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SHOULD BE CHANGED.

There is considerable discussion going on among the fishermen here, and some decisive steps will probably be taken by them to have a change made in the fishing law at the next session of the legislature. As the law now reads, the catching of salmon is forbidden from the first day of November to the fifteenth day of December. For several years past the largest run of silver salmon in the Siuslaw and most of the other streams on the coast has come in the latter part of October or in November. And the fishermen, many of whom depend upon what they can make fishing to provide necessities for their families, are obliged either to allow the fish to get away at the risk of their families suffering, or to fish during the close season, which as law-abiding citizens they are unwilling to do. The object of the close season is to allow a sufficient number of salmon to reach the spawning beds to keep up the run of fish in the river in future and to preserve the fishing industry. As the run of salmon comes later now than a few years ago we think the open season could safely be extended till Nov. 15th and still a sufficient number be left for spawning. This with the hatchery in successful operation and perhaps other arrangements that could be made, should be sufficient to keep up the run of salmon and give the fishermen the benefit of the open season as late in the fall as they could make wages at fishing.

THE VENEZUELAN DISPUTE.

An agreement for submitting the Venezuelan question to arbitration has been arranged between Secretary Olney for the United States and Sir Julian Pauncefote in behalf of Great Britain. The Chief Justice of the United States is to select two arbitrators, the Chief Justice of England two, and King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has already been chosen as the fifth arbitrator. Venezuela will not have a representative in the board. Sixty years of actual possession is to constitute title. In other words, territory that has been in exclusive, notorious, and actual use for that length of time by Great Britain will be held to belong to that country.

Should the experiment now being tried of planting oysters in Yaquina bay prove successful, some steps should immediately be taken to have some planted here, as we know no reason why they should not do well on the Siuslaw, if they do in Yaquina. A little trouble taken with something of this kind occasionally proves more benefit to the people of a country than if a man works for wages all his life and lays his money out in charity. We have an instance of this right at home. When that old pioneer "Uncle" David Morse some ten or twelve years ago brought a few clams and planted them in the mud flats on the Siuslaw it took but little of his time. But who can say how many good meals these clams have already furnished both to settlers and to visitors. And the best of it is the clams are increasing in numbers and spreading all over the river so that perhaps for ages to come people will eat of them without thinking or knowing anything as to how the clams came here originally.

William J. Bryan is as grand in defeat as he was in battle array. No Candidate ever made such a fight single handed. He asked for no quarters from the aggregated wealth of America which fought him so bitterly, but denounced them from every platform. Nearly every leading paper in his party, the administration at Washington, and the heretofore leaders booted, still he made a remarkable showing for a new national issue. The fight will continue for the next four years, and we believe will win. If it does, it is likely that William J. Bryan, the patriot, will be the occupant of the White House.—Guard.

LEBANON ADVANCE has not lost courage. It says: "Bryan will be the next president after McKinley."

Wanted—An Idea who can think of some simple thing to make the poor man rich.

FOR A REGISTRY LAW.

From Ashland Tidings.

The first steps were taken in Ashland last Thursday for what is hoped may prove a general movement over the state for some kind of registry law in Oregon. It is proposed to circulate the petition printed below in various parts of the state for signatures. From every portion of the state since last week's election came the reports which indicate a general sentiment favorable to the enactment of some law that may not be decided unconstitutional but which may overcome the difficulties of the present loose election system which fosters illegal voting and encourages fraud in elections in this state. The petition reads as follows:

OREGON REGISTRATION LEAGUE.

We, the undersigned friends of an honest ballot, and an honest expression of the peoples wish in the popular elections of Oregon, hereby pledge our untiring efforts to secure a registration law for the state of Oregon, and to that end we hereby urge upon the next legislative assembly of said state, the necessity of enacting such registration law. And in furtherance of said purpose and under the honest conviction of the necessity thereof, we hereby ask that the Republican State Central Committee of the state of Oregon take such steps as may be necessary for the organization of clubs, to be known as the "Oregon Registration Clubs," in every precinct within this state, who with all honorable means in their power shall impress upon the legislature the necessity of such measures.

BY GOVERNOR LORD.

SALEM, Nov. 9.—The annual Thanksgiving proclamation was today issued by Governor Lord. The proclamation is as follows:

"For the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year, it is fitting that we, as a grateful people, should make due acknowledgment to Almighty God. In recognition of this duty, and in conformity with the time-honored custom, and in accordance with the proclamation of the president of the United States, I, William P. Lord, governor of the state of Oregon, do designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November, 1896, as Thanksgiving day. "On that day I recommend that the people abstain, as far as practicable, from the occupations of every day life, and that they assemble in their usual places of worship and offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the peace and prosperity bestowed upon us, for the health and happiness with which he has blessed us, and for our freedom from pestilence and calamities. Let us also devote the day to the enjoyment of hospitality and the strengthening of family ties; to relieving the wants of the needy and distressed, and the doing of charitable deeds, to inspiring sentiments of loyalty to our country, and respect for its laws and the maintenance of public order; to cultivating a just regard for the rights and opinions of others, and in discharging a sense of duty that will lead us to fulfill as far as lies in our power, our obligations as citizens and individuals."

THE Siuslaw BRIDE.

Written by W. F. Phipps in honor of the launching of the new schooner at Acme, and recited from the deck of the vessel by Miss Katie Bonerds, November 12th, 1896. The hour of thy union, O, "God of the sea," Has arrived and thy bride is waiting for thee, All arrayed in her garments of bridal attire; We give her to thee, thy fond heart's desire. Though timid and bashful her vow to fulfill, Thou art destined in sealings her promise, "I will," She silently sits like a treacherous fiend, With wings all aflutter, but says not a word. Hark! the sound of the merriment—the ring of the steel— A thrilling vibration runs through the keel, She starts, she moves, with maidenly grace, She glides in the arms of her lover's embrace, How calmly she sits on his proud swelling breast. She dreams not of his disturbing her rest, With smiles and caresses, with loving embrace He throws his strong arms round her delicate waist. But dream not of peace, lovely bride of the sea, Thy lover is cruel and false as can be, When his anger is aroused by the wind to a just shock, He may dash thy frail form on some deep hidden rock, Or open his arms with one wild embrace, May hurt thee for aye if on his furious face. Then beware of thy lover, thy young heart's desire; For he is old and his faithful, and soon moved to ire. In the height of his passion thy beauty he'll mar, Or leave thee deserted on some lonely bar. But cherish no ill lovely bride of the sea, Thy true love, before they in deep mystery, Fall on thy beauty, thy fate to fulfill, Sublimely silent to the good and the ill; Good wishes attend thee on every side, To a good life that no false, but a true, path

AN ADDRESS BY BRYAN

Offers Words of Encouragement to His Followers

They are not vanquished

Bryan Advises Silver Men to Continue to Fight the Gold Standard Until Convinced of Their Error. Denounces Gold Democrats for Laboring Secretly for McKinley's Election, and Says No Personal or Political Friend Need Grieve Because of His Defeat.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 6.—Bryan today gave out the following: "To the Bimetallists of the United States: Considers that millions of loyal hearts are saddened by temporary defeat, I beg to offer a word of hope and encouragement. No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest and devoted than those who have espoused the cause of bimetallism. They have fought for conviction and have fought with all the zeal which conviction inspires. Events will prove whether they are right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret. The republican candidate has been heralded as the savior of the people. If his policies bring real prosperity to the American people, those who opposed him will share in that prosperity. If, on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those supporters who do not belong to the once leading class or to the privileged class will suffer in common with those who opposed him. The friends of bimetallism have not been vanquished. They have simply been over-run. They believe the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money powers against the welfare of the human race, and until convinced of their error they will continue the warfare against it. The contest has been waged this year under great embarrassments and against great odds. For the first time during this generation public attention has been centered upon the money question as the paramount issue, and this has been done in spite of all attempts upon the part of our opponents to prevent it. The republican convention held out delusive hopes of international bimetallism while the republican leaders labored secretly for gold monometallism. "The gold standard debate has publicly advocated the election of the Indianapolis ticket, while they labored secretly for the election of the republican ticket. Trusts and corporations have tried to excite the fear of lawlessness, while they have been defying the law, and American financiers have boasted they were custodians of the national honor while they were secretly betraying the nation's financial independence. But in spite of the efforts of the adroit faction and its supporters; in spite of the threats of the money lenders at home and abroad, in spite of coercion practiced by corporations on their employees, and in spite of the enormous republican campaign fund and in spite of the influence of the hostile daily press, bimetallism has almost triumphed in its first great fight. The loss of a few states, and that too, by a very small plurality, has defeated bimetallism for the present; but it actually emerges from the contest stronger than it was four months ago. "I desire to commend the work of the three national committees which have joined in the management of this campaign. Co-operation between members of distinct political organizations is always difficult, but it has been less so this year than usual. Interest in the common cause of great importance has reduced friction to a minimum. I freely express my personal gratitude to the individual members as well as the executive officers of the national committees of the democratic, populist and silver parties for their efficient, unflinching and unselfish labors. They have laid the foundation for future success and will be remembered as pioneers when victory is at last secured. "No personal or political friend need grieve because of my defeat. My ambition has been to secure immediate legislation rather than enjoy the honors of office. Therefore defeat brings to me no personal feeling of loss. Speaking for the wife who shared my labors as well as for myself, I desire to say that we have been amply repaid for all the work we have done. "In the love of millions of our fellow citizens so kindly expressed; in the knowledge gained by personal contact with the people in a roadened

for whatever efforts we have put forth. Our hearts have been touched by the devotion of friends and our lives shall prove our appreciation of the affection which we prize as the richest reward which this campaign has brought. "In the face of the enemy rejoicing in its victory let the roll be called for the engagement and to urge all friends of bimetallism to renew their allegiance to the cause. If we are right, we believe we are, we shall yet triumph. Until convinced of our error let each advocate of bimetallism continue his work. Let all silver clubs retain their organization; hold regular meetings and circulate literature. "Our opponents may succeed in this campaign and must how put their theories to the test. Instead of talking about 'sound money' and an 'honest dollar' they must now elaborate and defend their financial system. Every step taken by them should be publicly considered by the silver party. Our cause has prospered more where the money question has been the one discussed among the people. During the next four years it will be studied all over this nation, even more than it has been studied in the past. "The year 1903 is not far away. Before that year arrives international bimetallism will cease to deceive. Before that year arrives those who have called themselves gold standard demagogues will be one bimetallist and be with our party or have become republicans and thus open enemies. Before that year arrives trusts will have convinced still more of the people that the trust is a menace to private welfare and to public safety; before that year arrives the evil of the gold standard will be even more evident than they are now, and the people will be ready to demand an American financial policy for the American people and will join with us in immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal rate of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation."

W. J. BAYAN.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe to the God of nations for his watchful care which has saved them from a disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from his faithful paths after their own devices. "To the end that these thoughts may be quickened, it is fitting that on a day especially appointed, we should join together in approving the course of grace with praise and supplication. "Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land. On that day let all our people forego their usual work and occupation and assemble in their accustomed places of worship; let them with a contrite heart thank the God of the Universe for our preservation as a nation, and our deliverance from every threatened danger; for a peace that has dwelt within our boundaries; for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed; for the plentiful harvest that have followed the labors of our husbandmen; and for all other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us. "An let us, through the mediation of him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of heavenly favor. "Let us not forget on this day of thanksgiving, the needy, and by deeds of charity let our offerings of praise be made more acceptable in the sight of our Lord. "Witness my hand and the seal of the United States which I have caused to be here affixed. "Don at the City of Washington this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1896, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 123th. (Seal.) "GROVER CLEVELAND. "By the President. "RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State."

THE STATE LEGISLATURE MEETS IN JANUARY.

It should among other things, reduce the rate of interest to 8 and 6 per cent, re-enact the mortgage tax law; permit the deduction of re-ordered indebtedness; pass a freight rate on transportation lines, at least the railroad and other ocean commissions, and abolish the office of attorney general; and reduce salaries

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

"In every age there are a few men who hold the opinions of another age past or future. "As concerns the quantity of what is to be had there is a single rate. Read much but not many books. "Think of an American woman refusing to vote with all the wrongs of society waiting to be righted." "Never say or read bad words, for they are the worst of failures; because they rob you of your money, your time, and your principles." "There is no policy like politeness and a good manner is the best thing in the world, either to get a good name or to supply the want of it. "Justice as a light heart in all virtue and to be the best of all things, for all suitable and useful only are good; but they are really to all and to all to the going." "One thing is certain, that if you desire improvement in anything, it will never come to you accidentally. It must begin in a distinct resolved purpose to make a change for the better." "Remember that if the opportunity for great deeds should ever come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day. The thing for us to long for is the goodness not the glory." "A summary perfect housekeeping is not essential to the most beautiful home making—cleanliness is often fatal to it—while a little judicious skimming and cleaning disorderly mess is the highest wisdom." "As two buttons in an empty box will make more clutter than ten boxes well filled, so two ideas in an empty head will keep the tongue wagging to the confusion of the salaried parake which must needs cross its way.—A Norse. "No able high society is a certain clique of people in every great city who arrogate to themselves the title. The question of brains, of capacity, of talent, of power in manhood and womanhood, does not enter into the sphere that governs this class of men and women." "Reading with purpose is a far more useful exercise than the aimless perusal of a book for a definite end in knowledge, than from libraries should be used by a reading eye. A cottage flower gives honey to the bee, a king's garden none to the butterfly." "Alight I give counsel to any young hearer, I would say to him, 'Try to frequent the company of your betters.' In books and life that is the most wholesome society; learn to admire rightly, the great pleasure of life is that. Note what great men admired; they admired great things; narrow spirits admire basely, and worship mealy." "That physical ring which under excitement and the impulse of a love of glory stands and shot and swell and bears the flag aloft through a shower of bullets, may be altogether admirable and is certainly worthy of the rewards of honor which it receives. But there is a nobler thing and it deserves a far higher need of praise, as when the valor man catches a glimpse, by a flash of lightning through the darkness, of the inevitable results of his evil life and with a mighty effort breaks from the enticement of vicious habits and in spite of gibes and jeers claims possession of himself and maintains the claim with a will that no circumstances can break.

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