

McKinley has given Lobet his Lafayette dollar and told him to spend it freely but not to be extravagant.

Honors continue to be heaped on Gen. Buller for his heroism in relieving Ladysmith after Joubert had been forced by Roberts to raise the siege.

If one sentence by President Harrison has almost brought the republican party to its knees, what would a whole speech from him do?

Now some one ought to introduce a resolution of sympathy with Senator Mason. Every time he gets the floor the senate goes into executive session and Billy loses his audience.

Some time ago, the republicans were asking on what issue the democrats could possibly make their fight this fall. Now they are asking which of many issues that party will emphasize.

General Otis is said to think that it is simply outrageous that the insurgents should begin fighting again just as he had them hopelessly scattered.

We suppose that there are two sides to the Porto Rican question, but the republicans in congress are on one side and the whole American people are on the other.

The British will not allow any rebate on the war indemnity because of the magnitude of the Boer struggle against hopeless odds. Rather they will make it heavier. When Britain gets her enemy in the door, she believes in crushing him.

Kruger is not whipped yet. He probably simply desired to put himself right before the world and is quiet certain that he has done so. The announcement of Lord Salisbury that England would be content with nothing less than the very existence of its victims, will nerve the Boers arms and raise them up a hundred sympathizers where they had but one before. Oom Paul certainly outmaneuvers the British in every way in war, in peace and in diplomacy.

The mountain has been in labor and has brought forth a ridiculous mouse. The republican senators have argued and argued and finally decided to do nothing for the present in the hope that something will turn up to enable them to decide the Porto Rican question satisfactorily to everybody. Was there ever a more ignominious case of playing politics? The country will know how to regard such cowardice.

While the members of the senatorial junketing party are enjoying themselves in Cuba living on the land, it must comfort them to remember that their absence from Washington is offered as an excuse for the postponement of action on Porto Rico, and that every day they delay means starvation and misery and death to some hapless Porto Rican who cheered when our forces landed in the island, thinking their presence meant liberty and happiness.

The fact that the State Department seems to take no notice of the steady increase of British military power at points contiguous to the United States, such as Equivanit, B. C., St. Lucia, W. I., and elsewhere, has led Mr. Sulzer of New York to introduce the following resolution requesting information on the subject: "That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to inform the House of Representatives as early as possible what fortifications Great Britain is erecting, constructing and completing along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget Sound and other places on the Pacific ocean contiguous to the State of Washington and the District of Alaska."

See French the Jeweler if you are in need of a first class clock. We have bargains.

The word "casock" is Turkish and means "free man" or "free lance."

Berlin has fourteen persons whose annual income exceeds \$250,000.

This number of persons cremated in Germany from 1873 to 1893 was 3,110.

Last year there were 3,846 fires in London, and 191 lives were lost from that cause.

Some of the English towns are being infested by a fraudulent collector for the war fund.

One hundred wounded Germans were found in the hospital at Jacobodal, in South Africa.

Roumania is to have three new railway lines constructed at a cost of \$18,546,000, exclusive of rolling stock.

The quicksilver finds in Brewster county, Texas, have already proved the most extensive in the United States.

Among the stuff in the Boer laager near Kimberly seized by Gen French twenty cases of champagne were found.

London medical papers discuss an outbreak of typhoid fever at Exeter, which has been traced to consumption of raw cockles.

Through state aid there have been built in New Jersey about 450 miles of hard roads. Counties, boroughs, townships and other municipalities have constructed as many more.

People everywhere are getting tired of the boss system of politics in vogue in the United States and are breaking loose as fast as possible from it.

A New Orleans man has bought one million Paris exposition tickets at half price and will sell them at full price, thus making a clean one hundred thousand dollars. These Southerners are becoming regular Yankees.

The Senate sat down quick and hard on Senator Hoar's scheme to give Queen Lil, of Hawaii, \$20,000, and a yearly pension of \$10,000. We haven't reached the stage yet of willingly paying pensions to ex-royalists, either white or chocolate colored.

Only men of absolute integrity of character should be put up for office, men who have established a record by the custom of paying their debts promptly and of treating all men fairly in business. Offices should be filled by men who have run their own business well.

The newspaper is to record the news of the day. That is its first object. It should do so in a clean way, but in doing it it necessarily must narrate many things it does not endorse, that the public may read and judge. This may include prize fights and many other things as bad but not the details with their disgusting features. Editorially the newspaper should be broad enough to cover the field of passing opinion of the day in an honest and open way. Any paper started to be run in a channel so contracted as to be narrow will undoubtedly fail as a permanent institution.

The amendment to the Nicaragua Canal treaty, giving this country the right to defend and control the canal in time of war, although proposed by a republican-Senator Davis, was a democratic triumph, because the amendment is an unqualified endorsement of the position taken by the democrats when the treaty was first made public. As amended, the treaty will probably receive the votes of enough democratic Senators to make its ratification reasonably certain, although there are features in it that will prevent some democrats from voting for its ratification.

The people of Albany have now done their part to secure the big mill. The subscription has been entirely made up guaranteed by seventeen responsible business men, and has been turned over to the Curtis Lumber Co. Under the agreement heretofore made with them this will be followed by a transfer of the land and eventually the establishment of the mill. As the plans and specifications are ready the track is now clear. When work will begin cannot be stated. Big bodies always move slow.

The Secretary Hay was in charge of an English department his resignation would come promptly upon the change of his Neoragua Canal treaty by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. That is etiquette in England. When a Cabinet officer ceases to represent the sentiment and the spirit of the country he makes his farewell bow quickly and says out. It is different in America. Here a Cabinet officer holds his place until expelled by the man who has appointed him.

The United States have, however, a method worth two of England's for disposing of Cabinet officials who do not catch the American spirit. They have an election every fourth year, in which they revise things, and this is the year. Secretary Hay has not represented the people of America for some time. His attitude in the Macrum case was as un-American as possible. His Nicaragua Canal treaty was as bad. In both of these transactions he was as British as any Briton. He should carry his Anglicanism a step farther and follow the custom that prevails among members of the English cabinet.

Curious Facts. A shipment of American black bass was made to France, and they have flourished so marvelously that today are common articles of diet in the hotels and restaurants. When the bass were introduced the French streams were practically deserted.

During the Franco-German war the German artillery fired 340,000 shots and the infantry twenty million. This terrible hail of shot and bullets resulted in a loss of forty-five thousand men to the French. Thus every Frenchman killed involved an expenditure of bullets sufficient to kill a regiment.

A big piece of granite has been cut from the Palmer quarry, five miles from Vinalhaven, Mo. It measures in the rough state sixty-four feet in length, and is eight feet six inches thick by seven in width, the total weight being 310 tons. When turned into cylindrical form it will be fifty-four feet in length by six feet three inches in diameter, and will be the first of eight columns which are destined to support the great dome of the Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York.

In the Yellowstone National Park is a curious freak of nature. Along a little frequented trail leading to the fossil forest stands a great glacial boulder, twice as large as an ordinary street car, which has been split apart from top to bottom by a pine tree. The tree is thirty or forty years old, and it grows entirely through this block of granite, spreading the pieces wide apart on one side, while on the other the crevice remains comparatively small. Everything goes to show that the tree has split the rock by its own force, perhaps assisted each winter by the ice. It seems to have thrived on the task. Though it has moved apart these massive fragments, each weighing hundreds of tons, it is the healthiest tree in that locality.

On the 1st of February there were twenty-three new cotton mills in process of construction in the south with 784,810 spindles and a capital of \$15,000,000. It is estimated that during the month of February 125,000 more spindles and a capital of \$25,000,000 were added to this amount. Moreover, great knitting plants were proposed, and one factory went to Newport News with a capital and another to Statesville, N. C. with \$2,600,000 capital also from the north.

The cut in the dividend declared by the sugar trust, accompanying a rise in the price of its product to wholesalers, is explained plausibly by the officers of the company on several grounds. The one explanation which they neglect to give, and the most probable one, is that it was necessitated by the campaign contribution pledged to the Republican party in return for favors to be granted in connection with trade with our new possessions.

The tobacco trust fears the competition of little Puerto Rico. Before long will come the Philippines, and there tobacco is both grown and manufactured into cigars. If the Philippines shall be admitted as part of the integral territory of the United States, every cigar factory in this country might as well shut up shop while its proprietor can send what is left of his capital over to Manila, there to start a new plant, manned by cigar makers with wages at 15 cents a day.

Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt, who knows a good deal about the iron business, says that the government, by returning the duty of 40 cents on iron ore, is making a present to Mr. Carnegie, whose work turns out half the steel made in the United States, of \$10,000 a day. But as the net profit of the Carnegie was only \$10,000,000 this year on \$25,000,000 capital, it would be a pity to deprive it of \$10,000 a day. It would greatly reduce the cost of steel to the people, but it would be too hard on poor Carnegie & Co.—Fort Madison (Ia.) Democrat.

MUSIC.—Miss Mildred Burmaster, teacher of piano or organ. System—the Mason touch and technique. Residence—Fifth street, opposite U P church.

The Boer war occupies the first place at the end of another week, though there has been very little fighting during the week. Preparations are going ahead which indicate a big battle within a few days. On the surface the English are having everything their own way with the chances all in their favor, in fact the future program is being mapped out as if the victory was already won. The Boers continue to state that they will fight to the last ditch, and though there are reports of overtures for peace the fact creeps out that as a matter of fact there have been none at all.

Our own war which has been announced ended for some time as a matter of fact is in progress just about as much as ever. More than that the report is that there have recently been as many casualties and that the Filipinos have captured as many of our guns as we have theirs during the past weeks. The islands are as much of an elephant as ever, and we may expect always to have trouble there spasmodically at least.

This week sees the political pot of the state of Oregon at a sizeable heat, with signs of a boil in due time. The vase points to a live storm ahead. Little inside whirls and outside twirls. The best way is to keep cool and do right through the mountains fall.

The receipt during the week of copies of the Popera paper being run as the editor of the week believes Jesus would have run it has brought up discussion of the running of newspaper generally. It is an interesting topic, particularly to the editor who has to make both ends meet or collapse. The general plan with the average paper is to set the editoria machine to running in the morning, and then grind out whatever comes along seasoned with an occasional comment on politics and "things." The next day the same thing is done over. The big papers have more elaborate plans and many details, but when the paper is presented its readers in the morning or in the evening the result is just the same whatever name it is called by. The average reader goes through with the pictures and the big heads of the big dailies just about as quickly as through a small folio daily in which he is interested in everything that appears. The policy is to make the paper whatever it is as readable as possible, filling its field whether big or small. The fellow who is not running it knows more about how it ought to be run and can elaborate immense plans. Some times he does get a paper, and what a paper it is when he has turned his crank for a few issues. There is one thing though that the public should demand and that is cleanliness. No paper should be taken into the home that is not clean, and the purer the tone the better. But whatever else may be said the public must be given the news in the field in which the paper is published. They want more than opinions.

Peoples Party Primary Election. Notice is hereby given that the Peoples Party Primary Elections for Albany, East Albany, and West Albany precincts in Linn County, Oregon, will be held in each of said precincts on Saturday, March 31st, 1900, for the purpose of electing the following delegates to the Peoples Party Convention:

Albany..... 2  
East Albany..... 5  
West Albany..... 3

The polls of said primary elections will remain open from 1 until 6 o'clock p. m. of said day. The voting places are as follows: Albany, at the County Court room; East Albany, Farmers Warehouse; West Albany, County Recorders office. The following named persons will act as judges of said primary elections: Albany, C. O. Hogue, W. F. Hammer, and C. S. Harnish. East Albany, George Patterson, F. B. Hankins, J. S. Morgan. West Albany, H. M. Palmer, Ass. Lewelling, Geo. D. Barton. Dated at Albany, Oregon, this 24th day of March, 1900.

E. C. NEAL, Secretary Peoples Party Central Committee.

Still Later News. I inform the general public that I will have in the future Wholesale and Retail Grocery store and liquors for medicinal use and Patent Medicines. I shall keep on selling all my goods at reduced price for net cash. Mocha and Java coffee 30 cts per lb., regular price 40 cts. My Favorite coffee, 15 cts., regular price 20 cts. 18 lbs. Dry Granulated sugar, \$1.00. Come and see me personally and you will be astonished to see what reduction I have made on all my goods for net cash. I won't charge you anything to give you information. I have no favorite in business with my wholesale houses. I buy from the one that gives me the most for my money. I desire to buy some eggs, either in trade or cash. Albany, Or., March 10, 1900. Signed by JULIUS GRADWOHL.

French the Jeweler makes a specialty of engagement and wedding rings.

Miss Long makes up-to-date pictures in the highest style of the art of photography.

If Mr. Bryan had been elected and was running for re-election on forty cent wheat he would have his hands full.

These eastern Oregon mines have to report a new strike every day or two in order to keep up the movement of the credulous gold seeker.

An exchange declares that the president has become so expert that he can change his mind in full view of his audience without being detected.

Albany people get most of their fun and excitement out at the depot. Salem people get theirs out of The Journal.—Journal, This accounts for the long faces of Salem people.

Mr. North and Mr. South were registered at the Revere House yesterday. Mr. East and Mr. West were not there, perhaps because Mr. Cant was.

There was one thing about the Topeka Daily Capital. There was no question about how it stood on the temperance question. It was as plain as a full moon in a clear night.

There are four hundred men on the trail to Cape Nome unwilling to wait for the sailing of the boats in May, willing to brave snow and ice in order to get in ahead of the rush. But they will find the field pretty thoroughly covered.

Congressman Tongue is doing some live squirming in reference to his position on the Porto Rico bill. With Senator Simon endorsed by the Portland chamber of commerce for taking a directly opposite position he hardly knows where to lay down.

When it comes to Senator McBride the Oregonian is considerable of an anti. Mr. Scott frequently displays the satire of a Junius, which makes interesting reading when some one else is hit. In Senator McBride he has a good subject, for McBride has undoubtedly made the weakest U. S. senator Oregon ever had.

An Ex says: If the Loud bill, known as H R 6071, should become a law it would destroy all the weekly newspapers in the United States. Loud visited Europe last summer and is now trying to model our postal laws on a monarchical basis. In those countries small weekly papers do not exist, only a few great dailies which are carried the same as merchandise. The Loud bill is in the interest of the great dailies, of which there are less than half a dozen in Oregon, and against the weeklies, of which there are perhaps 150. We hope no senator or representative from Oregon will vote for this bill.

The following, from the Oregonian has attracted a good deal of attention here:

The most ludicrous thing yet is the appointment of "Archie" Johnson, of Seio, to be bank examiner. Johnson is one of McBride's discoveries. Possibly he might be fit for something, but not for bank examiner. He would be quite as fit for a position in the Naval Observatory; for he knows just as much of astronomy and navigation, and indeed of any and every other science, as he knows of finance and banking. It is well known that a high general level of knowledge of the science and practice of banking prevails in the Forks of the Santiam; and we seriously fear that "Archie's" standard is not up to it. At any rate, we are informed that there are many in the Forks who are doubtful about it. But Johnson's real qualification and actual merit for the position rest on his treachery to Senator Dolph and his intrigue for McBride in the Legislature of 1895, and on his rabid support of Mitchell in the Legislature of 1897. Through all the heat of the struggle for the gold standard and down to the final victory, he was a silverite, because he knew nothing of money or its laws. "Archie" for bank examiner is a spectacle for gods and men.

There will be a packed house here to hear Bryan, and it will be out doors too.

McBride got set down on the Marion county republican primaries. Let the whole state follow suit.

The Salem Journal nominates Til Ford for justice of the peace, Andy Gilbert for constable and A. Bush for road supervisor. This is really funny.

Carnegie and Frick have made up, and now look out for another rise in steel goods. The steel will be continued. The dissolution was long enough to give the public some spicy insinuation about exorbitant profits.

The whole Willamette valley is talking dairy, and there is a prospect that this will be one of the greatest dairying sections of the United States. Dairying is a cash business and will mean better times for those engaged in it. All that can be traced to the influence going out from the Albany creamery, whose splendid management has set others to figuring and thinking.

Brown, who had his hair cut, was no in it with the DEMOCRAT man who bought a new spring hat yesterday. On every corner it was something like this: "Hello, the DEMOCRAT man has a new hat." "Well, here's the DEMOCRAT man with a new hat." "Did you ever, the Man about Town has a new hat." "Lookathere, Nutting's got a new hat." "Gotane whatgotnewhatgotnewhatgotnewhat?" "Where did you get it." "At the Slain Clothing Co's, where the biggest stock and best display in t v may be seen."

The subjects to be discussed at the Christian church tomorrow will be as follows: Morning, "Habits of Stated Prayer," evening, "The Day Star." All are invited to attend.

Congregational church: Morning worship at 11 a. m., subject of sermon "Grieving the Holy Spirit." Sunday School at 12:15, Jr. C. E. S. at 3:30 p. m., C. E. S. at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. All not attending elsewhere are cordially invited to all these services.

Presbyterian church: Morning worship 10:30, evening worship 7:30, Sabbath School 11:45, Jr. Endeavor 3:30, Sr. Endeavor 6:30. Subject of morning sermon, "My Church." Evening sermon, "The Way, the truth, the life." A cordial invitation to all services is extended to all.

United Presbyterian church: Morning worship at 10:30, subject of sermon, "Assembling for Worship." Sabbath school at 11:45, Jr. Endeavor at 3:30, Sr. Endeavor at 6:30, evening worship at 7:30, subject of sermon, "Divine Ownership." Annual roll-call of the congregation at the morning service. All are invited to attend these services.

Baptist church: Morning subject, "The House of My Masters, Brethren," evening subject, "Would Jesus Join a Club or Lodge?"

MANILA, Feb. 13.—It is a strange state of affairs, that exists in the Philippines today. Civil governments are rapidly being established in every town of importance and yet it is an undeniable fact that since January 1 the insurgent forces have captured a number of rifles and quantities of ammunition from the Americans, almost equaling the sum total of American captures from the insurgents. Besides this, the casualty rate for the last two weeks will come very close to being heavier than at any other period of the insurrection.

No Peace Overtures. LONDON, March 23, 4 A. M.—It has been learned that no peace overtures have been made to Lord Salisbury nor are any expected at present by Great Britain. The telegraphic correspondence has been confined to the treatment of British prisoners, Lord Salisbury, the President of the South African Republic, responsible. The question of the safety of Johannesburg and the gold mines there has not been raised.

In Kentucky. FRANKFORT, March 22.—State troops, recognizing the democratic Governor, Leckham, are in possession of the County Courthouse and Jail tonight, and will do military duty here under orders from Governor Beckham during the examining trials of the republican secretary of State Caleb Powers, Captain Bout Davis and W. H. Cutton which are set for hearing before Judge Moore tomorrow.

The Proper Thing. WASHINGTON, March 22.—After a spirited discussion extending over three days the Loud bill was recommended by the House to a committee on postoffices. The majority in favor of the motion to recommend was so decisive that it is regarded as unlikely that the measure will appear again during the present congress.

Interested in Oregon. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Considerable interest is manifested by the Republicans in the senate in the Oregon convention as they are wondering what position will be taken by the republicans regarding Puerto Rico, and whether the President's free-trade message will be endorsed or the House and Senate committee's protection bill.

British Repulsed. KROONSTADT, Orange Free State, Mar. 20.—The Boers, commanded by General Olivier, have engaged the British troops under General Gatacre in the vicinity of Bethulia, repulsing the British with heavy loss, and capturing many of them.

Kruger Will Fight. LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, dated Monday March 19, says: President Kruger returned from Kroonstad yesterday. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal Government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort.

Ashamed of Themselves. LEXINGTON, March 21.—A meeting was held here today, attended by leading citizens of this city and surrounding cities. The object was to put on foot a partisan move looking toward action to retrieve the reputation of Kentucky and obvert the reputation the present complicated state of affairs, and the acts leading up to them have given it.

An Alaska Murder. SKAGWAY, March 15.—The story of the sensational of a man and his wife from Oregon by Indians on Lynn Canal, has just come to light here. The victims are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton, of Eugene, Or.

The murder was committed in October and the fate of the couple was not known until within the last week. The secret was divulged by one of the murderers who lately became converted in the Salvation Army in Skagway, and was prompted in his religious testimonies to speak of his crime.

A Strike. CLEVELAND, March 22.—Redeemers of 2000 machines in the city of Cleveland after an all-night meeting decided at 2 A. M., to go on a strike this morning. Between 1500 and 2000 men will go out. They are demanding a 9-hour work day with the pay heretofore given for ten hours.

A Chinese Raid. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The police have made a raid on the Chinese high-binders and arrested six of the most notorious members of the Suey Sing Tong. Each of the men in custody is accused of at least one murder, and several are suspected of having assassinated two of more members of rival tong.

Just Talk. NEW YORK, March 21.—Rev. W. D. P. Bliss the Christian Socialist lecturer spoke last night before the Social Reform Club on "The Social Reform Movement in the West" and predicted the re-election of President McKinley in consequence of an immense vote that the Social Democracy will, he feels sure, poll in the Middle Western states.

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