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### WHERE THE FAULT LIES.

The Republican party has a load to carry in the coming state campaign which makes success a matter of uncertainty. This is not due in any way to a lack of confidence in the policies of the party or to any dissatisfaction with the results of the first year of a national Republican administration. The country is acknowledging its debt of gratitude every day to the Republican party because it has changed adversity into prosperity and brought the light into darkened places. The consequences of Bryan's election are too awful for contemplation, and Republican principles have been justified to a degree even more than the most sanguine leaders dared to anticipate.

But in the state campaign the situation is far different. The split among the Republicans in Multnomah county has left a breach in the walls, through which it is possible for the enemy to enter. The fratricidal war in Portland, instead of coming to an end, bids fair to increase in virulence, and to an unprejudiced mind the fault seems to lie wholly and entirely with Joseph Simon and his followers. In order to reach such a conclusion it is not necessary to go back to the circumstance attending the primary elections of 1894. Neither side, then, was wholly right or wholly wrong. But after things had come to a bad pass an offer of compromise was made by the Mitchell Republicans, only to be scorned by the Simon men. The proposal carried a spirit of fairness with it, and its rejection meant only one thing—that the Simon men were afraid to try issues on an even field.

The Republicans from the outside counties in Oregon care nothing for the local bickerings in Multnomah county if the quarrels can be confined locally in their effect. But in this circumstance such is not the case. The Multnomah county fight has for its direct end the control of the district and state conventions to be held next spring, and in this the outside delegates have vital concern. Because of the selfishness of the Simon men a bitter fight will be made necessary in every county in the state. The blame is placed rightly when it is laid at the feet of Joseph Simon, the man who, more than anyone else, has brought about the threatened temporary disruption of the Republican party in Oregon.

To talk of compromise now is idle. It is war to the end against bosses and bossism. Simon is the incarnate representative of the party boss, and the delegates who attend the next state convention, if they desire the success of Republican principles, should see to it that Simon can no longer use the Republican party as an instrument to further his selfish ends.

The senatorial contest in Ohio is making converts for the proposal to elect senators by a direct vote of the people. It seems legislators can no longer be trusted. The Republican state convention in Ohio indorsed Hanna as its candidate for senator and pledged the Republican vote in the legislature for him. This pledge has been broken deliberately and premeditatedly, to the disgrace of the Republicans in Ohio. We believe Hanna will be elected, but the spectacle already presented shows that legislatures no longer represent

the will of the people when it comes to electing senators. Oregon is another case in point.

Within the past six months orders on foreign account for 200 locomotives are said to have been placed with American manufacturers. This is only one of the many evidences of the beneficial effects of protection to home industries. Under it the American iron and steel industry has grown and been so perfected that it now defies the competition of the world. Iron and steel are now being shipped in large quantities to all countries, including England, whose manufacturers, but little more than thirty years ago, furnished all the steel rails used in this country.

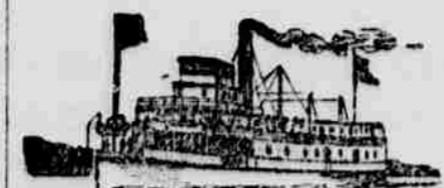
### WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

Why a Conflict with England Could Not Take Place.

The possibility of war between England and America, the two great English-speaking, civilized and civilized powers of the world, is certainly regarded on this side of the Atlantic, and probably on both, as infinitely remote. During the height of the so-called Venezuelan crisis a little more than a year ago nothing was more remarkable than the calm and pacific tone in relation thereto shown by the English people and the English press, in sharp contrast to the belligerent attitude, to say nothing of the commission of a flying squadron, evoked by the now historic telegram of the German emperor. All this is now ancient history. But the difference in feeling was clear and unmistakable. Every Englishman believes in the unfortunate possibility of an Anglo-European war. No Englishman believes in the real possibility of an Anglo-American war. The two countries are united by ties of blood, religion and language. They have vast financial and commercial relations. They would, in the event of war—whatever its result—inflict on one another incalculable damage and loss. They have no conflicting interests, territorial or otherwise—Canada not excepted—sufficient to justify such an international calamity. All these circumstances should combine to render such an event impossible. These considerations directly affect my argument. Half the exports from the United States to England are, in fact, bread-stuffs, and of this commodity alone these exports supply more than one-third of our yearly national consumption. To deprive American wheat producers and grain shippers of their most valuable market would inflict material injury on American prosperity. Let us suppose that a combination of European powers against England declared food to be contraband of war. Such a declaration of international law has generally been opposed to American policy on general international grounds. For the special reasons mentioned above, and again to quote Mr. Balfour, "this theoretical prepossession would be stimulated by the strongest motives of personal interest." At the same time it may be remarked that Uncle Sam would hardly declare war in order to enforce this view except for his own hand.—North American Review.

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