the corresponding six months of last year. This certainly is a good showing.—Times.

UNTIL DECEMBER 1ST:

G. W. Simpson having sold out his general merchandise store to W C Davis, is disposing of goods at cost until the 1st of December, when Mr Davis will take charge of the business, and run it on the plan heretofore followed by Mr Simpson. Besides keeping a first-class stock of goods he will take farm produce as has heretofore been done by the store. Call early if you would secure the best bargains to be obtained in the city.

All accounts are now due and must be settled with Mr Simpson, who will be found at the store. All persons knowing themselves indebted please call and settle at once.

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You want the best groceries to be secured in the city; then call on Parker Bros.

Perhaps

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Perhaps

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The majority of the people of the United States, represented by the great democratic majority, do not mean injury to themselves. This country is their country. Its business interests are their interests. Its prosperity is their prosperity. Its honor and welfare are their concern.

This victory does not mean the unsettling of industry or the derangement of commerce. It does not mean disturbance of whatever its sound in finance.

The president elect is the very embodiment of conscientious caution. He is pre-eminently conservative. His administration will mean economy, reform, retrenchment in every branch of the government.

The victory does mean putting a stop to the riot of extravagance, profligacy and corruption. It means the end of the reign of plutocracy. It means relief from the monstrous robbery of the masses by unjust and unnecessary taxation. It means a veto upon the looting of the treasury and the hideous waste of hundreds, nay thousands, of millions of dollars in the course of a generation by unmerited pensions. It does mean lower and juster taxes and larger freedom of trade. It does mean good money, and good money only.

Our party has triumphed under the happy union of a great issue and a great man. The republic is stronger for this democratic victory. The republicans themselves will be more prosperous and in the end happier because of it. Government of the people is safe in the hands of a great majority of the people.

BALDEN THE PROPHET.

Away back in 1824 or 1825 an erratic preacher by the name of Balden made his home in Louisville, Ky. He was neither eloquent, argumentative nor persuasive, and the very memory of him would doubtless have died years ago but for the fact that he was a prophet—a prophet with honor in his own land, too. During the time when not engaged in preparing sermons or in visiting his little flock, Balden busied himself with uttering marvelous prophecies and committing them to writing. The prophet's manuscript predictions, which are now in the hands of William Miner, an aged cousin of David G Philips of Louisville are perfect gems of occult literature. They are written in a strange, crabbed hand on long note paper in old fashioned nutgall ink, and all bear dates ranging from 1816 to 1829. He correctly outlines the Mexican war of 1846-47, giving time, cause and duration of the struggle; warns people to prepare for the great civil conflict of 1861-65, besides telling, as do the histories of today, the cause and results of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. He devoted five closely written pages to the decade following 1860, punctuating it in several places with the remark: "These 10 years will see the greatest destruction of life and property known in the world's history." As no real prophet was ever known to quit the business without figuring out the final end of the world, Balden tried his hand and sets the date of that interesting event for 1913, and the third day of August as the exact time.

OVER 600,000 PLURALITY.

The figures given upon this page show a plurality of the popular vote for Grover Cleveland of over 600,000.

This total is quite certain to be increased by the full returns. A tidal wave always grows as it advances. The democratic candidates will have a large majority of all the votes cast—the first time that this has happened since 1876.

Mr Cleveland's plurality of the popular vote in 1884 was 62,683. In 1888 it was 98,017. The increase this year was remarkable.

The democratic plurality on congressmen in 1890 was over 800,000. Upon state officers last year it was over 600,000. In both these years there was a light vote. This year, upon a full vote, it reaches the imposing total of over 600,000.

Is it not time that the will of the people should be the law of the land?

The next president is a democrat.

A "Constant Reader" of the DEMOCRAT wants to know "if the course of the democratic state central committee in advising democrats to support the Weaver electors in this state instead of supporting the democratic electors does not put the party in as bad party standing as the course pursued by Governor Pennoyer leaves that gentleman. Not at all. If "Constant Reader" desires to know the difference in the effect on party standing produced by Governor Pennoyer and the state central committee, let him make a reasonable analysis of the motives by which the Governor and the committee were actuated. The state central committee recommended that democrats vote for the Weaver electors as a means of defeating Harrison and securing the election of Cleveland. The governor supported the Weaver electors as a means of defeating the election of Cleveland. The committee thought that the vote of Oregon *might* be enough to elect Harrison. Hence they advised this course so that the Weaver electors might be elected and thus throw the election into the house where Cleveland's election was sure. In brief, the governor very earnestly desired the *defeat* of Cleveland and the committee with equal zeal desired his election. The committee did what it thought was best to promote the election of Cleveland and there is no profit in discussing the question whether they erred in judgment.

The Senators and Representatives of both parties agree that unrestricted immigration is an evil replete with mischief to the institutions of the Republic; and it is quite time that some more decided action should be taken in the matter. After a Presidential election, there have been those who have had courage enough to say: "Now is the time to do something. Let us have no politics in the matter," but others have replied: "Wait. We agree with you perfectly, it ought to be done, but wait until after the Congressional election; we will antaganize the foreign vote, if the bill is introduced now." In other words, the good of the people has been sacrificed in the struggle of the Legislators to retain office. It is entirely within the province of Congress to pass such legislation as will reduce immigration to limits compatible with public welfare; and this should be done at once. There was a blessing in the warning of cholera; but already the people are falling into the old indifference, as reports from New York clearly show.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

At the annual dinner of the chamber of commerce of New York City given Tuesday evening President elect Cleveland spoke as follows:

"I am exceedingly gratified by the kindness and warmth of your greeting. It does not surprise me, however, for I have seen and felt on more than one occasion the cordial hospitality and heartiness of those who assemble at the annual dinners of our chamber of commerce. We all have noticed that many, when they seek to appear especially wise and impressive, speak of 'our business interest' as something awful and mysterious, and quite often, when a proposition is under discussion, its merits are no longer apparent to those whose hair is on end at the solemn suggestion that 'our business interests' are lying in wait with numerous vials of wrath in complete readiness for those who arrive at an unaccepted conclusion. I am fortunate in being able to state that my relations to the chamber of commerce of New York, though merely of a complimentary kind, arising from an honorary membership, have so familiarized me with 'our business interests' that I no longer regard these words as meaning a bloodthirsty beast, nor do I have constantly pictured before my mind those children in the biblical story who were torn in pieces by bears for discussing too much at random the baldness of an ancient prophet. It is entirely natural that my familiarity with 'business interests,' arising from my relation to which I have referred, should be of a pleasant sort and free from fear and trepidation; for the only meetings I have ever attended of the chamber of commerce have been precisely such as this, when the very best things to eat and drink have been exhaustively discussed. I am bound to say that on these occasions the dreadful beings representing 'business interests' have been very human indeed.

"I know you will not do me the very great injustice of supposing that I, in the least, underrate the importance of the commercial and financial interests here represented; on the contrary, no one appreciates more fully than I, that while a proper adjustment of all interests should be maintained, you represent those which are utterly indispensible to our national growth and prosperity. I do not believe that any other interests should be obliged to feed from the crumbs which fall from the table of business, nor do I believe that the table should be robbed of the good things which are honestly and fairly there, because some of the tables are not well provided. It comes to this: We are all interested, as Americans, in a common pursuit. Our purpose is, or ought to be, in our several spheres to add to the general fund of national prosperity. From this fund we are all entitled to draw, perhaps not equally but justly, each receiving a fair portion of individual prosperity. Let us avoid trampling on each other in our anxiety to be first in that distribution of shares; and let us not attempt to appropriate the shares of others. As I close, I cannot refrain from expressing my thanks for the courtesies often extended by the organization at whose hospitable board I have sat this evening. I beg to assure you that though I may not soon meet you on an occasion like this, I shall remember with peculiar pleasure the friends made among your membership, and shall never allow myself to be heedless of the affairs you so worthily hold in your keeping."

IT WAS THE GREAT ISSUE.

There have been a few democrats throughout the land who have deplored the course pursued by democratic papers during the last four years in making the tariff issue so prominent in their columns, and the DEMOCRAT has been criticised somewhat among local democrats for devoting so much time and space to that issue. To one who has watched the trend of public thought and public talk for the last four years, and had become infected with the spirit of campaign of education that was to sweep over the land with mighty force, there was nothing to fear. The democrat who had well defined convictions upon the question of tariff reform to a revenue basis could only be glad that the great tariff issue was to be fought out on this line of reason, education and intelligence. It is no wonder that some of those democrats who cried down the course of the DEMOCRAT should now rush into the light reflected by the greatest political victory ever won in this country, and exclaim in congressional language: "Where am I at?"

The truth is these democrats have been, during the last five years, far in the rear of the procession though they have been totally oblivious of the fact. The great victory achieved in the election of Grover Cleveland is but the culmination of one of the longest the fiercest, and the most hotly contested campaigns of education that the country has ever known. On the part of the democrats it has been one continual appeal to reason, one continual effort to induce the mass of voters of the country to think and reason on the great issue. Upon the success of this appeal depended the success of the democratic party. That there should be democrats, unattached, standing by the wayside criticising the great democratic army waging battle against the fearful cohorts of monopoly protection and plutocracy was no matter of surprise. It has always been thus, but the democratic hosts, conscious of the righteousness of their cause, and certain of ultimate victory took no time to reason with men destitute of reason, but marched on steadily to sure victory. Now let all rejoice in the people's triumph.

GET OUT OF THE WAY.

It is time for the Republican Senate to get out of the way.

The people rejected the policy of McKinleyism in 1890 by electing an overwhelming majority of Democrats to the House of Representatives. The Republican Senate refused to heed the decision or to accept it as final. It insolently pigeon-holed every House measure of reform and asked the people to consider their decision.

The people have reconsidered the matter and have reaffirmed their demand for tariff reform with the added emphasis of revolutionary changes in States hitherto securely Republican.

Will the Senate accept this second verdict and obey the reiterated command? Or will the Republican majority there sit in Bourbonish obstruction till their power to obstruct shall slip away, as it must a few months hence?

If popular government means anything it is the plain duty of the Republican Senate to get out of the way and permit the working of a reform passed at the coming session of Congress. It is for the lingering Republican majority in the Senate to say whether this shall be, or whether they will keep themselves and their party in an attitude of blind and stupid obstruction.

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