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There may be no ground for the suspicion expressed at the council meeting last evening that the water commission is in league with the West Shore Mills Company to prevent the utilization of the power now going to waste at the reservoir in furnishing light to the city, but it is not the first time such a report has been heard. There is a very general feeling in Astoria that the money invested in preparations at the city power house for a lighting plant should be made to produce some return, if not in the operation of such a plant by the water commission, then by its immediate lease to some one of several private companies that would be glad to engage it for a term of years to be employed in that manner. There would be money in such a deal, both for the city, as well as the private company fortunate enough to obtain it. The subject is one which well deserves the investigation and attention of the city authorities.

Bryanism is a composition of democratic and populist errors. It is a product of fusion. The uniting of parties on the same candidate is an unnatural and unholy alliance that has produced Bryanism. Bryanism is the mule in politics. It kicks, it brays, but it does not take interest in its ancestry nor does it look for any posterity. Bryan has been the greatest champion of fusion. In his own state he dominates the democratic and populist parties as well as that small faction calling itself silver republican. He does not dare organize these into one party. That would mean defeat, but he unites them on the candidates; that gives a better chance for victory. With three tickets and one candidate the more ignorant and prejudiced voter can be led to believe that he is voting his principles, while the percent of mistakes in marking tickets alone will turn the scale in a close contest. The chief element of fusion is hypocrisy, the assumption of a superior virtue while practicing deception. Fusion is more corrupting than the outright purchase of votes, for the latter is confessedly a pollution of the ballot, while the former, under the guise of virtue, teaches that principle may be sacrificed for success. But, happily, it can be said. Bryan will make no progress in his efforts to unite the discordant elements of society against the republican party in the Northwest this year. The people of Oregon, particularly, are not going to be fooled with the fusion

Scrofula and Consumption

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The whole Puerto Rican business has embarrassed the republicans more than any proposition in many years. A strong sentiment is found among party members throughout the country favorable to free trade with Puerto Rico. To a great degree this feeling is based upon sentiment—on the feeling that after acquiring Puerto Rico, a Spanish colony not in revolt, as a result of a war entered into for humane purposes, we should deal with absolute fairness with the Puerto Ricans and give them the freest entrance into our markets. No matter how strong the arguments may be that the imposition of a tariff on a small scale is necessary in order to provide revenue for Puerto Rico, the sentiment that Puerto Rico should have free trade remains very strong. It cannot be reached by argument, and the arguments against it are not appreciated. The truth is, sentiment is the hardest thing there is to fight, and those who go against it, no matter how justified they may feel their cause to be, must suffer. And this may be the fate of the republican party, but only temporarily. The sober sense of the people will assert itself soon after the Puerto Rican tariff is adopted, and when the motives and principles involved are rightly understood, the republican party will be stronger in the nation than ever.

Mr. Bryan says that our acquisition and retention of the Philippine Islands is in violation of the Declaration of Independence and that it will bring an army of Malays under the American flag in competition with American labor, and that this is another way the republicans have of exalting the dollar above the man. All this and more, too, has been said of every acquisition of territory that has ever been acquired. There is no more reason for supposing that the Filipino will ever be able to compete with the American working man in the future than did the aborigines of the Northwest compete with American labor after Jefferson bought Louisiana. Nor was the Declaration of Independence any more violated in the acquisition of the Philippine archipelago than when the great author of that declaration acquired an empire beyond the Mississippi. Bryan has shifted his position on the question of expansion. He stood against our taking Puerto Rico as he had stood against our annexation of Hawaii. But now he claims that there is a vast difference between expansion and imperialism and that republicans are hiding behind the word expansion. Mr. Bryan, it seems, does not fully understand the meaning of expansion. Expansion is not alone the acquisition of territory; it is far more than that. It is the extension of a superior over an inferior civilization. We have not extended into Canada, because Canada has a civilization like our own, but we have expanded southward, because the civilization in that direction is inferior to ours. We took in Texas, New Mexico and California, and the Gadsden purchase, and we have stopped only because of the promise of Mexico toward a better and higher civilization. There can be no arrest of our national life; there can be no arrest of our national expansion until we begin to decay. Mr. Bryan says every case of expansion should stand upon its own merits, and that no country should be acquired without the consent of the people of that country. If the entire history of the democratic party in its days of glory and power did not stand against Mr. Bryan on this proposition, it is enough for us to know that the Philippine islands for hundreds of years belonged to Spain; that Spain ceded them to us by treaty; the treaty has been ratified by both countries and they are rightfully ours. What shall we do with them, is the question. Keep them, is the answer of nine-tenths of the American people. As to what government they shall have, that is a problem to be solved in the future. The reason why we should keep them is, first, because it is better for them, and next, because it is better for us.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

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ALASKAN CANNERIES.

Flagrantly Violating Fishing Laws, Says a United States Officer.

Capt. Charles P. Elliott, of the United States government service, has filed a sensational report regarding the Alaskan fisheries. Capt. Elliott reports the general condition of the Indians as being very bad. The establishment of canneries by Chinamen, near an Indian village, the report says, seems to be fatal to the Indians. The birth rate is lowered, and many adults of both sexes die, it is stated, largely due to the use of intoxicants. Most of the Indians are reported under the domination of the Greek or Russian church, and Captain Elliott says the personality of the priests determines, to a great extent, the condition of the natives. At Kadiak, he reports the Russian priest as preaching sedition against the United States, his influence being distinctly for evil. At Kenai river he reports illegal fishing with traps. Traps are placed at the mouth of the river, and on both sides. This method, it is reported, is very destructive to the fish generally. At Kusilof cannery he reports fishing being carried on in "violation of law and common sense." At the Copper river delta nets are reported everywhere, and so thick that it is barely possible to get up the river with boats. In some instances the boats have to pass over the nets, and were it not for the great abundance of fish, the fishermen would catch the last fish, without any regard to the future of the industry.

The canneries all get fish from Afognak island, a government reservation, where they are strictly forbidden to fish. There is no inclination on the part of the canners to obey the laws or orders of the fish commissioner, and as far as I could see, no pretense to do anything except to catch fish, how, when and where they can."

At Chignik bay he reports the amount of gear used as being out of all proportion to the amount of fish caught, although there are plenty of fish. The gear is so arranged that the captain cannot understand how it is possible for any of the fish to get by it and go up stream. He believes it will be only a question of a short time when that stream is simply "fished out."

He also states that a special government fish commissioner aboard the revenue cutter Perry ordered certain traps removed from the service because they were used in flagrant violation of the law. "His boat was hardly out of sight,"

continues the report, "before a load of fish from these same traps was brought to the canneries and packed."

Nushagak is reported as being a fine salmon stream, and at that point it was reported to him that 700,000 salmon had been wantonly destroyed, presumably being caught to prevent others getting them and with the full knowledge that it would be impossible to handle them at the canneries. He reports that the Alaska Packers' Association has located on all the available cannery sites on the Nushagak river.

"The Alaska pack is worth about \$5,000,000 a year," says Capt. Elliott in conclusion. "From careful observation and inquiry: in my opinion the fishing in Alaska will be destroyed within ten years unless protected by stringent and immediate measures. An officer with full power to act and arrest should have charge of all canneries in Alaska, with deputies at various points. The arrest of one cannery superintendent, and the forcible closing of one cannery, would tend to check the flagrant violation of law and defiance of authority, and, before they could communicate with their powerful friends in Washington, the lesson would be taught and the season closed. The time for harmless warning is passed."

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O. For sale by Charles Rogers.

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Male firmness is very often obstinacy. Women have always something better, worth all qualities. They have tact.

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