

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

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The toughest job the democracy has ever tackled is the reorganization of Cleveland and Bryan on a common basis.

Wanted—Votes of majority of members of Oregon legislature. Will pay highest market price. Address H. W. C., care Oregonian.—Astoria News.

The republican legislature of Oregon is under safe and competent direction now—Tony Noltner is giving all necessary instructions, says the Salem Statesman.

A spiritual medium who claims to have held an interview with the spirit of Jay Gould says the shade appeared with a harp in its hand, and an irreverent populist suggests that Jay, far more likely, was manipulating an asbestos fan.

In the yearly economics of the United States the hen represents \$455,000,000. The hen outdoes the iron industry, the coal industry and the wheat and corn crops; and she also soars one million ahead of the total yearly value of the dairy output of the whole country.

The state of New Jersey collected \$1,884,669 in fees and taxes from corporations in one year. "The kindly spirit with which the cetopus is welcomed in New Jersey gives deep pain to the Bryanite brethren but it seems to be justified financially," suggests the New York Sun.

Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, has recommended that the monetary problem in the islands be solved by the adoption of United States money. "If the government follows his recommendation it will save itself from many embarrassments" declares the Boise Statesman.

Senator Simon has at last torn himself away from Portland and started for the federal capital. It is presumed he fulfilled his contract with Corbett and the Oregonian so as to insure their support for re-election two years from now. The fine Italian hand of the little ward-heeler will be manifested later on.

When Senator Dolph was a candidate for re-election to the senate, B. F. Ally, of Lane county, was one of the senators who refused to support him. The Oregonian abused him like a pickpocket at that time. Some sort of light has since been reflected into Ally's dark corner in Baker county from the First National bank in Portland, and the Oregonian now pats him on the back and shouts "good boy," "smart fellow," etc., because he advocates the election of that fossilized old money-bag who owns the Oregonian's soul. It's different, don't you know.

In Ex-President Cleveland's recent pronouncements on the reconstruction of the democratic party he uses the term "true democracy" thirteen times; "time-honored democracy," once; "patriotic democracy," once; "consistent democracy," once; "triumphant democracy," once, and the "proud battalions of democracy," once; and yet he never once condescended to tell us what the principles of this true, time-honored, patriotic, consistent, triumphant, proud battalions are. Some of us have an abiding conviction that for more than a generation "true democracy" has neither been time-honored, patriotic nor consistent and, however "proud" its battalions may have been at the entrance of a political contest, they have been very seldom anything but triumphant.

"Simony" is an old English law term designating the crime of "selling a benefit." There never was a Simon in the United States senate until Oregon sold her right of representation in that body to the gentle-

man of that name hailing from Portland. True to the name, and true to his nature and training he remained at home throughout the month of December, chaffering and dickering and swapping and trading for votes in the legislature on the coming senatorial election, while his seat remained vacant at Washington. It is a spectacle of patriotic devotion to duty that the fathers of the republic missed seeing by dying too soon. It is not that the state loses much by his absence from the senate—the marble statues in the corridors of the national capitol would fall to the floor with a crash of astonishment if ever he arose to make a speech on any public question in that body—but he is reputed to be engaged in his well known political methods in tampering with members of the legislature and combining the functions of a statesman having a seat in the United States senate with those of a ward heeler and lobbyist, with headquarters at Portland.

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