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WE will not hear much abuse of Harrison and Reid after this week. It will keep the democratic organ busy trying to explain away the weak points of the presidential hacks in their own stables.—States man.

EVERY one of the presidents up to Lincoln's time wore no beards nor sported mustches. With the exception of Andrew Johnson, all the presidents since Lincoln's time have made use of either one or the other.

DURING the past nine months there has been a falling off of imports to the extent of $8,000,000, and an increase of exports to the amount of $120,000,000. The new tariff law is now doing its own talking.

HENCEFORTH Governor McKinley of Ohio, will be a more prominent figure than ever in republican politics. He ought to feel kindly towards Oregon for if every other state delegation voted in like proportion he would be the republican nominee for president.—Astorian.

THE republican press has cordially endorsed the nomination of Harrison and Reid. Some papers, like the Chicago Tribune, perferred Blaine, but they have all respected the will of the convention and metaphorically speaking have taken off their coats for a lively campaign.

THE next elections of any national importance will be held in Vermont on September 6th and Maine on September 12th. State officers and members of congress will be elected and both parties will make a strong effort to increase their vote for prestige in the November national election.

THE average cost of convicting a murderer in Ohio is given at $5000. If the people of that state get through with murder trials at that figure, and have any reasonable assurance of getting rid of the criminal as the law provides after the cost is taxed up against them, the people of Oregon should first congratulate them and then try to find out how it is done.—Oregonian.

THE first republican convention spoke for states of which Iowa was the most westerly, excepting California, on the Pacific coast. Minnesota was then a territory. The great Northwest, the republican reserve, was under Federal administration. Then only 149 electoral votes were needed to elect. The total popular vote at the succeeding election was 4,000,000. The defeated candidates alone in this year's contest will poll not less than 6,000,000 votes.

THE graduating class at Yale this year embraces 179 memders. Of this total, 22 are democrats; 20 call themselves "independents," and the remainder, 137, are republicans and protectionists. The irresistible logic of facts counts for more with these intelligent young men than mere theory. It must be discouraging to the noted free trade professor of political economy at Yale to find the students refuse to accept his theories.

A part of the declaration of principles adopted by the recent republican convention at Minneapolis is the following: We approve the policy of extending to towns, villages and rural communities the advantage of the free delivery service now enjoyed by the larger cities of the country. The liberal policy of the republican party in postal affairs during many years proves that in this brief item there is something more than a mere campaign declaration.—Oregonian.

THE unanimity of the republicans in favor of protection is in striking contrast with the discord among the democrats over what they call tariff reform. All republicans are agreed on the Minneapolis platform that "on all imports coming into competition with the products of American labor there should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home." Against this plain American principle the democrats can agree upon nothing. We may reasonably expect, therefore, that upon this issue all independent, intelligent men will vote for Harrison and Reid.

THE San Francisco delinquent tax list was too large for any newspaper sheet. It is printed as a supplement to the Bulletin in a book of 110 pages of small type.

CENSUS VALUATIONS.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin on the assessed valuation of property in the various states of the Union in 1890. About the only use of the bulletin will be to show how inadequate the assessments in many states are to reveal the true value of the property within them, for it can hardly be supposed by anybody that the figures given in the bulletin are even approximately correct. Thus, for example, Illinois with her well cultivated soil, her rich towns, her vigorous metropolis of Chicago and a population of more than 3,000,000, is reported to have had in 1890 a wealth equal to $727,416,252, while in 1880 her wealth was valued at $786,616,394, showing a decrease during the decade of $59,200,142. Of course such a showing as this is absurd. It is stated in the bulletin that while the law of Illinois provides that all property shall be assessed for taxation at its true value, it has been estimated that the assessments in 1880 were only fifty per cent of the true value, and in 1890 were only twenty-five per cent of it. Other states show a similar condition of affairs, and as a consequence the statistics are of but little value in forming a conception as to the real comparative wealth of the several states.

The statistics of California are, perhaps, more accurate than the others. In that state the wealth is given for 1890 at $1,098,541,564, against $584,578,036 in 1880, being an increase of $513,963,528. This gave California in 1890 a per capita of $909.29, being greater than that of any other state in the Union, with the exception of Massachusetts, where it amounted to $962.12 per capita, and Rhode Island, where it amounted to $931.28 per capita. The assessed wealth of the whole Union was reported in 1880 at $16,902,093,543 and in 1890 at $24,651,585,465. How near accurate these figures are it is impossible to say, but the census officials estimate that they are not equal to one-half the true wealth of the country and that our absolute wealth is probably in the neighborhood of $64,000,000.

WHITELAW REID, editor of the New York Tribune and republican candidate for the vice-presidency, receives warm commendation from leading New York journals. The Herald urged his nomination before and during the convention, and congratulated him and the country after the nomination had been made. The Sun spoke of him in this generous manner viz.:

The nomination of Mr. Whitelaw Reid adds greatly to the strength of the republican national ticket. Rarely has any of the candidates for this office united in his person so many qualities bearing the promise of success. Familiarity with public affairs, abilities proved in many departments of intellectual effort, judgment ripened and disciplined by experience, and that great advantage which proceeds from being known in all parts of the country, all these belong to Mr. Reid. Everybody understands that if he were vice-president, the functions of the office, however great their extent might prove to be, would be administered with dignity and wisdom, and, above all, with entire patriotism. Indeed, we esteem Mr. Reid as the strong side of the Harrison ticket.

GOVERNOR PENNOYER, of Oregon, on the 15th inst. commuted the sentence of W. B. Daniels, sent to the penitentiary for seven years for rape on March 10, 1890; Arthur Hanlan, from Baker county, December 9, 1889, for seven years and a fine of $500, for the crime of manslaughter, and George F. Gorman, from Marion county, June 30, 1890, for five years for assault with a dangerous weapon. Here are three criminals, convicted of grave offenses, let loose upon the community after serving but a small part of their original sentences. A governor who regards his pardoning power not as a grave public trust to be invoked only when some clear miscarriage of justice has been wrought, but as a private, personal prerogative, by which he can vent his personal sympathies, is a public calamity. Such official jail-breakers for dangerous convicts belong to the class of cranks, who, when in public office, recall by their conduct the current proverb that "the over-zealous and ill-guided ass is sometimes as dangerous to mankind as the level headed rogue."—Post-Intelligencer.

PRESIDENT HARRISON now has more big offices to fill than at any other time since the beginning of his term. A successor to Secretary of state Blaine is to be chosen, and according to law the office must be filled before July 4; the Russian mission is vacant, also the comptrollership of the currency and a seat on the supreme bench, and a brigadier general in the army, a governor of the soldiers' home and a judge-advocate general of the navy are to be appointed.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 13, 1892.

The president is still receiving congratulations on his renomination. At first they came principally by telegraph, but this morning brought the first wave of a deluge by mail. They came from all sections and all classes, and they all sing one song—the triumphant election of Harrison and Reid. The congressional delegates and visitors to the national convention have nearly all returned to Washington, and as one man they are of the opinion that the convention made a rattling platform and a winning ticket, and that there was less dissatisfaction at its close, than was ever shown at any national convention at which there was a fight for the nomination. This is gratifying, and leaves little doubt of republican success in November. It is conceded by all that no man who is a republican can give a valid excuse for not cordially supporting Harrison and Reid; and all that is necessary to make their election certain is that they receive the full republican vote.

The democrats are positively dazed at the situation. Where they expected to find a strong minority of the republican party talking doubtfully of the success of the national ticket, if not actually threatening open revolt against it, as a result of the warm contest at Minneapolis, they find the republicans marching shoulder to shoulder, without a break in the solid column. Whatever there may have been before and during the convention there are today no anti-Harrison republicans, which speakes volumes for the the party and its future; and the president has no better friends today than those whose relations with Mr. Blaine are the closest and most intimate, and, I know, that unless prevented by sickness, Mr. Blaine will take the stump for Harrison and Reid.

A buncomb resolution has been introduced in the house and referred to the committee on foreign affairs, directing the president to sever diplomatic relations with the Russian government until such time as that government shall cease discriminations against the Hebrews because of their religious faith, and remove the arbitrary and brutal restrictions now imposed upon them against the protest of the civilized world. What would be thought of the Czar if he should order diplomatic relations with the United States severed until such time as we should repeal the Chinese exclusion law, or any other law upon our statute books? He would have just as much right to do so as we have to follow this resolution. It is the introduction of such resolutions that makes sensible men think it might be a good idea to require all bills and resolutions to be approved by an official having authority to that of the managing editor of a newspaper.

Much interest is felt in the selection of a new secretary of state. The president, who is now considering the matter, fully realizes the importance of selecting a man big enough for the position and he will make no mistake. There is no foundation for the various rumors of the position having been tendered to Mr. Depew and others; no one has yet been offered the place.

Senator Quay is authority for the statement that the men who opposed the president in the national convention will all be found taking active parts in working for the election of the ticket, just the same as if they had named the candidate. That's the sort of talk, it is no more and no less than every republican has a right to expect of every other republican. While every man naturally has his personal preference it is the party and its great principles that have made the United States the greatest and most prosperous of all countries, that all patriotic republicans place above and beyond any man or set of men. Men die, but the principles of the republican party will live as long as Americans love liberty and appreciate prosperity.

The democratic situation is becoming acute, particularly to those democrats who realize the weakness of Mr. Cleveland as a candidate.

Col. L. L. Polk, president of the farmers' alliance, and the man who was expected to aid the people's party in getting control of three or four southern states is dead. When the election returns are in it will be found that the third party idea is also dead, so far as the south is concerned.

THE Oregon asylum for the insane may not be a model institution of its kind, but, though the aggregate cost of maintaining it is heavy, the cost per capita is certainly as low as the most rigid economist cold expect. The monthly report of the superintendent for May shows the average daily number of inmates during that period to have been 758, and the aveaage monthly cost per capita of keeping them $11.03. Of the whole number remaining in the institution June 1, 529 were males and 237 females, about the usual proportion in which the dissipations and businees cares of men discount the domestic worries and peculiar physical sufferings of women in making up the record of insanity. The care that is bestowed by a pitying commonwealth upon these miserable creatures, who are practically dead, yet to whom the boon of death is denied, has been evolved from intelligent sympathy and progressive medical science, and the cost of it is borne ungrudingly by those more fortunate in life, or who have ordered their lives more judiciously.—Oregonian.

ON the morning after the decisive day of the Minneapolis convention, the New York Tribune had an able article endorsing the re-nomination of President Harrison, concluding with this paragraph, on the nomination of the editor of the Tribune himself for vice president: "The nomination of Mr. Whitelaw Reid for vice president completed the work of the convention. On this subject it becomes the Tribune to speak briefly and simply. The distinction was not sought, and cannot insure a more zealous and loyal support of the republican ticket by the Tribune than it would have given to any of the candidates whom the convention could have chosen. The nomination of Mr. Reid does, however, impose upon this journal special obligations of courtesy and fairness and patriotism, which it will endeavor so to discharge as to deserve the approval of friends and the respect of opponents."

THE poltical complection of the next Oregon state legislature will be as follows: Senate—Republicans 18; Democrats 12. House—Republicans 36; Democrats 24.

ACCORDING to press despatches dated June 21st, Rev. Charles A. Briggs and wife who created so much notoriety among religous circles during the past year have enrolled themselves in the auxiliary of the Salvation army.

OUR idea is that the next legislature will be a pretty good one. There will be a fair sprinkling of able fellows. We would rather see a larger sprinkling of republicans, but they will be there at the next meeting of the body, when there will be more need for them.—Statesman.

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