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Senator Teller said in an interview a few days ago that he believes Bryan has a very much better chance for success now than he had in the contest of 1896. He says the American people have become better acquainted with the character, and none but fanatics believe there will be any danger in his election. Senator Teller declares he has a very high regard for Mr. Bryan, both as to his moral qualifications and his great ability. Bryan is honest, and if elected will make a president that will not be controlled by cliques or caucuses or combines or trusts.

The Portland Oregonian is printing in bold-face type these days that "if a man wants to discredit the gold standard and shut American trade out of the Orient, the best way he can do it is to scratch the republican ticket June 4." Just so. And if a man wants to shut old man Corbett out of the senate he will have to scratch the republican ticket. The Oregonian is not using bold-face type for the gold standard and the trade of the Orient so much as it is for old man Corbett's and his sound money. Mr. Corbett's vaunting ambition has been the main issue in republican politics in Oregon about long enough. Even the Oregonian is tired of it, but it dare not say so.

In commenting on the republican state convention of Massachusetts the Boston Herald says that good care was taken not to test the sincerity of the McKinley enthusiasts by pronouncing the name of Senator Hoar. "Hit," it continues, "if some one had ventured to speak a brave word of appreciation of the noble veteran, we are disposed to think that even this carefully selected convention would have manifested an affection for him that would have surprised the managers. In our judgment, they make a mistake who imagine that he has in any great degree forfeited his popularity with the plain people by his course." In other words, the policy of imperialism is not over popular in Massachusetts, the stamping ground of the sons of Pilgrim fathers and Revolutionary heroes.

W. J. Chastain, of the east end of the county, is a candidate on the democratic ticket, for the legislature. Mr. Chastain is a prominent citizen of the county, a successful farmer and a man in every sense fit to represent the people of Unmatilla county at Salem. Mr. Chastain is plain and unpretending, a democrat of the old school, honest, outspoken and conservative. He will receive strong support at the polls. Those who know him best, speak loudest in his praise. The best of all he never sought the office and even hesitated to accept it, but if elected he will serve the people and not himself, for he is sincere in the belief that a public office is a public trust and not a means to an end for personal advancement, as some make out of it. Mr. Chastain is deserving of a large majority and no one will ever regret voting for him.

In speaking of the great famine in India, the Springfield, Massachusetts, Republican seriously says "the famine has followed the establishment of the single gold standard in that country, which had always before been on a silver basis. The distress of the people is due to their lack of money to buy grain, not to an actual lack of grain." An then facetiously says: "Hence the gold standard is responsible for the hard times in India, eh? Now that may be bad logic, yet it is exactly the kind which has done valiant service in American politics for many years. Business depression followed Mr. Cleveland's last election; therefore the

Lord Roberts 200,000 soldiers—a larger army than has ever before been sent across the same expanse of sea—are now engaged in reducing to obedience to the Queen those territories which ought never to have been released and ought never to South Africa the only chance it has of peace, development and tranquility.

"Mr. Gladstone, in an evil moment for the fame of the country and for his party, attached himself to the idea of the separation of England and Ireland. It is necessary to say that the legacy to the Primrose League has also failed. There has been a long struggle, but no one can say the home-rule cause presents any elements of sanguine anticipation for the future. The Irish idea will be realized and that Mr. Gladstone's aspirations will be fulfilled, but I do not believe that causes which have once been well beaten have reappeared for any purpose in English history. Apart, however, from the fate of former struggles, I am still assured that there is no hope of the predominant partner ever consenting to give Ireland practical independence.

"We have learned something from the South African war—how a disloyal government, in spite of warnings, could accumulate armaments against the more powerful combatant and thus secure a terrible advantage. We now know better than we did ten years ago what a risk it would be if we gave a disloyal government in Ireland the power of accumulating forces against this country.

"Mr. Gladstone shattered his own party so that for the moment they are crushed and a powerless factor in English politics. But it must not be imagined that the effacement is likely to be permanent."

The New York World in commenting of the Salisbury speech said:
Lord Salisbury, in his remarkable address to the Primrose League advanced the amazing proposition that "every able-bodied Englishman" should be induced to volunteer for defensive military duty at home.

He advanced it as an alternative for universal conscription and justified it by a reference to the bad feeling exhibited toward England by all her great European neighbors, who, he said, "may be united in one great wave to dash upon our shores."

His remarks on Ireland, whose aspirations for an independent national life he dismissed by saying that England would never consent to them, were equally successful. "We have learned something from the South African war," he said. "We know now better than we did ten years ago what a risk it would be if we gave a disloyal government in Ireland the power of accumulating forces against this country."

The practical reward of Irish valor on South African battlefields and the political sequel of the queen's visit to Dublin are thus officially proclaimed. The Boers have taught England, according to Salisbury, that all the way round the world, from Ireland to the Transvaal, freedom is folly and force the only wisdom.

Gladstone "in an evil moment" thought that the empire could be based on the consent of conciliated peoples. Salisbury has discovered that its foundations must be laid by conquering armies and cemented with the blood of slaughtered patriots.

He does not seem to see that the abandonment of the Gladstone ideas—peace and justice abroad, justice and progress at home—any connection with the worldwide manifestation of ill-will toward his country.

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