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THE COMETS CLASH.

Things are not harmonious in the Democratic camp back East. Cleveland recently aired his ideas before the Reform club, and this stirred the depths of Henry Watterson's bile. He chewed his recent excellency up and spat him out. It is really amusing to note the difference between the great tweedle-dum of Buffalo, and the equally great Tweedle-de of Louisville, Kentucky, sah! Astrologically speaking, these great erratic comets have so circled that their orbits brought them in collision. The nucleus of each comet, the heads of the respective and respectable parties named, have "batted," and while, as is usual in comets, the heads being small, the collision has done no real damage thereto, it has caused a terrible commotion, and iridescent display of pyrotechnical tails, which have become intermixed and commingled in a cyclone of hydrogen gas, illuminated with the scintillating fire of Watterson's intellect and the brilliant and gaudy colors of his kaleidoscopic vocabulary.

There is a great difference of opinion between the two. Cleveland has always thought that when he put on his hat, the Democratic party was ready to take a walk, while Watterson is troubled with an hallucination to the effect that when he takes off his hat, the Democratic party is ready to be seated.

In the meanwhile, out of this clash of systems and wreck of worlds the clear flute-like tones of Bryan lure with their siren sweetness the remnants of Democracy out of the fragmentary reminiscences of the Grover-Watterson has been to the wave-dashed and rocky isles of Populism and fusion.

Now that the lines of the Washington forest reservation are known to include nearly all Skamania county and much of the Mt. Adams range, the outlook for summer pasturage for sheep is gloomy indeed. The sheepmen are at their wit's ends, not knowing which way to turn nor what to do. The time is almost at hand when the flocks must find pasturage; but where? The mountains are closed against them, and the lack of water forbids their seeking the dry plains; the grass where they are held for shearing will soon be gone, and then—what? That is what they would like to know, the problem they cannot solve. The closing of the reservation, the shutting out of the sheep from their old mountain pastures, is a virtual confiscation of half a million sheep by the government. It destroys the business, it ruins those engaged in it, who have invested money in lands suitable for keeping their sheep during the winter, but which are valueless for other purposes. If the mountains must be closed and all stock prohibited from pasturing thereon, then in the name of decency let the government set a time a year or two ahead, at which the closing will take place, and give the sheepmen a chance to get out of the business. As it is now, the industry is destroyed and the government is not benefited.

With a good wheat crop, which is now abundantly promised, and good prices, this part of the country should have a lively summer and fall. The Dalles and country tributary thereto has had a serious drain in the past few years that has taken out money at the rate of over \$100,000 a year, which is now practically stopped. That is, or was, the payments going out for forfeited railroad lands. Last December nearly

\$100,000 was sent to Washington for this purpose, and it has taken a large portion of the products of the country to meet this drain. A good wheat crop and good prices will bring us in a large amount of money, and for the first time in several years will leave it here.

As one reads the dispatches from Greece, and notes that the people who forced their good king into the war with Turkey, turned against him because the Greek armies were not successful, those stirring lines of Byron's flash into one's mind, recalling his sympathies for that country, his insight into the character of the people, and the loss to the world of the great poet at Missolonghi, through his part in their struggle. What he wrote then is as true today:

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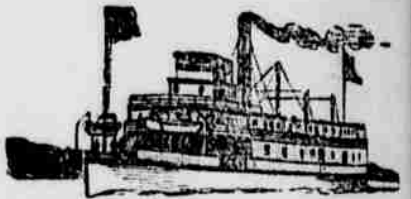
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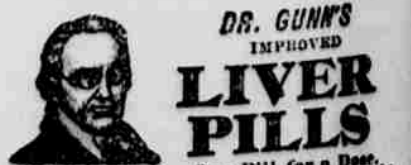
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