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**The Democrat.**  
Some Comparative Figures.

The Salem Post has gotten this lady's clerks down to a fine point. It says that it is a true light as jobbery of the worst kind. After a prelude the editor gets down to business as follows: Oregon, in the last legislature, had one hundred and sixty-five clerks and other employees. The legislature of Washington is larger than that of Oregon, and yet her clerks and other employees numbered 91-74 less than we employed. In Idaho, the legislature is composed of 48 representatives and 21 members of the senate. Saying nothing about the smaller wages paid in Idaho, Idaho had just 18 clerks and other employees, as against our 165. She had seven regular clerks in each branch and one clerk to each judiciary committee. Here, one committee—and not an important one either—had sometimes three clerks that didn't have more than one or two bills to consider during the entire session. The secretary of state of Idaho, in answer to a question put to him by us, replied: "I think no more clerks were employed than was necessary, though it is possible that a few clerks were employed who could have been useful as 'day shovers'." And yet, these eighteen clerks, and some of them mere "day shovers," did the work required of them by the legislature of Idaho. We wonder how the legislature of Oregon would look with eighteen employees?

Montana has a legislature composed of 21 senators and 61 assembly men. But even in that great, rich state the legislature of 1895 had 48 employees as against our 165. In his reply to our question, "Do you think more clerks were employed than were necessary?" replied, "I am of the opinion that more clerks were employed than were necessary, but it is fair to say, however, that the adoption of our codes necessitated a larger force of clerks for the purpose of enrollment." Well, now, if Governor Richards thinks that 48 were more than necessary, what would he think if he could peep into our house and see hordes of idle men and women lounging about with their hands in their pockets and their pencils behind their ears?

North Dakota's legislature is composed of 31 senators and 62 assembly men—a legislature slightly larger than that of Oregon. The legislature of that state has been a synonym for extravagance for several long years. And yet the whole number of its employees is only 85, twice as many as Oregon has, but just half as many as Oregon has had. Governor Allen, however, in writing to us is careful to say that, "a majority of these officials and clerks were employed only during the closing days of the session." A number of democrats in favor of the financial policy of President Cleveland had a meeting in this city tonight for the purpose of discussing the advisability of putting in the field an independent candidate for congress in the second district against the republican incumbent. It is ridiculous to spend money thus lavishly for public buildings not needed at a time when economy is needed in the national government. It seems to be the policy of the republicans to keep the expenses of the government as high as they like to see. That is a sample of 19th century honesty.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.**

The Salvation Army's Pass. Take life to draw. They will go off. Ex. But the voters will pass it along. If all the silver of the world were dumped into the U. S. there would only be about \$63 per capita.

Some one has said that the silver of the world were dumped into the U. S. there would only be about \$63 per capita. The National Democratic Convention is bound to be for free silver, openly and above board and without equivocation. Everything points that way.

The law against carrying concealed weapons should be rigidly enforced. Concealed weapons are more dangerous than a Kansas cyclone any day.

It takes a live, emphatic style to draw a crowd. The Sam Jones, at the M. E. church, Sunday, the past two weeks has been of the pronounced style, making statements and making his own get created or feelings latered. It is not a striking style, and it doesn't take more than a few minutes to learn that there are a host of mighty bad people in the world, many of whom are actually present.

Whatever else you don't carry a revolver. You can't see without one. They are not for carrying, but to put under your pillow to kill robbers when they see a quarrel going on over a serious matter between men with blood in their eyes, either rush in as a peace maker or as a peace breaker.

**Washington Letter.**  
WASHINGTON, April 13th, 1896.  
Democratic skies are brightening.

**Marion County Democrats.**  
Following is the platform adopted by the democrats of Marion county.  
"We resolved by the Marion county democratic convention to support the following platform:—  
"First—That we have an abiding faith in the honest, patriotic and intelligent people of the people of Marion county and renew our devotion to the time-honored principles of the democratic party."  
"Second—Language fails to properly express our condemnation of the reprehensible course of the Marion county republican convention in nominating a ticket and asking for its support of the people of this county, while lacking the common sense and moral courage to express its views upon any of the great questions of the day, thus subordinating principles, if it had any, to its greed for office."  
"Third—We ensure the republican majority of the last legislature for its extravagance and waste of the people's money, and thus increasing the burden of taxation, in shameful violation of solemn pledges made to the people before election."  
"Fourth—We disapprove of the republican business management of our county officers by the present republican county officials, whereby the funds of the county have been frittered away while valuable properties have been left to the mercy of the elements."  
"Fifth—As the excessive salaries at present paid our county officials render the gold dollar weight a little less than 26 grains and the silver dollar weight 41 2/3 grains. Using decimal fractions, with which most people are not very familiar, the gold dollar weighs exactly 25.8 grains. Clipping on and you will see that 41 2/3 is almost exactly 11 times as much as 25.8. Free coinage means that the mint shall take the money presented by anybody who has it and coin it into standard money, free of all except the slight cost of doing the work. Under existing laws we have free coinage of gold but not of silver."  
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**MISFITS.**

The referendum is demanded on many important measures, and is being granted by the republican legislature of New York. New York is quite a state, mind you—Salem Journal.

The railroad commissioners are out on the rails, trying to live high, etc. The Jacksonville Times says: Col. J. B. Harrison, who has been in the legislature, came over the river on Tuesday on a tour of inspection. They clerk, Supt. Field and Master Mechanic Grandall of the S. P. Co.

That hatter in Oregon is bound to have a silver service. The Chamber of Commerce, has appointed the following members of the chamber special committee on presentation of a silver service to the legislature: Frank Motter, A. H. Devery, E. S. Payne, H. W. Mitchell, Paul Weisner, D. S. Cohen, L. D. Cole, J. P. Marshall, S. C. Spencer, H. E. Mitchell.

A Salem man who has recently returned from a trip through Arizona and southern California, thus writes his opinion of Oregon. "I have been in every state west of the Mississippi river and have visited Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. It is a fact that Oregon has more natural resources within the same area than any other state I have been in."

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**Brownsville Happenings.**  
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