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Every candidate on both tickets appear to be "certain of election." The election returns are needed to prove that one-half of the candidates are deceiving themselves. But hope is eternal in the human breast, and it is a good thing that it is.

The good schools that are in Pendleton, both public and private, are doing much for Pendleton. With good city government and good schools Pendleton is sure to retain its position as "the best town on the coast." Good schools are a great advantage to any town.

The republicans in congress have agreed to report a remedy for the trust evil. Their decision comes at the end of the session and takes the form of a constitutional amendment, which there is no prospect of securing for a decade of years, and by that time, the trusts will own the country and the people will have had notice to "move off," if they do not wish to remain as slaves and chattels.

The Portland Oregonian informs the public that "the Oregon sheep are all going to vote the republican ticket again" this year. True enough. From the number of votes cast in 1896 and the number registered in 1900, after four years of prosperity there being no gain in the number but a falling off in a number of counties, one would suppose that the "sheep" had voted in 1900 for McKinley, which is the reason he carried Oregon. Of course the sheep should be allowed to vote the republican ticket, for they will be sure to vote as their masters dictate.

Some people in high position are prone to make all kinds of fools out of themselves. In Washington's social life just now there is trouble between the wives of officials which appears quite ridiculous to ordinary people. The wife of the assistant secretary of state has been found guilty of talking more languages than the wife of the secretary of state is mistress of, and so to entertain ambassadors who are above her in rank. For this social depravity the superior wife has upbraided the inferior, who has been warned to keep her place. But there has been a rebellion, and the inferior has responded by a series of brilliant receptions to the ambassadors in their turn.

A newspaper published at Odessa, Russia, is quoted as declaring that the war vessels of Russia, Germany and Austria would blow the American war vessels out of the water if the United States government attempts to send them to Constantinople to force Turkey to pay the \$100,000 indemnity to certain missionaries, over which there has been a considerable stir for some time. This is only a newspaper threat, and a Russian newspaper at that, for it is easier to talk of blowing an American war vessel out of the water than it is to do it, as the Spaniards found out, after they had fully decided to do so in their public prints.

The Portland board of trade passed resolutions asking congress to establish free trade between the United States and the Philippines, setting forth the declaration that only through free trade can a commerce be built up between this country and the islands. The Portland Oregonian endorses the appeal and favors free trade with much vigor. This is not either strange or peculiar. But the fact that the Oregonian does this and, at the same time, advocates the re-election of Tongue and Moody to congress, both of whom are known to be opposed to free trade with the Philippines, is peculiar, to say the least. This does not appear consistent, but probably the Oregonian can explain it.

As the investigation in the Cuban postal frauds continues it becomes clear that mostly rascals have been "put on guard" in the administration of Cuban affairs. It seems the old Ohio and Indiana gangs of spoliators, the friends of Hanna, Heath and McKinley, were turned loose to prey on the people of Cuba, and this was to be expected from a policy which left it all to McKinley, who as promptly turned it over to Hanna. And this calls to mind that Spooner's bill provides for the same policy leaving the government of the Philippines to Mr. McKinley, as was done in the case of Cuba, with equal opportunities to political rascals. The expansion of looting appears to be something more than a theory.

"WHY PRICES VARY." Henry Watterson writes in the Louisville Courier-Journal, as follows: "The varying prices of commodities have been a fruitful theme for theorists and demagogues, especially the latter. Less frequently the subject has been treated from a non-partisan and as far as possible a scientific standpoint. The demagogue goes on the principle that whatever event follows another is the consequence of the one preceding. If hard times follow the election of a president he says that the result of the election caused the hard times and vice versa. The fallacy of this is apparent to intelligent men, but unfortunately they often entertain it in order to promote other objects which are desirable for them.

The demagogues, of course, are not consistent. They shift their ground according to circumstances. For years the republicans maintained that protection always decreased the price of commodities. They put it into their platform in 1892 that the McKinley bill had reduced prices. Next year a panic came and prices fell. They first ascribed this to the election of a democratic president and then to the fear of tariff reform.

The truth is that the course of prices is a very complicated matter. It is, as it always has been, that supply and demand regulate prices, but there are a great many different things that influence supply and demand. It is through these things that extraneous influences offset prices. What affects one commodity in a high degree may have no influence whatever upon another. It is, therefore, not always possible to form a more superficial view to decide what it is that determines the course of prices.

To get all the facts underlying the cost of products some commissions of the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor and statistics, are of interest. For example, he says that a thousand paper bags could be made by hand in six hours and a half; they are now made by machinery in forty minutes. At one time it required 4800 hours to run ten reams of paper on both sides by hand; now, it is done by one man, with the aid of a machine, in two hours and a half. Thirty thousand locomotives exert the power of 37,000,000 horses, or 947,425,920 men. This brings us to the question of railroad rates. This is a domain in which complaints of low rates come principally from the railroads themselves or those interested in them. In fact, the elements who have made the greatest complaint heretofore of a low range of prices have been most conspicuous in efforts to reduce prices for freight and transportation by law. Yet nowhere has the decline of price been more conspicuous than in that of railroad rates for transportation. In 1870 the average rate per ton per mile was \$1.39; in 1880, \$1.17; in 1890, 91 cents; in 1898, 72 cents. Here is a decline of nearly 50 per cent. in twenty-eight years. In other words, transportation which cost a dollar in 1870 cost in 1898 but little more than thirty-six cents. This, of course, takes no account of discrimination, but merely indicates the general course of prices of transportation.

Railroad transportation is something upon which a protective tariff can not operate. It can not be imported. The great decline in this shows the fallacy of the argument that declines that have taken place during the operation of a protective tariff are due to protection. It is necessary to take all the pertinent facts into consideration, and among these at present is the influence of trusts that are sustained by the tariff, so that they get, in some instances, nearly twice as much for their products at home as that for which they sell similar products abroad.

every legitimate and peaceful means, but we are opposed to purchasing trade at the cannon's mouth with human blood; neither do we believe that trade secured and held by force is worth the price paid for it. We are in favor of extending the influence, but we believe that that influence should be extended, not by force and violence, but through the persuasive power of a high and honorable example.

The Next Vice-President. This is the question now agitating the minds of our leading politicians, and while several prominent men have been suggested, the final selection will undoubtedly be the man who will serve the party interests to the best advantage. This is also true of medicine. When your stomach becomes weak and you suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and flatulency or when in need of a medicine to build up your system or restore your appetite, you will make no mistake if you try that sovereign remedy, Hestetter's Stomach Bitters. It is backed up by fifty years of cures, and is recommended by many prominent physicians. It is also an excellent medicine for malaria, fever and ague, and can be had of any druggist. Be sure to give it a trial.

Gardner S. Williams, emeritus professor of science and art of teaching in Cornell university, died of paralysis at Ithaca, N. Y., aged 72 years.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text "DON'T FORGET IT!".

Advertisement for Karl's Clover Root Tea, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text "YOUR FACE IS A MIRROR REFLECTING HEALTH OR DISEASE".

Advertisement for Webster's International Dictionary, published by G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield, Mass.

Advertisement for Jesse Failing, located at Main St., near Bridge.

Advertisement for W. D. Hansford & Co.'s Spring Hints, featuring an illustration of a man and the text "TO THE WISE".

Advertisement for Oregon Lumber Yard, featuring the text "Oregon Lumber Yard ... SELLS ...".

Advertisement for Borie & Light, Prop's, featuring the text "ICE" and "BRICK SAND WOOD COAL".

Advertisement for H. Kopitke, featuring the text "H. KOPITKE. Telephone Livery Stable".

Advertisement for J. R. Dickson, featuring the text "J. R. DICKSON, East Oregonian Building." and "Jersey Milk Cows FOR SALE".

Advertisement for Winslow & Head, featuring the text "Winslow & Head Contractors and Builders".

Advertisement for Hammocks, featuring the text "Hammocks.. Largest line to pick from in the city, at prices to suit all pocket-books, from 75 cents up. I also have a large stock of Garden Hose, from 10 to 25 cents per foot. Try the 'Veto' Barb Wire and save one-third the cost."

Advertisement for Taylor, the Hardware Man, featuring the text "Taylor, the Hardware Man 721 Main Street." and "THE Crescent THE MOST POPULAR WHEEL."

Advertisement for Old Dutch Henry's Feed Yard, featuring the text "Old Dutch Henry's Feed Yard KIT HAYS & CO., Proprietors."

Advertisement for Joseph Basler, featuring the text "To the Public... I have in my employ a first-class Tinner and Plumber and am prepared to do all kinds of work in that line."

Advertisement for The Pacific Homestead, featuring the text "THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD The Leading General Farm Paper of the Northwest." and "A High-Class Illustrated Farm Journal-- Published Weekly at Salem, Oregon--Try It."

Advertisement for New Wood Yard, featuring the text "NEW WOOD YARD Smith & Haberly, Proprietors." and "Good, Dry Wood. Prompt Delivery of All-Orders. Also Coal in Any Quantity. Telephone 85. Office Cor Main and Alta Sts."

Democratic Ticket list including names like Walter M. Pierce, Ernest Kromer, John Whitaker, etc.

Republican Ticket list including names like W. J. Furnish, Julian Ford, J. C. Fullerton, etc.

Prohibition Ticket list including names like S. A. Davis, C. F. Mills, S. F. Jenkins, etc.

Physicians list including names like Dr. J. L. Miller, Dr. W. G. Cole, Dr. F. W. Vincent, etc.

Architects and Builders list including names like T. F. Howard, Architects and Builders.