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CHARLES A. DANNA evidently doesn't regard Cleveland as "in it" whatever the rest of the democratic party may think about it.

The officials do a great deal of work on the upper river with their mouths—and still only one boat is able to run to Salem.—Statesman.

OREGON wheat can't be beat, and a combined harvester and thresher that cuts and sacks the wheat, is one of the sights in an 800-acre Union grain field.

THE democratic nominees for governor of Ohio and Iowa are both trying to straddle the silver plank in the democratic platform; but come to think of it, that is nothing new; democratic candidates have always done the same.

THE New York Sun favors the annexation of Cuba, and the Sun is by no means alone. That Cuba will sooner or later become the property of the United States we have always believed. The only question to be determined is to how to acquire it.

NEW YORKERS are again discussing ways and means of raising the money to build the Grant monument. Did it ever occur to these gentlemen, many of whom are wealthy, that the quickest way to raise the money would be to contribute it themselves.

SENATOR MITCHELL has received a letter from the chairman of the republican state central committee of Ohio, inviting him to participate in the campaign in the Buckeye state. The chairman says: "We are to have a hard fight, and the enemy are already at work."

CLEVELAND isn't to make any speeches in the Ohio campaign this year; not if he knows himself, and he thinks he does. This will be a great disappointment to the republicans, as the presence of the king of the free traders in Ohio would have added a thousand or two to McKinley's majority.

The lowering clouds of last week have drifted into the remote nowhere, the sun shines brightly in a clear sky, the earth is no longer wet with the untimely rains. The farmers anxious looks have departed, brightness and glory fill all the summer day, and the natural proper Oregon is again with us.

The underhanded attacks made upon Mr. Blaine by misrepresenting his health have proven to be boomerangs in more than one sense. Experience is the only thing that will teach some people. The fellow who once picks up a piece of white hot iron will hardly repeat the experiment willingly.

We have been asked if this paper has a candidate for the presidency. We have no hesitation in saying that it has. Our choice is the man upon whom a majority of the delegates to the next national convention shall agree as the proper man to lead the party to victory. We trust that this explanation will be sufficiently explicit.

The New York correspondent of the Inter Ocean asserts that the most serious complaints are heard about the bond market. It is difficult to sell even the best class of bonds, and almost as difficult to secure loans on them. It would appear from this that there is not such a large supply of money in the country as the gold men would have us believe, and perhaps when the cinch occasioned by the export of gold becomes tighter some of them will be able to see some virtue in silver.

The income tax plank of the Ohio democratic platform was, in the language of its author, Hon. G. W. Houk, of Dayton, inserted because it would "capture lots of farmers votes." Mr. Houk will probably discover in the near future that Ohio farmers are not so green as he and his democratic colleagues supposed them to be.

THE Italian government in declining to take any official part in our Columbian Exposition is only carrying out the policy it has followed for some years in regard to international expositions, but it does not follow that Italy will be unrepresented at the big show. The Italian government has already let it be understood that it will do all that it can to encourage its citizens to make private exhibits and present indications are that Italian interests will be largely represented at the fair.

SECRETARY FOSTER deserves credit for having refused to allow the sons of two prominent treasury department officials to be appointed private secretaries to their fathers. The practice among officials of placing members of their immediate families upon the government pay rolls is at best a bad one, and should be entirely abolished as far as republicans are concerned. It has been the cause of more than one scandal. We tip our hat to the man who dares to do right, even though he thereby offends some of his friends.

MORTGAGE FACTS.

A preliminary statement of the real estate mortgages of the country has been issued by the census office, and it overthrows at one blow the whole edifice of falsehood told about our mortgaged indebtedness. There are about 2,250,000 mortgages on farms and homes in the entire country. The Alliance orators of the West have been declaring that there are 9,000,000 of them. The census knocks off three out of every four claimed. The total is only one-fourth of the nine million.

Furthermore, the total amount of the mortgages is \$2,565,000,000 which is not over one-third of the total actual value of the property mortgaged. That is, on an average the men who have borrowed money on their farms or houses owe one-third of their value and own the other two-thirds. Is their condition so terrible as the overdrawn pictures that have been made thereof? And it is to be remembered that the total value of all these mortgages, large as it is, does not cover over 8 per cent. of the total value of real estate in the entire Union. With 92 per cent. free from debt, the country is not in danger of going to the dogs because of mortgages.

There is another important fact in this connection. About two-thirds of the total of these mortgages was on the purchase of real estate; that is, it was not money borrowed on the security of the land because of financial troubles. They paid one-third of the purchase money down and mortgaged the property for the two-thirds; and, better than all, they are steadily paying off their debt. They are honest men, and do not require the nation's currency to be debased in purchasing power in order to allow them to cheat their creditors out of part of the money they honestly owe.

OUR NAVY.

The Naval Annual, an English publication compiled by Lord Brassey, shows this year that the United States and Spain lead all other nations in the swiftness of their war vessels, and that we rank first with England and Italy in the strength of vessel armors. England leads in tonnage and ship building, and France in the number of vessels available for war. The United States ranks third in tonnage and ranks second with France in the number of ships under construction.

Oh yes, the McKinley tariff law is destroying our foreign commerce, and this is the way it is doing it: A statement recently issued by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department shows that our foreign commerce for the year ending June 30th, was the largest in our history, amounting to \$1,729,330,896; it also shows that under the first nine months of the McKinley tariff law we imported merchandise to the value of \$630,206,005, while for the same period in the year before our imports amounted to only \$598,869,909; also that under the McKinley law the goods admitted free of duty amounted to \$295,963,662 against \$208,983,873 for the same period in the year before. How the democratic lies by which they secured control of the house of representatives last year are going home to roost.

OREGON WEATHER REPORT.

FOR WESTERN OREGON, FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1891.

WEATHER. The temperature has been from 2 to 5 degrees a day below the average for the week. On Tuesday and Wednesday thunder storms were quite general and rain fell, especially in the Willamette valley and along the coast; rain also fell on Thursday and Friday, while to-day is clearing weather and warmer. The rainfall was heaviest in Multnomah and Columbia counties and gradually decreased to the south, especially south of Marion county; south of the Calapooia mountains less than .15 of an inch of rain fell; in a few sections hail fell on the 5th.

CROPS.

The rain did no material damage to the wheat crop; much of the fall wheat was cut and in shock, ready for the thresher, and about all the damage done was the delay which will crowd fall wheat threshing and spring wheat cutting close together. There are a few reports of wheat having fallen, but this is practically nothing. A continuation of the rain would have caused the wheat to sprout; but the clearing weather was most timely. Threshed wheat in Polk and Yamhill counties has been averaging from 25 to 40 bushels per acre; oats also yielded well. In some sections plowing for summer-fallowing is in progress. The rains were of great benefit to root crops, gardens, pasturage, young orchards and had a tendency to destroy and cause a cessation of the ravages made by the hop louse and codlin moth. The four days of rain was most unusual for this season of the year, but fortunately no damage was done and good results are expected from it.

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