

BRYAN AT THE "DOLLAR" DINNER.

In his speech at the "dollar" dinner in New York Mr Bryan declared that the Chicago platform was written by the representatives of the Democratic party in the most Democratic convention that has been held in a quarter of a century, and that "every plank of it is stronger today than it was when the platform was written."

The day for ambiguity has passed. That platform means something, and if you ask me why it was that in the campaign of 1896 the hearts of the people were stirred as they have not been lately stirred, I will tell you that it was because the struggling masses found in that platform an inspiration, and aggregated wealth found in it a menace to every man who robs his neighbor for his own benefit.

A HERO AT HOME.

We clip the whole of an editorial from the Spokane Spokesman-Re view of a few days ago. We think it is worthy of the space given and of the time it will require in reading. It is as follows:

The death of Mayor William S Mason of Portland is a reminder that there are heroes in business life as well as on the field of battle. Through a high sense of honor, he died comparatively a poor man. The circumstance is narrated by the Oregonian:

"In 1892 he became president of the Portland National bank. This institution because of some unfortunate loans, succumbed to the late financial panic, but Mr Mason stuck on the ship until the last depositor was paid in full, sacrificing the greater part of his personal fortune in doing so. Through the swindling operations of the Ainslie Lumber company, the bank lost 90 per cent of its assets, and Mr Mason used about \$130,000 of his private fortune to save the depositors. Only his high sense of honor and justice prompted him to make this sacrifice, for he was bound neither legally nor morally to use a dollar of his own resources to pay the depositors."

Knowledge of the circumstances is necessary to a full comprehension of the magnitude of the great sacrifice. At the time of his death Mayor Mason was 67 years of age. His private fortune was the acquisition of a life time of honorable business effort. He had reached an age where his sacrifice meant that thenceforth until his death he could not expect ever again to command an independent fortune. It involved the surrender of those fond hopes cherished by every hard worker, of a few years of quiet retirement in the sunset of life from the rough and tumble of active business cares.

It is said he was not under moral obligation to apply his private fortune to the payment of the depositors of his bank. But he thought differently, and he was right, albeit superheroism was needed to act on the lofty conviction.

And why not? A man of character

integrity and acknowledged business acumen engages in banking, and these qualities draw deposits to his bank. They are the moral assets of the institutions and friends, acquaintances and observers bank upon them.

A clash comes, and it is disclosed that his judgment of men was at fault. He had selected incapable or dishonest helpers, or he had approved large loans which proved unsound, and as a consequence his bank becomes insolvent, its door closed, and its depositors are about to lose their hard earnings.

There is a moral obligation on that man to bring up the reserves of his private fortune. This is high ethics, and few men will live up to the exalted standard, but 'tis well the few are found. They are the balance on "Fortune's wild wheel." They save civilization from disaster.

Cities are enriched and their histories ennobled by the citizenship of men like the late Mayor Mason. He leaves a beloved and an honored memory.

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed up in him that nature might stand up, And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

RULERS NOT A PRIVILEGED CLASS

The Cottage Grove Leader is authority for the statement that Rev Gardner in an address on Arbor Day said:

"It is not only the man who tails the stars and stripes in the dust, or the man who deliberately cuts down the pole or mast to which it clings, who is a traitor to his country, but all men, who make remarks against the government and those in authority, are traitors."

That is rather a broad statement. Under monarchical and despotic systems of government men "who make remarks against the government, and those in authority," may be classed and treated as "traitors," but in this land of freedom of speech, and liberty of the press, every man has a right to voice his opinion so long as he keeps in proper bounds, and does not incite sedition against the government.

And President McKinley, or any other official, cannot claim the least exemption from criticism of his official acts. Our system of government has for its corner stone the principle that "all men are created free and equal," and under it there is no privileged class that can demand freedom from legitimate criticism.

Souvenir buttons and buckles from soldiers have gone out of date as the society girl's fad. She is now collecting monograms of hotels and various civic societies. These are pasted on a fan, and will be displayed on the verandas at watering place resorts next summer. A story is reported to go with each monogram, and if the young man who sends a girl a monogram does not know one he must invent one, the more romantic the better.

At a late Farmers' Institute a lady said that she kept ants from her poultry by "painting" their runways with a solution of corrosive sublimate. Professor Cook said it would also keep them from climbing trees if rags soaked in the solution were bound around the bark, first binding a strip of heavy paper underneath to prevent injury to the bark.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Doors Should Open Outward According to City Ordinance.

Fire Warden M S Hubble went before the board of commissioners of Lane county today, to inform them that the doors on the new court house open inward, conflicting with an ordinance of the city of Eugene. The ordinance, in effect, provides that doors of all public buildings, erected after date of said ordinance should be taken to open outward. No action was taken by the county board today, but it is probable they will change the doors to conform with the law.

A similar law, covering the state in its scope, was presented to the last legislature by Representative Wm Gray, of this county, and, passed the house, but was side-tracked by rush of other bills and failed to become a law.

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REGENTS MEETING

Considering Various Matters of Interest to the U of O.

Visited Campus and Buildings

Daily Guard, April 27. C B Bellinger, C A Dolph of Portland, N L Butler, of Independence, R S Bean, of Salem, Wm Smith, of Pendleton and S H Friendly, of Eugene, members of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, met in this city today for the purpose of conferring together regarding various matters of extreme importance to the state's educational head.

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The Poor and the Poor.

A very wide familiarity with the conditions of the poor is sufficient to show how extensive and far-reaching are the social problems. The fact that a man's income is all that counts in a man's position makes the ready solution of social and material conditions the most natural thing in the world. There are numberless instances of people who are quite unknown in the circles where greater economic advantages make that kind of intimate knowledge of one's neighbors impossible.

An Irish family, in which the man has lost his place and the woman is struggling to do out, the woman says, by day work, will take in a widow and her five children who have been turned into the street without a cent of assistance upon the physical disabilities involved. The most maligned thing in the world is a suffering tenant or to share her sufferings.

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People Who Live Long.

Among the many curious things noted by the acturaries the following are a few of the most interesting. Women have a much better prospect of long life than men, and the chances of married people are distinctly higher than those of bachelors and old maids.

From the data provided by the records of various churches it has been deduced that the peaceful Quakers have most frequently received the blessings of long life promised in the fifth commandment, while the death rate is remarkably high among Methodist clergymen. Annuitants as a class live from three to five years longer than other people, and this is not due to human perversity, as some humorists have suggested. It is undoubtedly due to the lack of worry regarding the changes of fortune when a regular income is a certainty.

Although no statistics have been collected on the death rate in the civil service, where the yearly income almost guarantees the character of an annuity, it would perhaps be found that there is some scientific basis for President Grant's cynical observation regarding this class, "Few die and none resign."

A Man of Resource.

A big, ancient-looking stranger, with shoulders like a Hercules, walked into a department store late one afternoon, and, after gazing about a minute, stepped up to a salesman and made known his wish to buy a shirt. A couple of samples were shown him, and he informed the salesman that either one would do.

It was an article that sold for \$1.50, and in making payment the stranger pulled from his hip pocket a huge roll of bills. He apparently skimmed them over in search of a small bill, but he could not find one of less denomination than \$5.00. One of these was handed the surprised salesman, but he arose to the occasion and sent it away with the cashier. When the change came, it was nearly all in small bills. The stranger interrupted the salesman in his work of counting the bills by reaching for the pile and wadding it into his hip pocket.

"Oh, I guess it's all right, and you give that shirt to a porter if you can find one big enough to wear it. All I wanted was the change. You see, it was after banking hours, and I am a man of resource. Good day."—Philadelphia Record.

Mutton in Parvo.

"John," said the old man to his son, "I will give you \$100 to go away with. Maybe, as you don't like my business, you will find a better one."

Three weeks later the young man landed in New York. A month later, finding he \$100 in his possession, he determined to return home again. It was best to let his father know beforehand, but how? A letter would be too slow, so off went John to the telegraph office.

"A quarter (one shilling) a word to London, sir," answered the polite clerk to his inquiry.

"I want to tell my father I've spent all my money, and I'm sorry, and I'm coming home and want him to forgive me and a lot of other things, and I can only pay for six words to tell him everything," said John.

"Cut it short," replied the clerk. John sat down and thought. Soon after, to his immense astonishment, the old man received the following cablegram:

Squills, London.

Patrol call for me. —Chicago Journal.

A Critic's Evaston.

It is risky to give one's honest opinion about a man's horse or dog, a house designed by himself or a picture which he values highly. He who gives the opinion stands on a slippery place, and should the judgment be unfavorable he will slide far from the man's esteem.

Fusell, the eccentric artist and professor of the Royal academy, was invited by a nobleman to see a painting of which he was the proud owner. Fusell went, taking a pupil with him. The painting was shown by the nobleman himself. The artist examined it and exclaimed, "Extraordinary!" The nobleman, greatly pleased at the ejaculation, landed the picture to the skies, pointed out its beauties, and Fusell cried: "Extraordinary! Extraordinary!"

"On their way home the pupil said: 'Mr. Fusell, I don't think much of that picture. What did you mean by 'extraordinary'?"

"Extraordinarily bad," was the reply of the artist, who had not cared to offend a lord who might become a patron.—Youth's Companion.

The Exception to the Rule.

Halsted—Queer thing happened over on the west side last night.

Walsh—What was it?

Halsted—A young man playfully snatched an unloaded pistol at his sweetheart, and—

Walsh—And the funeral takes place tomorrow, of course?

Halsted—No; that's where the queer part comes in. The weapon failed to go off.—Chicago News.

A Remarkable Letter.

A young lady of very extraordinary capacity lately addressed the following letter to her cousin: "We is all well, and mother's got his Terrix, and brother Tom is got the Hupin Kangah, and sister Ann has got a baloo, and I hope these few lines will find you the same. Rite sune. Your affectionate kuzzen."—London Fun.

A dutiful German son advertises in the Leipzig Tageblatt: "Marriage—I seek for my father, a strictly respectable man with a quiet business, an elderly, solitary widow or maiden with some property in cash. Address, with a statement of conditions, —"

The Hindoos were the first to use playing cards, though they were used in China as early as 1120 A. D.

A LARGE MILL Will Employ Between 500 and 700 People.

RAILWAY UP THE MOHAWK.

The following is taken from the Portland Telegram: "One of the largest timber deals ever consummated in Western Oregon has just been effected."

"The Booth-Kelley Lumber Company of Saginaw, Mich, which already owns several hundred thousand acres of timber land in Western Oregon, has formed associations with some California capitalists and purchased 20,000 acres of timber land 20 miles east of Eugene, Or. The price was in the neighborhood of \$140,000.

"The company will begin logging and lumbering on an extensive scale. By fall it will have in operation a mill with a capacity of 100,000,000 feet, which will employ between 500 and 700 people, and means the building up of a community of 4000 to 5000 people. It will build a railroad from some point on the Woodburn & Springfield road, a distance of 16 miles, in order to tap the heart of the new district.

"The land just purchased belonged to the Southern Pacific Company, and the deal was engineered through the Southern Pacific land department. The district includes the heavily timbered sections along the Mohawk river and Miller and Mills creeks.

"A Booth of Grand's Pass, and the Kelley Brothers of Saginaw, are at the head of the company, which now operates a large mill at Saginaw. Extensive improvements are made possible by the company having interested some of the leading capitalists of California, whose names do not appear in the transaction. However these men have shown their faith in the lumbering industry of Western Oregon by furnishing all the capital needed for the purchase of the lands and establishment of mills and other improvements. The main promoters are active and energetic, and amply equipped for carrying forward such an enterprise."

SNAG BOAT HARD AT WORK.

Mathloma Finds Plenty to Do Along the Upper Waters of the Willamette.

Friday's Telegram: "The snagboat Mathloma, which was put back into service last week after being laid off for repairs for three months, is getting down to solid business again."

Assistant Engineer Oaden, of Major Fish's office, returned yesterday from a trip up the Willamette, where the boat is now at work. He says that the high water of the last few months has lodged a great many roots and snags along the river, which were dangerous and troublesome to navigation. The Mathloma is removing those as rapidly as possible.

"When the water gets lower this boat will go to work on the erection of dams and clearing of the channels between the mouth of Yamhill and Eugene. The bottom of the Willamette is of a gravelly nature, and is all the time shifting, and requires much attention.

"Mr Oaden says that in many places where the water was eight feet deep some time ago, sand is now piled up several feet out of the water, and that in some instances he has known the channel changed more than a quarter of a mile.

"To keep all of these things in order the snagboat has all that it can attend to."

PRISONER FIRED THE JAIL.

In the Conflagration That Followed He Lost His Life.

Yuca, Cal, April 21.—An insane man, Richard Willis, confined in the court house, managed to fire the building today and was himself burned to death. The county jail adjoining was also completely destroyed. There were no prisoners in the jail. Most of the county records were saved. The loss will amount to about \$40,000; insured.

Free.

A 1899 Crescent chain bicycle will be given free of any charge to the person living in Lane Co who before July 1 delivers to me at my store the greatest number of my newspaper adds.

Each add to have the name of the paper and date of publication noted thereon. Also for the oldest and best lamp. Any purchaser of a Crescent in 1899 prior to July 4 that is awarded the prize will receive a wheel or be returned the amount paid for the wheel bought. F L CHAMBERS, Crescent agent.

The cement sidewalk of the Last County Bank has been repaired.