

# THE WEST.

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—AT—

FLORENCE, LAKE COUNTY, OREGON

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## AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

London, July 15.—A joint proposal of bimetallism was presented to day on behalf of the United States and France at a conference held at a foreign office between Baron DeCourcelle, the French ambassador, representing France; Ambassador Hay, Senator Wolcott, former Vice-President Stevenson and General Paine, representing the United States; Lord Salisbury, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer and J. A. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, representing England, and Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, representing India. The proposals after some discussion were taken under advisement, and the British cabinet will give its answer at a subsequent conference.

It is reported this evening that an international conference will be summoned probably to meet in the United States, with Great Britain participating. All the delegates will be unstructured with regard to ratio, although it is well known that the United States favors 16 and France 15 1/2 to one.

According to today's report England's participation would mean the reopening of the Indian mints, and there is a prospect of some concessions as to the bank of England's reserve and silver certificates.

## HAWAII.

S. F. Chronicle.

The senate committee on foreign relations will lose no time in preparing its report upon Hawaiian annexation, the nature of which is sure to be favorable. It is not expected however, that the senate will act in the premises until the regular session opens in December, unless perchance, the Japanese issue should at once take on an acute phase. This is not probable, though a belief is held in some quarters that Japan means more mischief than she confesses to. However, the senate will not wait for that to develop, as the United States minister to Hawaii has power in case of emergency, to declare a temporary protectorate over the islands. This was done by Minister Stevens in 1893, and no doubt his friend and successor, Minister Sewall, would only be too glad to follow suit.

As to the course the senate will finally take the friends of annexation have much ground for hopefulness. No apparent divisions have been made upon the friendly sentiments of the annexationist body in the upper house, while some of the doubtful senators, including Mr. Perkins, are showing signs that they will fall in at the proper time with the ruling sentiment of the party. For ourselves we see much reason to believe that the senate's margin in favor of adding Hawaii to the Union will be as wide as that which stood between success and a possible failure of the tariff bill.

The chief peril of the cause of the islands is not in democratic and impugned hostility to the treaty, but in the plots and intrigues which will now be started among themselves to overthrow the Dole government. Royalists see that their cause is desperate, and they will do anything which their resources will permit to save it, and in this have the sympathy of resident Japanese. A revolution would be awkward just now, and Mr. Dole and his friends need to concern themselves chiefly during the summer and fall in guarding against it.

In 1891 the state of Oregon brought suit against Baker county for back taxes amounting to about \$14,000. After five years of litigation, Referee B. F. Bonham appointed by the supreme court has rendered his findings to the effect that Baker county must pay all but about \$3000, barred by the statute of limitation. This is a costly result for Baker county, when the expense of the lengthy litigation is taken into consideration, and further when the amount of interest that will accrue to the state before this judgment is finally paid off is figured in. Baker county would better have paid without all this trouble and expense.—Guard.

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Oregonian.  
The coalminer's strike is not a labor movement in the usual narrow sense. It is a broader convulsion of general society, in which capital and labor, employers and employes, share alike. It cannot have escaped notice that the mine operators take the strike calmly, and anticipate the raise of wages demanded with confidence that it will bring them gain rather than loss. This attitude on their part deprives the strike of the usual bitterness, and eliminates the deplorable feature of violence. Operators and operatives seek a common end through a movement forced upon them by conditions which neither could endure longer. The strike is a natural one, in which employers and employed unite to resist and overcome conditions of low prices for product, which deprive the one of a fair profit and the other of a fair living wage. The strike is an automatic convulsion of industrial society, a reaction against an excessive tendency to low prices for product. Labor and capital united are striking for higher prices from the consumers.

That is, the strike is a revolt against the present low price of coal, which denies mine owners a reasonable profit, even with wages of miners pushed below the point of a decent living. Its object is to stop production until prices rise through scarcity, and then to facilitate combination of mineowners to maintain a higher price, which will enable them to pay fair wages and still make a fair profit.

This strike is a sign of the times; is the first conspicuous evidence of the reaction from the era of low prices to consumers and excessive economies in production, which has been the plainest social feature of the last few years. The necessary conditions of a period of liquidation of enormously inflated debt have pressed all prices downward. In order that consumers might satisfy their necessities with diminished income, industry sacrificed its reward, labor was obliged to accept the barest support of life, and capital to go without interest and enterprise without profit. That is, industry has been compelled to supply consumers with products at cost or a trifle more or lose its market.

This could not go on for long, and a reaction was sure to come soon or late. So far as the pressure for cheapness has been met by improvement of the methods of production and exchange, by the use of labor-saving machinery and the economical organization of department stores and industrial trusts; so far as prices have been made lower without destroying the profit of capital or the necessary maintenance of labor, the low prices will be permanent and the conditions which produced them have brought enduring benefit. But so far as they were made at expense of the return of capital or the necessary living wages of labor, they could last only until the immediate emergency that caused them had passed. Soon therefore, must appear a tendency to reaction of both prices of products and wages of labor, which would carry both above the lowest point of depression, but not to the old level of extravagant production and reckless living.

The miner's strike was the first large, plain sign of this reaction. It will carry up the price of coal, first by creating a scarcity and then by combination among mineowners to pay higher wages and exact higher prices. Coal is the foundation of all manufacturing and transportation, and rise in its price undoubtedly will send up that of some iron and steel products and of railroad rates. For a certain distance along the line, this will propagate the wave of higher prices and better times, but the wave will break helplessly against those products whose price is dependent on local conditions, because it is made in the markets of the world. Luckily, there are Indian famines, and possibly European wars, to help out here.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., July 12, 1897.

Still sugar! There has been a continual fight from the beginning of the tariff bill over sugar, and it is being continued in the conference committee, which was in session all day Sunday. Every republican member of the conference committee has been pledged to secrecy concerning the conference, and the democratic members will not be allowed to know what is going on until an agreement is reached, which will be some time this week, probably Wednesday or Thursday. The secrets of the conference have so far been well kept, but it has leaked out that both sides are making a fight for their sugar schedule, but the house conferees are expected to win, not only because the original Dingley sugar schedule is more satisfactory to the republican press and the rank and file of the party, but because Speaker Reed has said that the house would never, under any circumstances, accept the senate sugar schedule. There is talk of attempting to act upon President McKinley's currency commission recommendation, but it is likely that immediate adjournment will follow the disposal of the tariff bill.

Although it was stated when \$20,000 was appropriated by congress for the relief of destitute American citizens in Cuba, that the amount would not be a drop in the bucket, it has turned out to be much more than was needed. Just as soon as the appropriation was available, Consul General Lee was notified to go ahead with the necessary expenditures, up to that amount. Reports from General Lee were submitted to the last cabinet meeting, and much to the surprise and gratification of the president and his advisers, they showed that although General Lee had rendered substantial aid to every distressed American citizen who needed it and would accept, and shipped a number of them back to the United States, he had only expended \$6,000.

The pressure is so great that President McKinley has decided to modify President Cleveland's extension of the civil service rules, and the order is liable to be issued any day.

It is much easier to hatch up a congressional scheme than it is to carry it through, even when working for what is favored by a majority. Last week, the friends of the Hawaiian treaty concluded that it was advisable to get the treaty favorably reported to the senate at this session, and voted upon, if possible. As eight out of eleven members of the committee of foreign relations are known to favor the treaty, it looked like an easy matter to get the treaty favorably reported, but it wasn't as easy as it looked to be. A special meeting of the committee was called, but less than a quorum attended, and at a second meeting there was only a bare quorum present. The committee will hold an other meeting this week, but it is far from certain that it will decide to report the treaty.

The report, by way of Europe, that Spain and Japan are trying to coax England to enter with them into a triple alliance for the purpose of whipping the United States into keeping its hands off of islands in both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, has not caused anybody in Washington to lose any sleep, and it would not even if it were known to be true, instead of a bit of midsummer silliness on the part of its originators.

No member of the senate enjoyed the respect of the newspaper men to a greater extent than did the late Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tenn., whose funeral services were conducted in the senate chamber Saturday, although he always professed to desire to have every newspaper man drawn and quartered. Nevertheless they got much useful information out of the old gentleman—at least, those did who knew how to interpret his burst of anger when he was asked about any secret action of the senate or of a committee upon which he served. A page, who had grown a little familiar in his intercourse with senators, approached Senator Harris one day and asked him in a free and easy manner if the senate had decided to adjourn until noon the next day. Turning upon the boy with a ferocious look, the irate senator said: "Yes; and immediately after we adjourn today, we shall proceed to hang every impertinent page on this floor." The page was said to have been nearly frightened into a spasm. Notwithstanding an affected gruffness of manner, Senator Harris was personally popular and no man stood higher in the political councils of his party. Bad health prevented his taking any part in this session of congress.

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## WAR ON THRIFT.

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At a recent meeting in Chicago, the leader in an agitation which aims at the overturn of the existing order of things, said: "Nature has provided an abundance for every creature, and it is stored mountains high in Chicago before the very eyes of the people who are suffering. Why do they not help themselves? Man is the only animal I know of that has not sense enough to feed himself."

Nature has provided an abundance for every creature? Yes; but she yields her abundance in response to human toil. It was not unassisted nature, but human industry making a wise use of the forces of nature, which heaped high the desirable things to which this orator invited his listeners to help themselves.

This doctrine amounts to saying that whoever wants anything has a right to seize it wherever he finds it, provided that he is strong enough to overcome the resistance of its possessor. Of course, all law, government and society itself must go down before the carrying out of such a monstrous theory as this.

Ostensibly this agitation is directed against the rich. In reality, it is war on thrift. It is a menace to every one who has made any prudent provision for future needs. The old adage enjoined men to lay aside stores against a rainy day. The new theory tells them that the better way is to lay violent hands on the stores which other men have laid aside.

A large part of the accumulated wealth of this country is the product and savings of industry. So far as it is represented in goods, it is found in the crops which hard-working farmers have drawn from the soil; or in merchandise the ownership of which is the result of toil and self-denial by men, almost all who started in life with no better opportunities than those of the men who would now despoil them.

So far as it is in money, it consists largely in hundreds of millions of dollars of saving-bank deposits; in the property of building and loan associations; and in the investment of life insurance companies which enables them to keep their promises to policyholders. The new doctrine invites the idle, the shiftless, the brutal to "help themselves" to these accumulations.

When the lower animals "help themselves" by seizure from each other, the process means violence and murder. The Chicago agitator would have men forfeit all the higher qualities which make them men, and sink to the level of the brutes in the struggle for life. Such counsel is as degrading as it is dangerous.

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## REGISTERED INDEBTEDNESS.

Treasurer Patterson informed a Guard reporter that Lane county's indebtedness up to July 16th, 1897 was \$17,815.47. Not many counties of the state make so good a showing.

## ENGINE PURCHASED.

Register: The county court has purchased a sixteen horse power traction engine to furnish power for the county's rock crusher. The engine is a second hand machine, and was bought of B. F. Howard for \$600. It has been pronounced in first class condition by an expert, and the county is thought to have secured a bargain when they made the purchase. Before buying an engine the county hired one, paying \$5 per day for the use of it and an engineer. The county also secured a tender with the engine purchased from Mr. Howard.

## Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

To be understood is to be twice oneself.

The greatest firmness is the greatest mercy.

Fear is the tax that conscience pays to guilt.

The jest loses its point when the wit is the first to laugh.

If fortune never crushed that man whom good fortune deceived not.

Many have lived on a pedestal who will never have a statue when dead.

Hunan foresight often leaves its proudest possessor only a choice of evils.

Though flattery blossoms like friendship, yet there is a great difference in the fruit.

The first fault is the child of simplicity, but every other the offspring of guilt.

Fanaticism is the child of false zeal and superstition, the father of intolerance and of persecution.

It is more from carelessness about the truth, than from intentional lying, that there is so much falsehood in the world.

You pity a man who is lame or blind, but you never pity him for being a fool, which is often a much greater misfortune.

There should always be some foundation of fact for most any fabric, and pure invention is but the talent of a deceiver.

The use we make of our fortune determines its sufficiency. A little is enough if used wisely, and too much if expended foolishly.

Fame, as a river, is narrowest where it is bred, and broadest afar off; so exemplary writers depend not upon the gratitude of the world.

Foppery is never cured; it is the bad stamina of the mind, which, like those of the body are never ratified; once a coxcomb and always a coxcomb.

The eyes of a man are of no use without the observing power. Telescopes and microscopes are cunning contrivances, but they cannot see of themselves.

The coin that is most current among mankind is flattery; the only benefit of which is that by hearing what we are not we may be instructed what we ought to be.

Falsehood, like a dawning in perspective, will not bear to be examined in every point of view, because it is a good imitation of truth, as perspective is of the reality.

Experience has taught me that the only friends we can call our own, who can have no change, are those over whom the grave has closed; the seal of death is the only seal of friendship.

Our admiration of a famous man lessens upon our nearer acquaintance with him; and we seldom hear of a celebrated person without a catalogue of some notorious weakness and infirmities.

What a desolate place would be a world without a flower! It would be a face without a smile, a feast without a welcome! Are not the flowers stars of the earth? And are not our stars the flowers of heaven?

Foolish men imagine that because judgement for an evil thing is delayed, there is no justice but an accident alone, here below. Judgement for an evil thing is many times delayed some day or two, some century or two, but it is as sure as life, it is as sure as death.

Every day of my life makes me feel more and more, how seldom a fact is accurately stated; how almost invariably when a story has passed through the mind of third person it becomes, so far as regards the impression that it makes in further repetitions, little better than a falsehood; and this, too, though the narrator be the most truth-seeking person in existence.

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