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eratic party has been and is undergoing a regenerating process, which cannot stop, nor should it cease, until when it does come into power again, if it ever does, it can be a real People's party.

this system and we doubt that in a few years tens and perhaps hundreds of millions of acres of hitherto so-called arid or semi-arid land will be producing fair crops of grain and hay, better crops than can be raised on the average land of the Atlantic states.

Letters From the People

Improving the Rivers. Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—In your issue of yesterday appears an editorial headed, "What is Statesmanship?" and under this heading you go on to discuss the Fulton bill for the purchase of the Oregon City locks and improvement of the Willamette river, and argue that this proposed improvement would result in a great saving to the people living along the banks of the Southern Pacific railway, Portland to Eugene.

ABSOLUTE LOVE—WITHOUT IT, MARRIAGE IS IMMORAL.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1908, by American-Journal-Essamers.) "Mrs. Wilcox—I thought you were a woman of broad, liberal views, but you say a man who loves a woman wants to own her in every way—in the eyes of God and man. You are wrong. The woman of today will not stand such talk.

THE WEST AND WALL STREET.

PRIOR TO and during the early stages of the recent financial stringency, it was frequently boasted by western newspapers that the west was now so strong financially that it was independent of Wall street; that panics in Wall street could no longer throw the rest of the country, and especially the middle and far west, into a panic. Yet we saw that western cities were affected, and for a time seriously embarrassed, and were forced to adopt clearing house certificates and bank holidays had to be declared.

Way back in the early part of the nineteenth century marriage was looked upon as a special contract of ownership, but not so today. We are trying to do away with slavery in every sense of the word. There needs no legal seal. Where two really and truly love, all the ministers and justices of the peace in the world cannot bind closer or hold love.

I am very glad to undeceive my correspondent regarding my "broad and liberal mind." Because I clamor for love as the basis of marriage, and declare that marriage without love is immoral, many people have at various times imagined me an advocate of "free love" and an admirer of "the common-law wife."

I have never met, known of nor heard from scores of them who were very wretched, and who were eating their hearts out with a feverish unrest and dissatisfaction, mingled with fear of losing the man they loved, and resentment at the world for its attitude toward them.

ENFORCE THE LAWS

THESE ARE new days in government. It is the twentieth century, and the world is moving. The sweep of progress has discredited some of the old ideas. Here is Mayor Johns waiting for the people of Baker City to show him that they want gambling stopped. Mr. Roosevelt did not wait to be shown. He assumed leadership and crystallized sentiment that was only waiting to be touched into life.

Mayor Johns could lead, and he ought to lead. Laws have been made and they are made, not to be nullified, not to be laughed at, but to be obeyed. If it is not Mayor Johns' duty to enforce laws, what is his duty? What is he in office for, if not to lead in demonstrating the majesty and sovereignty of the law, whether it be against gambling or for payment of his salary?

District Attorney Lomax is waiting for the citizens of Baker City to give him evidence before he prosecutes. Mr. Folk did not wait for people to bring him evidence. He hunted it. He found it where citizens were trying to prevent him from finding it. Big citizens demanded that he should not prosecute, but that did not deter him. Nor does it deter Heney. It did deter Hall, and Hall is on trial.

Mr. Lomax is paid to prosecute as Folk prosecuted. If it is not his duty to find evidence, the law should make it his duty. It is not the private citizen's duty to discover and report gambling to the district attorney. It is the district attorney, not the private citizen, that draws a salary.

THE NEW YORK WORLD AND BRYAN.

THE NEW YORK WORLD continues to oppose with much vehemence the nomination of Bryan, but with all its lengthy screeds on this subject it gives no reasons why he should not be nominated except that he has been twice beaten. It says Governor Johnson would get hundreds of thousands more votes than Bryan, and might carry some northern states, whereas Bryan would have no chance whatever to carry a single northern state.

DRY LAND FARMING.

THE Dry Land Farming congress held last week in Salt Lake City met to consider a subject of greater importance than eastern people, or perhaps than even we of western Oregon realize. The dry land farming movement, as the term implies, is entirely different from the irrigation movement. It is an effort to produce profitable crops on semi-arid land without irrigation, where water for irrigation cannot be obtained. Not many years ago this would have appeared to everybody chimerical, impossible; yet it is being done, and if the experimental stage has not yet entirely passed, many experiments have been so successful as to be very encouraging to the increasing army of dry land farmers.

Mr. Harriman has men at work building a road through western Washington, where there is no urgent need of one, and also from the southern edge of Oregon to connect with his road to San Francisco, but not a lick of work in Oregon.

Occasionally there is something new under the sun; a Seattle official, the health officer, petitioned to have his salary cut down one half. The exposition should secure that man for an exhibit next year.

The developments of the Hall trial, so far as Senator Fulton is concerned, seem scarcely to correspond to Heney's prolonged and ominous "thundering in the index."

It is to be noticed that the voices of Wall street have a way of dragging the whole country into the troubles of that financial section. Time and again has the argument been repeated that what affects Wall street must affect the nation. Granted that there is an intimate connection between the financial marts of New York city and the industries and trades of the whole United States, the argument seems to be used less with the intent to prove a truth than to convict the country of its obligations to that domain of activity.

It is undoubtedly true that the banking network of the nation constitutes a fabric which can readily enfold the entire financial body, if a hitch is taken at any particular point, but there is nothing peculiar about Wall street except its size by virtue of which the nation should fall irrevocably into the meshes of disaster. During the recent crisis, Wall street was at the bottom and the west was on top. Conditions preceding a panic are: A surcharge of book profits which cannot be liquidated, usually accompanied by a stretching of credit, based upon these book profits.

It seems that Colonel George B. M. Harvey and a few of his high financiers friends thought they could induce Bryan to decline to be a candidate. Which shows what a very narrow view of men and things the colonel and his Wall street friends have. They seem really to have supposed that he would think that they spoke for some of the "rank and file."

If all the workmen's unions and granges, as well as all commercial bodies, would say to the different members of congress: "If that inland waterways bill and a river and harbor bill don't pass, we will vote against you," Czar Cannon might not keep his cattle in leash so easily.

A Woodsman Wants Work.

Portland, Jan. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—Through the columns of your valuable paper I take the liberty of asking a favor. I am a married man with a family and wish to locate in a good logging county in Oregon. I am a woodsman and have had a practical experience in the Redwood and Douglas fir regions, and in desperate straits and must have work. Hoping you can favor my request.

Newton C. Blanchard's Birthday.

Newton C. Blanchard, governor of Louisiana and whose successor was chosen at the Democratic primary in that state yesterday, was born in Rapides parish, Louisiana, January 29, 1849. His education was received in Louisiana State university and the law department of Tulane university. After graduating from the last named institution in 1870 he entered upon the practice of law in the next year he was elected representative in congress from the Fourth district of Louisiana and was reelected to the office six times.

Irish Hints.

Was there ever a more mordant and sardonic stroke of description than that of O'Connell's grave of Feeble bloodlessness? His smile was like a silver plate on a coffin. Less scathing, but less witty, also, was his description of a lady of a similarly repellent temperament. "She had all the characteristics of a poker, except its occasional warmth."

Brewery News.

From the Washington Post. Carrie Nation is reported to have said, "I expect to meet every brewer in the next year. I don't know what the brewers should not be blamed for wanting to stay on earth as long as possible."

Small Change

- Never let up on the pull for open rivers. Bird and Word would rhyme, anyway. It looks a little as if Mr. Taft were trying to intimate that he is safe and sane. The anti-treating societies deserve to grow. Harriman is tyrant over millions of people. Look out for free silver men—dangerous. Don't worry; think how long you will be dead. Good news for hotel clerks—diamonds cheaper. Government is a failure, but it might be worse. Mr. Bird will try, try, try, try, try again. The Hall trial will beat the Thaw trial out a little. The reforming business pays—for some people. Nearly every lawyer is "Judge," with some people. Cuba has to stay good, on the surface, for a year yet. Evelyn still loves Harry; his money isn't all gone yet. Get a microscope if you want to see the Cortelyou boom. Ellis vs. Geer; the old Mitchell vs. Simon fight renewed. Well, what's the matter with Bryan's currency reform plan? Possibly Czar Cannon might let us have that treasury. But the woman who proposes may be expected to support the family. Foraker feels like a man who has butted his head against a stone wall. The next dictionary maker may have an appendix for it entitled "Lawsoniana." Got your garden seeds yet? If not, punch up your congressman. What's he there for? An Indianapolis preacher insinuates that the Jonah story was the work of a nature faker. When the rheumatism bites Admiral Holmboe wishes he had an enemy's fleet to fight. If Bryan should be nominated, he isn't going around asking people to vote for him—no sir-ee. Charles Emory Smith, who recently died of the grip, married a young woman last October. Now it is "maniac-depressive insanity." Any old name will do. It is a cheap alibi that can't invent a name. Indianapolis Star: Wow! Think of the degrees below we'll get in February and March to pay for this premature spring. When a woman insists that she is a perfect lady, she shows that she is a sense enough to realize that people don't think so. A copper mine is swallowing up a Spanish town. Copper was the dynamite that opened up a cavern that swallowed Wall street. Japan continues to declare that she doesn't want to fight the United States but she once at least Japan probably tells the truth. Judge Greenbaum of New York says the cooking of many women is vile, and drives their husbands to drink. But this was only an obiter dictum. If Governor Folk can beat Gurnehee Bill Stone for the senate in Missouri, not only that state but the whole country will have made a gain. This Date in History. 1666—France declared war against England. 1712—Conference for peace opened at Utrecht. 1737—Thomas Paine, author of "The Age of Reason," born. Died June 8, 1809. 1764—Moses Cleveland, founder of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, born. 1822—Adelaide Ristori, famous Italian actress, born. Died October 9, 1906. 1836—William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, born. Died September 14, 1901. 1861—Kansas admitted to the Union. 1886—Japan captured Wei-Hai-Wei from the Chinese. 1906—Christian IX of Denmark died. Born April 8, 1818.

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