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The New York democracy is divided against itself. They have played Hill a little too long. See lah.

The farmers who obeyed the "Hold your wheat" circular, are not going around bragging of the money they are making.

JACK DEMPSEY is coming home. He has been suffering for many months with malaria, and his friends for a while expressed fears that he was in the first stages of consumption.

ARGENTINE gold is at a premium of 258. Government loans on hand brought it to this high figure. Happily the advocates of this dangerous doctrine in this country are becoming less numerous.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has submitted a report to the senate seating Fred T. Dubois, contestant for senatorial honors against Mr. Claggett, of Idaho, and the former will retain his seat in the senate.

The New York democracy is in a hopeless state of division. The Cleveland faction is out, resolving and where against the Hill element, and it seems to be rather uncertain who will domineer in the councils of the party. Outside of New York Cleveland is certainly the man. The south will sustain him in the convention.

The horticulturists of Oregon are beginning the work of raising funds for a creditable horticultural exhibit at the world's fair in earnest. Oregon has been allotted 4000 square feet for the purpose. At a recent meeting in Portland between \$2000 and \$3000 was subscribed. It is expected \$10,000 can be raised for the exhibit.

A late census bulletin is devoted to the subject of paupers in almshouses. It shows that the average age of the almshouse pauper is 51 years. In the far west one-half of all these paupers are between the ages of 60 and 80 years. In the almshouse of Oregon there are ninety-nine paupers, thirteen of whom are women. The oldest man is 100 years and the oldest woman 85.

CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON, the preacher, is dead. Few men have lived who possessed the pulpit powers of Spurgeon, and few to-day adhere to the simplicity of orthodoxy with the decision that he has always maintained in the work of Christianization. The loss of Dr. Spurgeon's influence in the religious world will be sorely felt and earnestly lamented. Another great man has passed away.

Our governor recommends that congress appropriate nearly \$500,000 for a portage railway at Celilo, above The Dalles on the Columbia river. Although not an admirer of the "billion-dollar congress," the governor is very willing for Oregon to make quite a dip into the national treasury. Thus it goes. Each individual wants all he can get for his old home, but he howls when he sees the figures of the grand aggregate.—Grant's Pass Courier.

A BILL introduced by Senator Stewart, of Nevada, is now pending in the house for the admission of Utah as a state. This, of course, will find opposition from the obstructionists in the house, but Senator Bushnell's resolution on the subject, declaring that Utah has a larger population than the three adjoining states of Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada combined, will find favor among conservative men in either party. The admission of this territory promises, however, to become a political issue.

The early fruit growers of Oregon had a wonderful market for a few years at San Francisco. In 1854 five hundred bushels of apples were shipped from Oregon to San Francisco and returned a net profit of from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per pound. In 1855 the shipments rose to six thousand bushels which sold at from twenty to thirty dollars per bushel. In 1856 the shipments rose to twenty thousand boxes. Even in this year big prices were received, and for choice fruit fancy figures were obtained, one box of Esopus Spitzenberg selling for sixty dollars. The Californians planted apple trees, and after 1860 the shipment of apples from Oregon began to decline. Apple raising was more profitable than gold mining for the first half dozen years of the industry in Oregon.

A DEMOCRAT.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer describes democratic consistency as follows. The present condition of the party verifies the description. We quote: "A democrat, in his conscience, is a different being from a democrat on the stump" desiring votes for an office. In his inner consciousness he is a free trader; but before the public he is simply for "tariff reform" and in "favor of protecting the tax-payer from unnecessary burdens." His only objection, to the people, against the protective policy, is that something better could be done for the laborer. When he is elected to congress, this same self-sacrificing, philanthropic democrat formulates a shabby Morrison's horizontal reduction measure or Mills' protective bill to southern planters, cuts down appropriations for the navy, coast defenses and rivers and harbors, then goes before the country as the friend(?) of the poor man."

"We have carefully watched the subterfuges of the democratic party for years, and its duplicity has been marked. On free-trade it has the same double policy that it has on national finances, and in reading its platforms it is incumbent on every intelligent elector to scan between the lines and to be conversant with its past history."

MORE FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

A series of farmers' institutes is being held in the state of Oregon this winter under the auspices of the state agricultural college. Of the beneficial results of these institutes there can be no question. That they are beginning to be appreciated is also apparent. The only thing that is wrong about the matter is that there are not enough of them.

With only six institutes annually in a state the size of Oregon it will be a long time before the mass of the farmers will be able to avail themselves of the benefits to be derived therefrom. It is also true that the beneficial results are far greater when the institutes are held repeatedly in the same locality. It is necessary that the farmers become familiar with these institutes in order to understand how useful they are. The first institute held in any locality is apt to be, in a greater or less degree, discouraging. The seed sown is not, however, entirely wasted, and the next time an institute is held in that locality a greater interest will be manifested.

It would be a grand thing for Oregon if one or two institutes could be held in each county in the state every year. It will not be many years before we reach that state of affairs and the sooner the better. Increase of knowledge and improved methods are necessary in order to keep up with the procession. As a matter of fact the farmers of Oregon are in many respects necessarily far behind the farmers of states like Wisconsin and Indiana and have greater need of institutes than farmers in those states. In Wisconsin two series of institutes are running throughout the winter, and in Indiana ninety-one are held during the season.

In consideration of the amount of good done, the cost of holding farmers' institutes is small. The greater part of the work is done gratuitously. There ought, however, to be a fixed sum appropriated by the state for institute work. One-half or one-third of the amount which is expended for the support of its ornamental militia would be sufficient to do wonders in the way of holding farmers' institutes. If the farmers of the state are wise they will demand of their representatives that an adequate appropriation be made for an institute fund. After institutes have been held once or twice in each county in the state the farmers can be depended upon to make such a demand. If they do not make it now with sufficient vigor it is because they have not yet had the opportunity to learn their value.—Rural Northwest.

THAT our coast defenses are inadequate is beginning to be realized by congress is a hopeful sign. The United States has a large extent of sea coast and it will require large sums of money to properly protect all the important points. Yet this should be done. It is a matter of great interest to the whole country that this work should be proceeded with, without delay. Our whole Pacific coast needs better protection. It is unwise for a great government like ours to leave unprotected such a large territory. The government cannot do better than protect the country from invasion in case of war with some foreign nation.

MR. CLEVELAND says that the Business Men's Democratic Association of New York, is composed of men who, "in a disinterested way, devote themselves to honest party work." This is good. The shade of Andrew Jackson must writhe in agony at the modern methods of "honest party work" as typified in New York.

CLOISTERED CHRISTIANITY.

An exchange, viewing things in the light of Christianity, has the following reflections to offer. The words are well said:

The retirement of a young and lovely woman within a convent wall for life is not a pleasant spectacle of youth, beauty, affection and goodness placed through the sincere convictions of their possessor where they can never be what nature meant they should be. The beneficent light of the outer world re-created in the form of a pure and loving woman, whose saintly shape, whether as wife, mother or maid, should be as democratic in its ways and walks as was the Master himself, who gave his life that humanity "for the people, of the people and by the people might not perish from the earth!" Christ was born in scenes that were wide open to the day, flourished in the freest intercourse and identity with the people, and perished in the full view of that people as publicly as he lived. Is he less revered; was he less potential for good because he crept forth from no dark and shadowy cell to his lovely work, and when that daily work stopped with the sun had no tub of Diogenes as an eccentric house of refuge, but was content, if nothing better offered, with that freedom that finds

"The turf a fragrant shrine,
A temple, Lord, that arch of thine,
The censor's breath the mountain airs,
And silent thoughts the only prayers?"

The democratic obstruction to legislation in the house of representatives was manifested the other day from the committee on public land by the opposition to Senator Dolph's bill providing for refunding to the settlers on even numbered sections of land within the limits of the grant to the Northern Pacific railroad company, which was declared forfeited at the last session, the difference between the price paid of \$2.50 per acre and \$1.25 per acre. Such maneuvering will elect the next republican president.

CARDINAL MANNING was quite abstemious in his habits. When a guest at the most splendid banquets he would dine off a potato, a bit of meat and a glass of water. Wine he never drank. He was greatly interested in the temperance cause, and said spirits did more to destroy the homes of the poorer classes than all else combined. "The Englishman drinks from brutality, the Irishman from joviality, and it is much easier to reform an Irish drunkard than an English," said the cardinal.

It may be convenient for American doctors to know, says a London cable, that in England an American diploma of medicine does not entitle its possessor to call himself M. D. If he does he may be prosecuted. A doctor has actually been prosecuted for this offense and convicted, and upon application to quash the conviction the lord chief justice of England expressed the opinion that, within the meaning of the law of England, our countryman had falsely represented himself as an M. D., and had falsely pretended to be a doctor of medicine, having "only an American degree," said Lord Coleridge. His appeal was dismissed, and he will now have the pleasure of paying into the treasury of the queen £100.

The attention of the public is gradually but surely being drawn to the magnitude of the evils resulting from gambling in futures. Among the first to call attention to the matter were some of the great millers of the country who found the artificial fluctuations caused by this class of speculation, most injurious to their business. The farmers have for some time realized the depressing effects upon prices caused by the competition of fictitious grain with the real article. Charles A. Pillsbury, who is at the head of the greatest flour-manufacturing business in the world, said two or three years ago that wheat would bring the farmer a dollar a bushel at their home market if it were not for the option business. Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, has introduced a bill in Congress intended to put a stop to the business, and states that in his opinion the farmers would be getting 20 cents a bushel more for their wheat than they now are if prices were not artificially depressed by the existing system of gambling. The evil is a vast one and is powerfully entrenched, and to some, the efforts to squelch it may appear hopeless, in view of the respectability and high standing of those engaged in it. It is to be remembered, however, that lotteries were once legal everywhere and even approved of by teachers of religion and morality. Now, no newspaper in this land can even insert an advertisement of a foreign lottery, and while the evil is not entirely eradicated it is no longer a business in which reputable persons will engage.—Rural Northwest.

"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER."

As there has been no notice taken of so august a meeting as the late convention held in Boston by the W. C. T. U., it may be well to make mention of it through our columns. The first World's and eighteenth National convention of the W. C. T. U. was held in Boston, Mass., Nov. 11-18, 1891. Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward speaks of this meeting as "the most important convention of women ever held in America." There were present many of our eminent temperance women, among whom were Lady Henry Somerset, Frances E. Willard, Mary Clement Leavitt, Hannah Whitall Smith, Mother Thompson, Isabella Beecher Hooker, and our much-honored national superintendent of the Y's, Frances J. Barnes, besides many state superintendents and hearty workers.

Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the World's National W. C. T. U., delivered an eloquent address, touching upon the forty different lines of work done by this mighty army of earnest workers "for God and home and native land."

Just here we would like to ask how many of our readers know how large an organization the W. C. T. U. has become and if they realize that it is a world-wide organization? America, England, France, Denmark, Italy, Spain, Russia, Egypt, Syria, Africa, with other countries and many islands of the sea are represented by this grand movement.

Besides Miss Willard's lengthy address, which occupies sixteen pages of the Daily Union Signal, the official organ of the W. C. T. U., and of which it would be impossible to even give a synopsis in our limited space, there were addresses by Lady Henry Somerset and others.

The banner was this year presented to the Iowa Y's by Miss Ensign, assistant superintendent of the Ohio Y's.

When we remember that only a few years since the W. C. T. U. was only that little band of workers in Hillsboro, Ohio, who were then denounced as Crusaders, and think that today there are thousands of members we can thank God and take courage, for the day of triumph will yet dawn for the workers of the W. C. T. U.

The collection taken on the evening devoted to the Y's amounted to \$140, which was the largest single collection of the convention.

We must not forget that much practical work was done by this convention, out of which much good will spring.

The Oak and Ivy Leaf says, "The room occupied by Mrs. Barnes and her party of Y's at Boston being devoid of vases, the ingenuity of the girls quickly provided a substitute and the cuspidor was elevated to floral duty on the mantel, with the following terse inscription by Miss McDowell:

"When men are men and right is right
And cuspidors are vases,
Then women true and children, too,
Will occupy their places."

The purser of the Lurline tells a story which well illustrates the difference between eastern and western Oregon. About two years ago an old lady got on the boat at the Cascades, on her way to the valley, and a friend sung out: "Hello! Mrs. Blank; where are you going?" "Going to where there is water enough to wash my clothes; we don't have enough for that in eastern Oregon," was the reply. About a month after she was a passenger on the Lurline going back. The purser said: "How do you do, Mrs. Blank? Have you got your washing done?" "Yes," said the old lady, "I have, and now I am going back east of the mountains to get my clothes dry."

The Pendleton East Oregonian "sighs proverb" on public economy in the following language: Sixty thousand dollars is being spent on the dome of the capitol at Salem, while the Columbia river remains unopened for lack of money. Sixty thousand dollars for show and trimmings, and useless, too, but not a cent for greater prosperity and relief from monopoly's clutch! Ignorance spends money for pride and display, while the worker—the slave—is in rags, and the idler wears fine linen? It is the same old story; the dressed up fool still attracts more attention than poorly clothed virtue.

The total number of distinct words in the New Testament, excluding proper names and their derivatives, is 4,829. A few comparisons may be interesting. The vocabulary of the Old Testament is larger. Gensius' "Lexicon," omitting proper names and obsolete words, contains 5,810 words, of which 642 are marked "Chald." The "Iliad" and the "Odyssey" together contain 9,000 words. Shakespeare uses 15,000 and Milton 9,000.

The divine right of kings to rule is fast passing away. The hold monarchial institutions have upon the people is becoming less. The death of the Duke of Clarence, the direct heir to the throne of England diminishes to some extent this claim. Democratic principles are taking strong hold of a large number of people in all monarchies and not many generations will roll by before the doctrine of the divine right of kings to rule will be swept away. Republican governments are proven to be so strong that they are introducing greater freedom even into absolute monarchies.

A TACOMA editor created a sensation in church while they were singing a well-known hymn by bawling out in a spirit of abominableness. "Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball put down their dollars and subscribe and we'll receipt them all!" He was promptly expelled without even getting a chance to take up a collection.

Some man is said to have discovered a method of deodorizing whisky. If this genius who has struck a body blow at the clove industry can now devise a method of eliminating the "drunk" from the juice of the corn and the fermentation of the rye he can make bichloride of gold a drug in the market and head the national prohibition ticket on a dead issue.

THERE is a new automatic astronomical attachment that records the exact moment at which the moon is full. Let some later day genius re-adjust the device so that it will serve like notice on the hilarious rouser who never knows just when he is full.

ROBERT LAING, of Boise City, has made the discovery that sage brush can be utilized in the manufacture of paper. Even the most insignificant plant can be used to some good purpose.

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