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A REMARKABLE SHOWING.

The statement of the foreign commerce of the United States for the calendar year 1891, just issued by the bureau of statistics, makes the most remarkable showing for the export trade in the history of the country. The December statement that completes the year is the most favorable ever issued. In that month the United States exported merchandise to the value of \$119,932,532. This wonderful total was never reached before. It was never approached, except in the two preceding months of November and October, when the figures, respectively, reached \$110,103,536 and \$102,877,243. Never before October, 1891, did the value of exports reach the \$100,000,000 mark. The total exports for the last quarter of 1891 were thus \$332,913,311 a sum larger than the value of the total of exports for any entire year before 1870, with two exceptions.

The exports for the full year were \$970,506,282, exceeding those of the banner year 1880 by over \$80,000,000.

The showing of the trade balances for the last quarter is as remarkable as the export record. The excess of exports over imports in December was \$50,487,877; in November, \$45,218,235, and in October, \$36,040,708. This represents almost the trade balance for the year, the total excess of exports over imports of merchandise for the twelve months being \$142,193,636.

In spite of the favorable balance the year closed without bringing back the gold that was sent over in the spring. The gold exports took altogether \$79,088,312 of gold, and in spite of the heavy purchases of Europe from the United States only \$44,970,110 came back. That \$34,118,202 has been kept by Europe in spite of the balance of trade shows with what desperation the statesmen and financiers of the old world are struggling to secure gold for the future. To hold it the European countries have sacrificed goods and American securities held abroad to a large amount.—San Francisco Examiner.

No, the United States doesn't amount to much. As the London Times says, we are a set of bragging blusters; but yet a few facts are in order. For instance, in '91 the tonnage of the Detroit river, a narrow little stream in the northern part of North America, reached an aggregate exceeding the tonnage of all the shipping of London and Liverpool. The tonnage of the Sault Ste Marie canal, a little insignificant canal was greater for six months of '91, than the tonnage of the Suez canal for the entire year. The value of the cotton grown in seven of the forty-four states of the Union in '91 was \$400,000,000, exceeding the British revenue from its most extensive empire. The total manufactures of this country for '91 was \$1,750,000 more in value than the manufactures of Great Britain for the same period. Brethren let us pray that our minds may be disabused from prejudice.—Ex.

A country physician, laboring under the most trying circumstances, writes to the city doctor for information as follows: "Dear doctor I have a patient whose phisical sines shoes that the windpipe was ulcerated of, and his lungs has dropped into his stomach. He is unable to swallow and I fear his stomach tube is gone. I have given him every thing without effect. His father is wealthy Onerable and influential. he is an active member of the M. E. church and god nos I dont want to loose him. what shall I due. ans. by reurne male. yours in need."

It does us good to see every house in town occupied, but we should have more dwellings for rest.

ASTRONOMY AND THE BIBLE.

Astronomers can calculate backward. As they can foretell the exact date of an eclipse or reckon the return of a comet hundreds of years from now, so they can turn to the past and give the dates of unusual appearances in the celestial sphere hundreds of years ago. The time of the birth of Christ, according to the Bible description, is substantiated by astronomy, and even infidel astronomers have been compelled to testify that in about the year 1 there was a very strange unaccountable display among the heavenly bodies. Relying upon the strength of these facts, Lieut. Totten, of Yale, is after Bob Ingersoll, and the irreverent colonel will have to get down from his lofty peak of the imagination and answer the hard, cold, stubborn facts of astronomy and calculus. Bob says that the sun never obeyed Joshua nor did the moon rest over the valley of Ajalon. Totten says that astronomy shows that Joshua's day was forty-seven hours and twenty minutes and that the valley of Ajalon was the exact place the moon would have been in case the revolution of the earth was arrested as Joshua prayed it should be. He also says that Chinese, Jewish and Grecian history all give account of a day of forty-seven hours and twenty minutes just about that time. So, too, in the prophecy of Isaiah, in the book of Kings, that the sun-dial of Hezekiah should be turned back ten degrees or forty minutes. Totten says that unless it was so the facts of astronomy could not have existed. The eclipses of the sun right on down from that time show that there must have been a day of forty-seven hours and twenty minutes and that the dial must have turned back forty minutes to have made up the two days complete. When it comes to astronomy Bob is not in it.

The declination of Mr. Blaine as a candidate before the next republican national convention is a grievous announcement to his large circle of personal admirers and political friends. Mr. Blaine is the undoubted choice of his party for the nomination, but his positive refusal will not be disastrous in any way to party prospects in the outcome, as opposing partisan papers would have us believe. This announcement makes Mr. Harrison's renomination a reasonable certainty, and harmonizes all the factional disturbances in the party organization. The Secretary realizes the importance to the financial and material interests of the country, of the success of the republican party, and urges devotion to duty as the safest plan for the party in the coming contest. Party leaders will do well to heed Mr. Blaine's advice.

The outlook for railway work for 1892 is brighter than the outlook of year ago. One of the most significant signs is that 600,000 tons of new steel rails have already been contracted for. This amount alone is equivalent to 6000 miles of new track if laid only on new lines. Much of it will doubtless be laid for renewals, but contracts already out for 6,000 miles of new rails before the beginning of the year furnishes a very healthy indication for the prospect both of the iron and steel and the railway building industries during the coming year.—Exchange.

WHAT the orange lands are to California the prune lands are to Oregon and Washington. These states produce the finest prunes in the world, and with care in the cultivation will some day be able to supply the entire market of the United States, which heretofore has been supplied by Austria, Hungary, Italy and France. The lands along the Willamette river are capable of supplying the entire home market. Read the article in the GAZETTE "Fruit Culture in Oregon."

Our democratic exchanges speak favorably of Judge Burnett, of this city, for supreme judge to succeed Judge Strahan. As we have said before, Judge Burnett would poll as many democratic votes as any other man in the party, but Oregon is republican on a party vote by about 10,000 majority.

HONESTY IN POLITICS.

Independence in politics is keeping pace with the progress of events. It manifests itself in every section of the country today as it has never done before. Partisanship is giving way to local self-interests and the recognition of individual benefits. Real issues, instead of political heresies, are presented to the people for their independent and thoughtful consideration. Personal or private characters of candidates are no more regarded as points in political campaigns. Candidates are supposed to represent principles, and it is not the province of thinking people to inquire into the secrets of their private lives.

Independence in politics is honesty in politics. To exercise a conscientious conviction is the duty of every patriotic American. It is right that men should have opinions; but false opinions indicate a false man.

STANFORD'S SCHEME.

Senators Peffer and Stanford joining hands on a grand scheme to convert the United States treasury into a pawnbroker's shop is a sight to make the good angels weep.—Boston Herald.

Senator Stanford and his followers think an issue of \$100,000,000 of government notes based on farm mortgages would furnish a sound circulating medium. Then, what do they want with silver?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

If Senator Stanford wants to help the professional political farmers he can best do it by opening up his barrel and making a try for the presidency. He should not try to make the country pay the expenses of his little boom.—St. Louis Star-Sayings.

Senator Stanford made a speech yesterday in favor of his Utopian scheme to loan \$100,000,000 of treasury notes to farmers at 2 per cent per annum. Why doesn't he try the experiment on his own account for awhile? He has plenty of money and there are lots of farmers in California ready to borrow it.—Denver Republican.

An exchange states that a movement is on foot to have a convention of assessors of Oregon. Some of the assessors have written to the state board of equalization, favoring such a meeting. Oregon now has thirty-one assessors, and it is thought some excellent practical results might be attained by holding a general convention. The secretary of the board has prepared a circular letter to be sent to the assessors for the holding of such a meeting in Portland at the St. Charles hotel on February 20, 1892, at 10 o'clock.

The Salem cannery added one hundred families to the population of that city, and last year used the product from 1100 acres of land in vegetables alone, besides purchasing large quantities of prunes, peaches, pears, cherries and berries. In addition to its vast benefit to the community, it pays a fair dividend to stockholders.—Roseburg Review.

An exchange states that "President William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, lived only thirty-one days after his inauguration to the office, in March, 1839." That is where you are wrong. Mr. Harrison was not elected until November, 1840, and died April 4, 1841, after being in office just one month.

ONE of our best and newest exchanges is the Portland Evening Telegram. It comes to us this week in a new dress and presents an excellent appearance. Politically, we do not agree with the Telegram, but it is liberal and reasonable in the exposition of its political principles, and we wish it all manner of prosperity.

An exchange suggests that all sons of veterans, who were born since the war, ought to receive pensions from the government, because had their fathers been killed they may not have been born. The poor boys ran an awful risk.

Chauncey M. Depew says President Harrison's renomination is a settled fact since Mr. Blaine has declined.

DAVID B. HILL.

It would truly be a sad commentary on our democratic, federal government to have for its chief magistrate such a character as David B. Hill. That man is not the representative of principles, but is the embodiment of political filth and official corruption. Through his trickery and demagoguery New York state has been permanently secured to the control of the Tammany ring—a ring, the leadership of which is tainted with infamy and spotted with crime.

Some one has suggested a comparison between Cleveland and Hill. It is easy to make. The one, like Blaine Harrison and McKinley, though differing in political ideas, is a statesman—Grover Cleveland, an honest and sincere man; the other is the true and tried tool of the Tammany gang, a slyster and dry-rot politician—David B. Hill, a man not fit to grace a senatorial seat. Is it possible that the democratic party will sustain such a leadership the coming campaign? We think not. It does not seem possible.

Governor PENNOYER is regarded as a presidential candidate by a Washington city paper. The governor, however, is not ready for the position yet. After his gubernatorial term is expired he wants to preside over the management of his saw-mill for a few more years. Governor Pennoyer generally knows what he is doing.

GEORGE W. PECK, Wisconsin's funny governor, is a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination on the democratic ticket. That's good. But the democrats will need more than a Peck to pull them over the rocky road to the white house next November.

The Louisiana democrats are talking old-time tactics—the shot gun and the rifle for campaign purposes. As there are only two tickets in the field, the democrats and the democrats, it is likely that the democrats will continue to hold the offices.

CHINESE women who marry American citizens, it has been decided, will be admitted to this country. Taken in conjunction with our superior divorce facilities, what a field of industry is thus opened up.—Ex.

BRADSTREET'S reports 'eighteen failures in the Pacific coast states and territories for the week ending February 6th, as compared with thirteen for the previous week and twenty for the corresponding week of 1891.

HARRY MILLER'S boom struck Portland last Wednesday evening, when he went down there to attend the meeting of the republican committee, and the people thought it was an earthquake.—Eugene Journal.

THE NORTHWEST PROGRESS is a new paper just issued at Monmouth with prohibition proclivities. It looks nice and may do well, but Monmouth is the graveyard of several good-looking newspapers.

NEBRASKA furnishes rather a unique sample of dilatory justice. A convict has just been granted a new trial, but investigation showed that he had served his sentence and only wanted to be let alone.

SUNDAY is St. Valentine's day—a day the observance of which will soon be obsolete. Let it go; it is a day on which spite is rampant. Humanity is progressing now.

PRESIDENT Arnold's place in the college will be hard to fill with the efficiency that characterized his efforts. He was a teacher of acknowledged ability.

MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY has come clear after all this talk of corruption. That's all right. It was a clear case in a great many respects. See?

The carriage factory is an evidence of downright enterprise. It took pluck to commence such an enterprise, and it shows that energy is abroad.

Mr. Blaine's letter is conclusive. His influence, however, will be felt in the presidential race.

TOM PLATT, the boss, don't want Harrison for a second term, and the people don't want Tom Platt's advice for president making or unmaking. That's all.

THE atrocious intensity of gripe is such that the person in doubt as to whether he has had it, can safely make affidavit that it has never touched him.

BOYD will be governor of Nebraska after all. Thayer shrinks under the high-court decision and turns over the office to the people's choice.

CORVALLIS property is increasing in values. It will pay to invest in real estate here and the home-seeker cannot find a healthier locality.

It now looks like Hill's snap convention would give the New York delegation to Cleveland in June.

INDUCE your eastern friend to come to Corvallis and locate by sending him the GAZETTE.

It looks brighter for Corvallis this year than ever before. Prosperity awaits us.

MR. CLEVELAND does not seem to be "on the decline" just yet. How about it, anyhow?

TIMELY TALK.

EDITOR GAZETTE:

Is it not time for us to pause and consider; yes, and to act when the young lads of this enlightened city are seen to reel home in a state of intoxication? What can a man—I beg man's pardon. I should have said male, for he can not be a man in the fullest sense of the word—be thinking who will sell his self-respect and his soul for filthy lucre by giving to a boy intoxicating drink? Can that same male think that perhaps his own son may live to curse the day that his father ever entered such a foul and degrading business? Stop and consider, ye men—for thus we must designate you—what ye are doing. Yes, and God will require an account of the souls you have ruined. Are you willing to meet the judgment dealt out to you by this just judge? Think of the souls you have ruined and the account of them to be rendered and shudder at the result.

Yes, one day last week a boy of about nineteen years was seen being led home by his little brother and a friend so horribly drunk that he could not walk, and when lifted into the saddle he had not the control of himself to be able to keep his seat.

Picture, if you can, the scene as he arrives in this condition at his home and is met by the loving ones. The mother's tears and the sister's sorrow. May God soon send the millenium that all such scenes may be forever blotted out of existence. X.

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