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Unlike many towns of even larger size on the Pacific coast, Astoria has an interest in the selection which it is believed the president will make from this coast to fill the vacancy on the interstate commerce commission. The vast quantities of the salmon product shipped each year and at all seasons of the year from Astoria to every state in the Union gives our business men a peculiar concern in the proper regulation of inter-state traffic. For this reason, there is a strong hope in Astoria not only that a Pacific coast man shall be appointed to the commission, but that the choice shall fall upon Mr. W. R. Wheeler of the well-known firm of Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, who has been recommended by the executive committee of the Pacific Coast Jobbers and Manufacturers Association. Mr. Wheeler has been connected with the great firm in which he is now a partner nearly ever since it was founded. From boyhood to mature and middle-aged manhood, Mr. Wheeler has made a study of Pacific coast conditions. He is abundantly qualified to understand the commercial needs of the Pacific coast and to protect the rights of this section in its relation to the vast internal trade of the country. No better, and it is doubtful if as good, a selection could be made as Mr. Calhoun's successor on the inter-state commerce commission than Mr. Wheeler. The united influence of the press and business men of the Northwest should be centered on Mr. Wheeler, and every possible exertion made to secure his appointment.

BRYAN ON FREE SILVER.

While Mr. Bryan delivered some rather conservative speeches on the money question when campaigning in the Eastern states, he blooms out in the West in full feather as rampant for free silver coinage at 16 to 1, and declares the Chicago platform, with all its repudiation and agrarian features, one of the finest specimens of democratic art.

Recently he spoke at Weeping Water, Neb., as follows:

"I desire again to say to you that the silver question, as presented four years ago—the issue of 16 to 1, if you please—is as alive today as ever, in spite of the frantic efforts of the republican party to befuddle that paramount issue. The Chicago platform is as fine a specimen of democratic art today as ever before, and there is nothing in it, as originally drafted, that should be repudiated after four years of experience. Therefore, let the lovers of free silver be not disappointed or fear that the issue is being neglected. Naturally, new issues arise, following great foreign complications, but they do not necessarily obliterate old issues, though for a moment they may over shadow them."

It will be seen that Bryanism means cheap money and repudiation as the corner-stone of democratic faith, with anti-imperialism and anti-expansion as temporary expedients, and if his state shall give a majority on next Tuesday for the Bryan ticket, his renomination for the presidency next year may be accepted as inevitable.

It is this persistent agitation of cheap money that if adopted would convulse our industrial and business conditions from center to circumference, that is making many intelligent democrats decide that any democratic victories won this year would be fatal to democracy, as they would be won under the leadership of Bryan himself.

One of the most significant of the recent expressions on the subject by prominent democrats, was given by the sound money democrats of Maryland a few days ago. That has been followed up by General Horatio C. King, the leading member of the Brooklyn democratic club, who in a recent letter resigning his membership from the organization, said:

"I hope to live to see the return of the democratic party to its time-honored principles, when this mid-summer madness of Bryanism and populism shall have passed away. In the coming national contest there is no place for a third party movement, and I shall not hesitate to work with the party that stands for honest money, the supremacy of law and the unqualified support of the government in its endeavors to put down rebellion. This is my idea of true democracy, and I reject the spurious article foisted upon the party by the infatuated Chicago convention and its followers."

The convictions expressed by General King, and by the sound money democrats of Maryland, have taken deep root among thoughtful democrats in every section of the country, and they are more than likely to turn the scale against the democrats in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky and Nebraska. With Bryanism overthrown in those states this year, there will be some hope of an honest democratic party with honest democratic faith coming to the front to fight the great national battle of 1900.

ENDURING INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY.

The iron interests of the country are the corner-stone of general prosperity. When the iron industries are generously employed there must be very general prosperity throughout all the industries of the land. It is the one great industry that is most immediately affected by any change in our business conditions, and a great demand for iron products can come only when there is a general employment to labor; general profits in all commercial and business enterprise, and general prosperity for our great transportation lines.

The most conclusive evidence that has yet been given of the general and enduring prosperity of the country at this time is found in the remarkable announcement recently made that 1,500,000 tons of steel rails have been positively contracted for to be delivered during the year 1900 at $33 per ton. When steel rails were less than $20 per ton the railroads of the country could not afford to buy them, as business and industry were generally depressed and transportation lines were thus deprived of a large measure of their general profits; but now when steel rails command $33 per ton, the largest order ever given in the history of this country has just been made by our railroads. The fact that the contract covers the period of the whole next year proves conclusively that our best advised business and financial men are entirely assured of continued improvement in all industrial channels.

By great combination of capital and economy in product this country can now produce iron or steel and undersell other countries in the markets of the world. The great Siberian railway, of Russia, is laid largely by steel rails from Pennsylvania, on ties taken from Oregon, and its trains are drawn by American locomotives. Only recently a Philadelphia iron firm astonished and appalled the English iron men by underbidding them for an important bridge in Egypt where military necessity compelled its speediest construction; and our iron pipes are now furnished to almost every country in the world. After all the great market for our iron and steel products is at home, and when our railway can contract for 1,500,000 tons of steel rails, giving more than a year for their delivery, and involving an expenditure of some $50,000,000, the lesson is conclusive that we are today on a safer and more enduring basis of general industrial, commercial and trade prosperity than at any time in the history of the past.

When industry and trade are prosperous our railways keep up their lines and equipment; steel buildings are erected in every part of the country, bridges are constructed whenever needed, and every branch of business progress gives bountiful markets for our iron and steel; but when business depression comes, railroads halt the improvement of their lines and machinery, buildings are limited to extreme necessities, the erection of bridges is halted, because iron is the one product that can be delayed for more favorable financial conditions.

Those who are theorizing on the present phosperity of the country as ephemeral and likely to perish in panic any day, should look the facts in the face and understand that at no time in all our eventful history has there been such multiplied evidence of the most substantial and enduring prosperity for the whole people of the United States.

WILL NOT STAND THE STRAIN.

Light Freight Cars Cannot Be Made Up in Trains With Those of Latest Pattern.

Tacoma Ledger.

Traffic officials of roads that have a great many old style freight cars on hand are confronted with a new problem, which is more or less troublesome and not infrequently the cause of accident. Thousands of the old style cars are made useless by the new patterns of steel cars and the heavy 100,000-pound wooden ones. It marks a new era in freight car building. A great number of old cars become greatly weakened when made up in trains where the heavier cars are used. Under ordinary traffic conditions they would last for months yet, but when forming parts of trains made up with big steel freight cars and the forty-eight ton wooden ones, they are either pulled apart by the strain or crushed by the application of the air brake. It is estimated that within twelve months nearly all of these light cars will have to be taken out of service, or run in trains especially made up with similar cars.

BURMAH'S SACRED TREE.

The oldest tree on earth with an authenticated history is the great bhoo tree of Burmah. For twenty centuries it has been held sacred to the Buddah, and no person is allowed to touch the trunk. When the leaves fall they are carried away as relics by pilgrims.

THE INSURRECTION MUST BE QUELLED

SO SAYS THE COMMISSION

Admiral Dewey Says No Alliance of Any Kind Was Made With Aguinaldo.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The Philippine commission today submitted to the president the preliminary report which it had promised to prepare.

The report appears to be a compact summary of conditions on the islands as the commission left them; of the historical events which preceded the Spanish war and led to the original Filipino insurrection; of exchanges between Admiral Dewey and other American commanders and the insurgents; the breaking out and progress of the present insurrection and finally the statement of the capacity of the Filipinos for self-government.

A notable feautre of the report is a memorandum by Admiral Dewey explanatory of his relations with Aguinaldo. The report says: It was decided to allow Aguinaldo to come from Hongkong to the city of Cavite on board the McCulloch. He arrived May 19 and immediately came on board the Olympia to call on the Commander in Chief Dewey, after which he was allowed to land at Cavite and organize an army.

This was done with the purpose of strengthening the United States forces and weakening those of the enemy. No alliance of any kind was entered into with Aguinaldo nor was any promise of independence made to him, then or at any other time."

Continuing the report says. Deplorable as war is, the one in which we are now engaged was unavoidable. We were attacked by a bold, adventurous and enthusiastic army. No alternative was left, to us, except ignominous retreat.

Whatever the future of the Philippines may be there is no course open to us now except the prosecution of the war until the insurgents are reduced to submission. The commission is of the opinion that there has been no time since the destruction of the Spanish squadron by Admiral Dewey when it was possible to withdraw our forces from the islands either with honor to ourselves or with safety to the inhabitants.

The commissioners say the rebellion is essentially Tagalo and when it ends in Luzon it must end throughout the archipelago.

Regarding the failure of a native form of government in the Negroes island and the success of American control, the commission says:

The flat failure of this attempt to secure an independent government in Negroes, conducted as it was under most favorable circumstances, makes it apparent that there as well as in less favored provinces, a large amount of American control is at present absolutely essential to a successful administration of public affairs.

COST OF SUBSISTENCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The subsistence of the army during the past year, according to the annual report of Acting Commissary General Weston, cost $27,054,646.

VICE PRESIDENT SLEEPS.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 3.—At 2:30 a. m. vice-President Hobart is sleeping quietly.

KANSAS GOES WILD.

Arrival of Funston and Volunteers Creates Great Enthusiasm.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—A Star special from Emporia, Kan., says: The approach of the train bearing home the Twentieth Kansas regiment this morning was announced by the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells. Schools and colleges were closed and business practically suspended, several thousand people going to the train. In response to loud cries for a speech, General Funston mounted a wagon and made a short speech.

To a Star correspondent, Funston said in regard to the reported suit for libel against Archbishop Ireland, that he did not intend bringing such action, but that he would push the suit against the San Francisco Monitor.

THOSE DREADFUL FOGS.

Puget Sound Weather Results in a Bad Collision.

SEATTLE, Nov. 2.—The local ferry City of Seattle ran down the revenue cutter Patterson at her anchorage this morning. The long overhang of the ferry crashed into the side of the Patterson, knocking the officers out of their bunks. There is a hole in the side of the cutter 15 feet wide and eight feet high just above the water line. There was no damage to the ferry and no casualties.

AMERICA HONORED.

One of Our Girls Selected to Christen English Battleship.

CHATHAM, England, Nov. 2.—The launching of the British first-class battleship Venerable here today was accompanied by scenes of unusual enthusiasm. The christening was performed by Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, formerly Miss Endicott, of Washington, who was accompanied by her husband, the British secretary of state for the colonies.

They received a great ovation. The launching was very successful. The Venerable is of 14,700 tons, and 15,000 indicated horsepower.

HEAVY FAILURE.

Invested Too Recklessly in Western Securities.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 2.—The private banking firm of Woodbury & Moulton has made an assignment. It is estimated that the liabilities may reach $700,000. The deposits held by the firm are estimated at $200,000.

The cause of the assignment is not clearly known, although it is said the house lost heavily on recent investments in western bonds and on securities of a recently formed industrial combine.

MILES AT SEATTLE.

Inspecting the Fortifications on the Coast.

SEATTLE, Nov. 2—General Nelson A. Miles and party arrived here at noon today and left this evening for the inspection of the new army fortifications at Port Townsend.

He declined to discuss the Philippine situation further than to say that peace depended upon circumstances, and that he would go to the Philippines if ordered.

STRIKE NEAR BAKER CITY.

BAKER CITY, Or., Nov. 2.—The miners at the Bonanza mine struck today. They demanded a reduction of time from 10 to nine hours on the night shift and were refused. All except one employe walked out.

AN ATTEMPTED AMBUSH.

MANILA, Nov. 3.—10 a. m.—The insurgents attempted to ambush Captain Batson's scouts between Santiago and Saragossa, but Captain Batson charged them and drove them out from their position, killing and wounding several. One American officer was killed and one private wounded.

STATE TROOPS ON GUARD.

BOISE, Ida., Nov. 3.—A dispatch from Wardner to the Statesman says company H, Idaho national guard, went on guard at the prison last night. Adjutant General Weaver, has a dispatch from General Merriam which says the federal troops will remain in their camps in the Coeur d'Alenes.

MEALS LIKE AT HOME.

When you are in Portland and want a really good home meal, just give Mr. Brown a trial, 108 Fourth St., near Washington. You will like it surely. This restaurant is open all night.

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

Ladies who go to Portland and desire something especially fine in the way of tailor-made suits will do well to remember that they can be well fitted at I. D. Boyer's 177 Fourth street, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Not only does he keep a strictly first-class cutter for men's wear, but also one exclusively for ladies' work, and all can rest assured of getting not only good work, but the best of materials, as Mr. Boyer is an expert on woolen cloths.

FINE OPENING.

The North Pacific Dental College, whose advertisement appears in another column, opened its doors October 5, with 75 students on its roster. The college is well equipped with every facility to graduate students in all the late knowledge of dentistry. A. R. Baker, D.D. S., is demonstrator in charge, and is well qualified to instruct all students who attend this college.

THEY CUT TO FIT.

Yes they do and the style and finish they give to men's suits, rank these gentlemen as expert practical merchant tailors. The material they use is also the very best and you will always find them busy at 269½ Yamhill St., Portland. Get your next suit there, and get it now.

RADICAL LITERATURE.

We know of only one book store in Portland where so complete a line of novels can be obtained, on all the radical subjects of the day under discussion as can be seen at Jones' Book Store, 291 Alder street.

THEY CUT AND FIT.

Two Fashionable Furriers Who Are Earning Well-Merited Approval.

Good work, correct style and perfect fit speak louder for the furrier than any advertisement that can be written. Applegath & Prasil, the fashionable furriers, at 143 Third street, between Alder and Morrison, guarantee absolute satisfaction in every case where a purchase is made at their establishment. Both gentlemen are practical cutters and fitters, who have been employed in some of the largest houses in the principal cities of the United States. There is a style and finish to all work turned out by this firm that stamp both gentlemen experts in this business. Garments will be taken to be made over or repaired, and the work turned out with the least possible delay.

A POEM ON MANKIND.

Like what is man, but like a sprouting weed,
That grows and ripens but to cast its seed
Among the thistles and the tares of life
And then to see it strangled in the stife?
Or like the clouds that wander with the breeze
And pass unnoticed from a life of ease?
Or like a mushroom, sprung to life, alas!
To starve or strangle in the tangled grass?

These are thoughts that are apt to come to many people at times, especially when they are sick and have to pay big prices for medicines. But there is one drug store in Oregon where you can save from 10 to 25 per cent on everything you buy, and that is J. A. Clemenson's Drug Store, at 227 Yamhill street, Portland, Ore. At that store you can get Hood's Sarsaparilla at 70c; Mellen's Food, $1 size, 55c; Bromo Seltzer, $1 size, 70c, and everything else at the same low rate. You can get red trading stamps there, and if you need the Natural Body Brace, you can get it there.

THE LOUVRE.

Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Amme Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents nightly a musical program of exceptional merit. Handsome pool and billiard rooms are a feature in connection with the house. Palatable lunches will be served at all hours.

LOGGERS ATTENTION!

Headquarters for Cutters' Logging Shoes and Loggers' Outfits. THE RED FRONT, 269 Morrison street, Portland.

FOR SALE.

Improved ranch, consisting of 120 acres, on Young's river. Apply to John L. Hayseth, Wise, Or.