

THE OUTLOOK.

Tuesday, June 16, 1896, the republican party is called to meet in delegate convention to nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States to be voted for next November. From now on until that event has passed there will be much interest felt among the American people.

The great over-shadowing issue will be American protection. The Monroe doctrine has been and is a question upon which the people are a unit. So Cleveland's recent manifesto may save him a few friends but not enough to make him a third term president. The people are as much opposed to a third term president as they are to England's encroachments on the American continent.

Cleveland has made a bold push for renomination by giving the British lion's tail a twist just on the eve of election, as that is the only show he had to pull himself out of a hole. But this move, when closely scanned, will be perceived to be pure demagoguery. His general and uniform actions during the two and three-quarter years of his term has been in England's interest, and of most friendly feeling for all "that is English, you know." His ambassador to the court of St. James, who is supposed to correctly represent his chief, in his Edinburgh speech clearly represents the same idea. But, just on the eve of a presidential election he turns a summersault and lands upon his feet with face reversed, looking over his shoulder at the gaping crowd and with a wink and a broad grin says, in pantomime, "Wasn't that done slick?"

Had a republican been in the chair the Monroe doctrine would have been asserted long ago, and the Queen Lill episode would not have occurred to the disgrace of the nation. There would have been no hauling down the American flag, nor would a free-trade policy have paralyzed business and universal distress wrapped the nation like a pall of death. The people have begun to think after the presentation of the grand obelisk by Mr. Cleveland and his party. The people understand him pretty well, and his twisting the lion's tail just now will not save him. His demagoguery is as palpable as the noon-day sun.

Military Strength of the United States.

The real military strength of a country does not consist in the number of men enrolled in its regular army. The United States, for instance, is the strongest military power on earth, and yet it has the smallest standing army of all the great countries. Germany has the strongest available for immediate action, and Great Britain has the strongest navy. Russia, also, has a strong army, always ready for action. Italy has a weak army but a strong navy. France and Austria keep up large military establishments. These European nations, lying dangerously close to one another, and always fearing that an ambitious or greedy neighbor may spring at them, are compelled to have strong military resources always ready, lest they should be conquered or rebelled. But there is not one of them that could hold its own against the United States for six months in a war on anything like equal terms. We might suffer some in the first few months of a war, but after we got a start the victories would be all on our side. The basis for this assertion is that the United States has a larger population of good fighting men than any other country in the world, and what is equally important, we have more abundant material resources for keeping them in the field. We make more bread and meat to feed an army on, and unlimited means of making all the arms, clothing and other supplies that would be needed by an army carrying on a war.

Let's all stand by the Monroe doctrine.

Let the British lion roar, but when it puts its paw upon American soil, the American eagle from its soaring aloft will swoop down, fastening its talons into the mane of the British lion and make its roar most hideous in its screech for peace.

Free Trade Fallacy.

It has been one of the main arguments of the free-traders that the United States, with the advantage of its improved machinery, could compete with the products of the cheap labor of the world but when cheap labor is applied to approved machinery the argument loses its force. The growth of manufacturing industries in Japan, China and Mexico is demonstrating that free trade is a fallacy.—San Jose Mercury.

Baker County Debt.

The circuit court of Baker county has decided that the county must pay its debts. Action was brought to restrain the county officials from paying off outstanding warrants, for the reason the county's indebtedness was greater than allowable by the state constitution, viz: \$5000. While such debts are prohibited by the constitution, if a county creates a debt it is still bound to pay it. The court will not favor repudiation of the debt if it does repudiate the officials who created it.

That whisk-broom on Jackson, cycled Review, need not worry about the PLAINDEALER's changing management. The PLAINDEALER leads in furnishing the news within the 24 hours of each day except Sundays. That gives this whisk-broom concern the belly ache. Poor thing, a dose of Mother Winslow's soothing syrup would give its editor temporary relief.

BRIEF MENTION.

From Friday's Daily.

R. Mattoon came in from the country today.

C. D. Drain, merchant of Drain, is a guest at the Van Houten.

J. R. Doratha and Amanda Dixon, are guests at the Van Houten.

J. H. Todd and A. L. Hutchinson of Oakland, are at the McClallen.

The beer hall on Jackson street was attached today by Meyer & Co of Portland.

Capt. B. D. Boswell of the Boswell-late Snowden—Springs, is in the city today on business.

The Shasta Limited passed through Roseburg this morning in two sections with a total of 23 coaches.

J. T. Goodman, postmaster of Looking Glass, and Jeff Williams of the same burg, are registered at the McClallen.

T. P. Long of Cleveland, L. L. Ramsey of Coles Valley and W. G. Hill of Wilbur, are registered at the McClallen.

A. E. Mattoon of Looking Glass came into the city today notwithstanding the rain. Oregonians don't stop for showers.

Dexter Rice, who has been attending a law school at Portland, has returned home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Ready, fight! S. C. Flint, F. Tolles, and C. W. Parks are on the war path. They have got their old fusces ready to go—ducking.

Frank C. Skipton and wife of Philomath are in Roseburg spending a few weeks visiting Mrs. Skipton's mother, Mrs. N. Imbler.

Mrs. E. Moore and Miss Nettie Davis Davis of Wilbur, who have been visiting friends in this city, returned home this morning on the local.

Ed. S. Elliott, engineer on the S. P. road and long a resident of this city, was shaking hands with his many friends here last night.

Yesterday afternoon and last night the rain came down in regular Oregon style and this morning the Umpqua river is well up on its banks.

Mrs. E. M. Stewart of Portland, who has been visiting her mother here for several days, left this morning for Indianapolis, Ind., for an extended visit.

"Hard Times" has departed. This is a fact, for we saw it, loaded upon a wagon, passing up Jackson street this morning on its way out of town. Its gone sure.

J. J. Farquar, who has been east for several months in West Virginia, his old home, returned this morning the same "old 4 and 6 pence" of old. He is without variableness or the shadow of turning, as yet.

Burney Dixon and family were in town today. Mr. Dixon laid in a supply of sheeplack medicine, as he called it, but his friend Singleton said that story would do for a temperance man to tell, but for Burney it would not go down.

Fred Fisher of Olalla is in the city today purchasing apparel for himself and family. Mr. Fisher's house was burned down last night with all his goods, including the family clothing, and his family barely escaping with their night clothes. This is a sad calamity, and doubly so at this time of the year. Though he had about \$500 of insurance on the building it will not cover more than one-third of his loss, besides at this time of year he is without a home, and to make his family comfortable for the winter his expenses will be burdensome.

From Saturday's Daily.

James Davenport is in the city today.

A. L. Maxwell of Portland is at the McClallen.

Dave Comstock of Deer creek is in the city today.

Mrs. E. W. Vang of Ashland is a guest at the McClallen.

A. L. Robinson of Cincinnati is registered at the Van Houten.

F. H. Christinger of Penikeseon and R. J. Homer of Medford are at the Van Houten.

O. H. Thornton of Seattle and W. J. Kyle of Sioux Falls are registered at the McClallen.

H. S. Conn of French Settlement, one of the solid men of Douglas, is in the city today.

N. LaBaut of Garden Valley, and a prominent agriculturist and stock breeder, is in the city today on business.

Harry Jones of French Settlement is in the city today. Says there fell in that valley yesterday, about one inch of snow.

John and William McBea, farmers near Winston, are in the city today and the staunchest of the staunch opponents and zealous advocates of the referendum way of making laws.

The sun entered the winter solstice December 20, last night, at 11:20. Today is the shortest day in the year. The 20th was 9 hours and 31 minutes long, the night 14 hours and 9 minutes.

Mr. W. Braunnett, one of Yoncalla's prominent citizens, made us a pleasant business call today. Mr. Brunnett is a wide-awake man and has done much to build up that town and community.

Judge Stearns returned this morning from Salem where he attended the state board of equalization. He reports that the floods of Oakland destroyed about 4000 ponies is of his hope by the sudden rise in the Calapoia.

Chas. Anderson of Eden Bower, the champion populist, is in the city today. He says there is no fear of a war with England. Johnny Bull is only playing a game of bluff and Cleveland has called him and gone one better.

There is entertainment given by the Roseburg academy at the opera house last night was fairly well attended, considering the weather. The programme was a good one and well received. The

vocal quartette, "Plantation Melodies," by Misses Ragon and Black and Messrs. Langenberg and Riddle, was particularly good and received a hearty encore. The tableaux, recitations and solos were also good.

The entertainment held at the French Settlement school house on the evening of the 13th proved to be the best ever held in French Settlement. The programme being arranged and performed by the Loomis troupe. Miss Ebb's recitation was fine. She proved herself to be well up in the art of elocution. The lecture on woman's rights given by Miss Jennie was well rendered. It was excellent. Peter of the New York cook performed his part well. The singing was very good. We hope to hear from them again.

Brave Dunraven.

New York, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

There is more general comment in London over the Venezuelan controversy than upon its possible effect on Lord Dunraven's reception in New York. He has been seriously advised by his friends not to go, lest not only might he be subjected to personal ill-treatment from excited New York patriots, but lest his anticipated accusation of fraud against the Defender syndicate might lead to serious international complications—might, indeed, serve as a spark to the tinder blazing into actual warfare. Nevertheless the World's Queenstown correspondent telegraphs that his lordship, Arthur Glennie and Joe Asquith sailed by the Tactonic in good spirits.

Have Entered Matanzas.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—The advance guard of the forces commanded by Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo has arrived in the province of Matanzas without, apparently, encountering any further opposition. General Campos is understood to have concentrated his forces on the other side of the frontier, in advance of Colon, but considerable secrecy is maintained as to the disposition of the Spanish troops.

The insurgents have burned millions of dollars worth of sugar fields in Santa Clara.

It is beginning to be openly admitted here in official quarters that the position of the Spanish cause is exceedingly precarious.

The Cuban Insurgents.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 20.—Advices from Havana state that Campos will make desperate efforts immediately to break the power of the insurgents. He has determined to force the fighting because of urgent orders from Madrid. The cabinet has informed Campos that unless decisive victories are won over the insurgents immediately, it will be impossible for Spain to secure money to maintain her army on the island. The minister of finance has said that the Spanish treasury is empty, and the insurgents have made such a showing that it is impossible to float a new loan in any European capital. In view of this, Campos is plainly told unless the rebellion is broken shortly Spain had as well withdraw from the island.

Campos has therefore resolved upon heroic measures. It is said he has instructed Spanish officers to give no quarter to Cubans in arms, and to treat non-combatants as mercilessly as in the last revolution.

Much excitement prevails in Havana over a report that a great battle would occur near Matanzas within 24 hours. It was stated that 400 Spaniards under General Pando were facing 5000 Cubans under Maceo, and news of a collision is momentarily expected.

Keep Off the Cars.

Mr. McGuire, assistant superintendent of the S. P. railroad in this city, calls attention of all parents, guardians, their children and wards, to the dangerous practice of climbing upon the cars on the railroad tracks in this city, and especially to the following-named boys, warning them to stop this dangerous custom, viz: Henry Worthington, Joe Renfro, Chester Renfro, Joe Farquar, Weldon Gordon, Chas. Pitchford, Alex. Worthington, Tod Jones, Herbert Wright, Tom McCarthy, Orvil Moore, Hogart Quilhang, Tom Dine, Mat Dine, Harry Snyder, Chas. Gilvin, Ralph Lane and Lee Wilkins. If the practice be not stopped he will have to enforce the city ordinances against further indulgence in this custom. A word to the wise is sufficient.

A. P. As. Not Afraid of Ghosts.

A writer in the Roseburg Review signing a "Democrat" threatens the members of the A. P. A. with dire vengeance in the future. We would like to know what the A. P. A. or any member thereof have done to call forth his enmity? But it is always thus with Rome. It is only necessary to oppose however mildly any measure she upholds and curses are hurled at the bold offender.

We congratulate ourselves that we are threatened with nothing more serious than a visitation by Banquo's ghost or some other ghost; still more do we congratulate ourselves that we do not belong to a church having superstition for its superstructure. As A. P. A.

Indorsed.

The citizens of Roseburg are all agog on the latest message of the president, and talking right. Republicans as well as democrats approve the president's message on the Venezuelan question. In fact they are more enthusiastic in that respect than the democrats, because it is in fact the republican doctrine which Cleveland, like Crisp in endorsing Reed, finds it the true principle.

Congress can be relied upon to see that Cleveland does not turn the dispute with England into a means of serving any individual ambition, and all that the people have to do is to recognize that America is now face to face with England, and one of the two must retreat or there will be war.

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