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If competing railroads are an advantage to the producers and business men of any section of country, then competing water ways, by the same process of reasoning, are also an advantage. The plans, therefore, of the O. R. & N. Co. to give the farmers of the interior two river outlets to Portland, instead of one, as contemplated by the Paul Mohr portage railway, should be a matter for public rejoicing. Indeed, there is reason to believe, from the plan outlined to the Portland chamber of commerce, that the O. R. & N. proposes to go Mr. Mohr one better in its ultimate scope of development, and will later on annihilate even the obstruction of a portage railway by digging a canal which will enable boats to run clear through to Portland from the upper river with the same celerity that they now run between Astoria and Portland. Of course Astoria will co-operate in this beneficent enterprise undertaken by the Portland chamber of commerce. If Mohr's scheme was worthy of the encouragement it has received from Astoria people, the O. R. & N. Company's movement is even more worthy; for it not only comprehends a competing line with Mr. Mohr, but its ultimate purpose is to extend the beneficence of an open river in fact as well as in name by the substitution of a canal for the bungle-some and expensive portage road intended by the Paul Mohr project. This will undoubtedly be a good thing for Portland.

The retreat of the Boers from Wepener now releases all garrisons of British troops which have been besieged by the Boers since the war began, but Baden-Powell's devoted band at Mafeking. It is a significant fact that while all the progress so far made by the British has been against the Boers on ground of their own choosing and in every action against strong and deliberately constructed entrenchments, the Boers, in spite of overwhelming numbers, have not in a single instance succeeded in overcoming a fortified British position, even against cooped up, starving and disease-declimating garrisons of British troops whom they surrounded in their invasions of British or Free State territory, weeks before the main body of British reinforcements had left their native soil for the seat of war. The Boers, in other words, have not been able to win one

victory by aggressive tactics, while the British have won every success they have so far obtained in no other way. As good fighters as the Boers have undoubtedly shown themselves to be while acting on the defensive, the world's estimate of an army's prowess is apt to be based upon its ability to accomplish something by active movements rather than by its success in standing still and using the immense defensive advantages of modern weapons to delay the progress of an advancing enemy. This, so far, has been the exact situation in South African operations, and however slowly the British have seemed to make headway, that they have done so at all indicates that they are better soldiers than the Boers, whether on the defensive or in offensive operations.

Possibly Admiral Dewey has already begun to see through the motives of the men who induced him to announce himself as a candidate for the presidency. There is reason to believe that the admiral was prompted to take the course he did by some men who before 1896 had great influence in the democratic party. They did not seek to deceive themselves, probably, as to the final outcome of the admiral's candidacy, whatever views as to his success they may have laid before the gallant old sailor. If Dewey could be elected, well and good, but the chief thing was to beat Bryan for the nomination. That would put back in the hands of the old-line democrats, whether Dewey was defeated or not, the machinery of the organization wrested from them at the Chicago convention of '96 through the refusal of Mr. Cleveland to actively participate in the councils of his party or to help those who had placed him in the presidency. The calculations of the old-line democrats was that, after all, the managing men behind Bryan were not in politics for their health, and that if a sufficiently strong showing of hostility to his renomination on July 4 could be made, a compromise candidate already as well known to the people as Bryan might be chosen. With Dewey ready to throw into the breach, they figured victory in the convention would be easy while the poison of the Chicago platform, even if reaffirmed before the nomination, would be in a large part nullified. The democratic national committee would be once more made up of men with same ideas about finance and territorial expansion, and while defeat would in all probability be inevitable, democracy would have returned to its traditions, and might hence once more to exercise its just influence in the government of the country. For a generation at least the party would be safe from Bryanism and kindred ills. The manner in which Dewey's declaration of his candidacy has been received by the country, while it may not have materially affected the purpose of the old-line democrats, possibly revealed to the admiral that his flattering advisers merely used him to get control of the national machinery of their party and had no intention of making the tremendous outlay of time and money necessary to give him even a remote chance of election. If the admiral follows out the purpose attributed to him of running as an independent candidate nothing seems likely to prevent Mr. Bryan's nomination and the disappearance of the democracy as a virile force in national affairs for years enough to bring a new generation of voters to the exercise of the franchise.

ONCE IS ENOUGH.

Speaking of foreign intervention in behalf of the Boers, a prominent Eastern daily says that neither the British nor the empire will allow any interference with British plans in South Africa, and there was no doubt of this when Lord Salisbury replied to Secretary Hay's letter of transmittal, and points out that New Zealand has "emphasized the determination of the United Empire to settle its own affairs precisely as the Americans arranged their terms of peace at the close of the war with Spain."

The point is well taken. There were some powers who would have been only too glad to interfere, but Great Britain was not one of them. That such interference would have been as stoutly resented on our part as on the part of Great Britain there is no doubt. There are still influences at work in that direction, or, as the paper above quoted, puts it:

"There are intriguers on the continent who are hoping that the American government will be drawn into a Dutch ambush and will be ensnared into repeating the offer of mediation. The continental nations have not liked the era of good feeling between America and England. They are anxious to have the friendly relations between those countries disturbed and broken up, and are hoping that something like inter-

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vention will be attempted from Washington. They will be most careful to stay out themselves, but are eager to have England and America fall out. This is not likely to happen, although Mr. Webster Davis and other Boer advocates, of whose sincerity there is good cause to doubt, would probably like to see it. England stood our friend in our own war when all Europe was against us; we have done all that could reasonably be expected of us in the way of tendering friendly offices, and are not likely to repeat. Once is enough.

ANOTHER BRYANISM DEAD.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Many honest people in the dark days of the last democratic administration thought that the main trouble was a volume of money too small to transact the business of the country and to give a proper mobility to the affairs of the people. An official statement has just been made in relation to the per capita question that ought to be accepted as a full demonstration of the soundness of the republican view of this matter. The per capita has enormously increased under the gold standard. There is a vast enlargement of the number of dollars in circulation, and surely it is an advantage to the people that every one of these dollars is on a parity with gold. Since April 1, 1896, the volume of money in circulation has increased to the surprising extent of \$492,545,043, a sum that would buy more than \$1,000,000 worth of silver bullion. Through republican success the circulating medium has been enlarged by an average of \$123,000,000 a year in gold, intrinsically equivalent to double the amount in silver. Those who ask for more per capita in dollars of reduced and uncertain value are getting it in dollars that pass for 100 cents abroad as well as at home. Their demand has been met, the difference being that the dollars are worth more than double those that they propose.

On the first day of the present month the volume of money circulating in the United States was found, for the first time, to have gone above the \$2,000,000,000 mark. Assuming the present population of the United States to be 77,295,000, the per capita is \$26.12, four years ago on the same date, the amount was 21.53. For each individual in this country there is in circulation \$4.59 more of currency than there was when Bryan was nominated. In the year the civil war broke out the per capita was \$13.98, but little more than half the present amount. The per capita was \$17.50 in 1870, \$19.40 in 1880, \$22.52 in 1890, and stands at \$26.12 in 1900. The increase continues steadily. Under the new financial law national banks can be started with a capital of \$25,000. The stock of gold in the country since 1896 has increased from \$483,000,000 to \$785,000,000. In the same period the silver in circulation has increased \$72,000,000, making an aggregate of \$631,000,000. Here are figures that honest believers in more per capita will admit to be a triumphant vindication of the republican policy.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Proposals for fresh beef and mutton: Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, April 3, 1900. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and fresh mutton for six months beginning July 1, 1900, will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Wallace and Camp Osborn, Idaho; Forts Casey, Flager, Walla Walla, Wright and Vancouver barracks, Wash., and Skagway, Fort Wrangle and Valdez, Alaska, until 11 a. m., May 3, 1900, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Fresh Mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Major James N. Allison, Crf. Comy.

Dr. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine ever known to science; a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine.

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DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Charles Rogers.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says: "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Charles Rogers.

Infatuation, like paralysis, may be all on one side, but when it takes effect on both sides it is a dead case.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Charles Rogers.

Knowledge embraces many subjects; but there is only one subject after that is really worth embracing—woman.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Charles Rogers.

It is better for a man to get the marble heart than to marry the girl and have to eat her marble cake.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. Charles Rogers.

When lovers have sense enough to avoid matrimony, it is a case of two evils with but a single thought.

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Nine out of ten women on earth have a mission—and even the tenth would probably marry if asked.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kofoid dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Charles Rogers.

No man knows the real value of a woman or a gold mine, but many a man has gone broke trying to find out.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kofoid dyspepsia cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Charles Rogers.

There is but one thing sweeter than love's young dream, and that is to wake up and find yourself still single.

What this country needs is a protective tariff that will enable us to raise titled young men for our heiresses.

When a girl marries a sickly old millionaire, she chooses wisely, but not too well.

It is said that misery loves company. Probably that is why so many people marry.

The average girl never hears of a transaction involving an engagement ring without wishing she had a finger in it.

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Astoria intends to improve Thirty-eighth street in that part of the city of Astoria laid out and recorded by John Adair and generally known as Adair's Astoria, from a point fifteen feet south of the north line of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue, by grading said portion of said street to the established grade to the width of thirty feet through the center thereof, and planing the same when graded with sound fir plank, either red or yellow pine, in thickness of two inches, twelve inches wide, laid upon stringers, to the width of sixteen feet through the center of said portion of said street, with the construction of such culverts as may be necessary to permit the surface water to pass under said portion of said street so improved. Said improvement as to its construction in matter of detail and material to be used, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 1901, of the city of Astoria, entitled, An Ordinance Relating to the Improvement of Streets, which was approved the 3rd day of January, 1895, and strictly in accordance with the specifications therefor to be filed with the auditor and the judge of the said city by the city surveyor.

The costs and expenses of said improvement, excepting street crossings, shall be defrayed by special assessments upon the lots, lands and premises fronting upon and adjacent to said portion of said street proposed to be improved and such other lands as in the opinion of the council will be benefited by said improvement, which said lands and premises which will be benefited by said improvement are hereby included within a special assessment district to be assessed pro rata to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of block number twenty-one (21) in said Adair's Astoria, and running thence south to the southwest corner of block forty-five (45), thence east to the southeast corner of block forty-six (46), thence north to the northeast corner of block twenty-two (22), thence west to the place of beginning and containing all of blocks 21, 22, 23, 24, 45 and 46, all in Adair's part of Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John Adair. This notice is published for eight successive days in pursuance to a resolution duly adopted by the common council of the city of Astoria on the 18th day of April, 1900, the date of the first publication of this notice being on Friday, April 20, 1900.

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