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DURING THE campaign preceding the election of 1896 it was affirmed by the advocates of the free coinage of silver that it was necessary for the prosperity of the country that free coinage be adopted. In fact it was asserted by some of them that it was impossible for the country to prosper under a gold standard, that prices would not advance above what they were at that time, that money could not be had to purchase stock, produce, goods, etc., except at a very small price, that there was not money enough in the country for the transaction of the business. Now though the country has not yet adopted free coinage of silver, prices of nearly everything are higher and in some cases are nearly double what they were in the fall of 1896, and the country generally is in a much more prosperous condition than it was at that time. So far as we can determine there is no reason why the country should not continue to grow more prosperous in the future unless by pernicious legislation the wheels of trade should be stopped. Believing that a sound financial system is one of the essential requirements to maintenance of the prosperity of the country we are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio 16 to 1.

Hon. A. C. Woodcock republican candidate for circuit judge of this district is a man who enjoys the respect and confidence of the voters of all parties for his fairness and unflinching determination to do what is just and right. He is one who investigates both sides of a question before making up his mind, then can stick to his position. He faithfully served the taxpayers of this district some years ago as a member of the state board of equalization when Portland brought to bear all the influence she could command to have her rate of assessment lowered. By his position and influence Mr. Woodcock succeeded in having the assessment maintained at a fair rate thus compelling the people of Portland to contribute their share towards the expenses of the state. As an attorney he has ever been watchful of the interest of his clients. If he is elected judge, and he should be, he will be an officer for whom the voters will not regret having cast their ballots.

WHY WE GO TO WAR.

In the excitement of the hour while we are mustering and drilling troops, mobilizing our forces at convenient points, and while our ships are bombarding Matanzas, it is well that each and every citizen understand the true meaning and cause of the war. The wars of the past have been either of defense or of conquest. This is neither. Our government and our individual liberties are not threatened by a foreign foe, and congress has declared that it is not the intention nor the desire of the United States to annex Cuba. Neither does the element of revenge constitute the cause, for the crisis would have as surely come had the Maine not been destroyed by Spanish treachery. This war is the first of its kind in history—a war for humanity. The one cause is the oppression of a people struggling to be free; the one object, the freedom of these people and the uplifting of humanity. No other war of history was ever inspired by so disinterested a motive. No nation in history every championed so nobly the cause of humanity. France and Spain assisting the Colonies were fighting their own battles. The powers interfering in Turkey were but conserving their own peace. The United States is the first to use its power as a nation to secure to a foreign people their inalienable rights and liberties. Such a war will redound to the eternal glory of the American people, and the inspiration of so grand a motive will elevate and ennoble American love of country and liberty. Every volunteer in the Cuban war is a hero and the commission of the American army is from God.

OREGON VOLUNTEERS.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Co. received orders to hold cars in readiness to transport the Oregon volunteers from Portland to San Francisco Wednesday

WAR NEWS.

The official report from Commodore Dewey of the engagement at Manila announced that he has taken possession of the naval station at Cavite, controlled the bay completely and could take the city at any time. The Spanish loss in the battle was not known but was very heavy—fully 150 being killed.

The Spanish fleet was destroyed. The American vessels were uninjured, no lives were lost on them and but few were wounded.

A dispatch says that the Spanish admiral who commanded their fleet at Manila May 1st was killed by the people after the battle. Many massacres are reported outside of Manila.

The government has chartered thirty vessels in which to transport troops to Cuba and the Philippines. The movement to Cuba was to begin the 10th and about 16,000 regulars will be transported as quickly as possible. It is reported on good authority that as soon as the regulars land, a movement on Havana will be made by the insurgents.

Official information has been received by the state department that four Spanish cruisers and three torpedo boat destroyers have returned to Cadiz. Spain has just purchased two new war ships.

The insurgents in Cuba are celebrating the coming of American troops. They say the end is not far off.

A Spanish spy was captured by the Americans. He jumped overboard and was drowned in the Key West harbor.

LOUISIANA'S SHAME.

The Louisiana constitutional convention has shown itself incapable of reaching the high level of treating all its citizens as equals before the law. The problem it set itself was to incorporate into the new state constitution a provision which shall practically disfranchise the negroes. To disqualify them on the ground of race or color is impossible, because of the fifteenth amendment to the national constitution. The only feasible method is to establish an educational test, because the mass of the negroes in that state are illiterate. But such a test, applied impartially, would also disfranchise a large number of white democrats in Louisiana, who are quite as ignorant as are the negroes. Here is where the convention failed in its duty. It attempted to give ignorant whites the ballot, while taking it away from ignorant blacks. Hence the famous "filibuster" of the new constitution was prepared. It is as follows:

No person who was entitled to vote under the statutes of the state of Louisiana, in force on the first day of January, 1867, or under the statutes at that time in force in any other state of the Union, wherein he then resided, and no legitimate male descendant of any such person not less than twenty-one years of age at the date of the adoption of this right to register and vote in this state by reason of his failure to possess the educational or property qualifications prescribed by this constitution.

Through the convention is composed of democrats, the lawyers among them at once pronounced this section incompatible with the national constitution. Then Senators McEnery and Caffery were asked their opinion. They consulted leading democrats in both houses of congress, with the conclusion that the section is unconstitutional, and Senator McEnery wrote a strong letter to the convention begging that the section be omitted. But there was no other way open to disfranchise the negroes without also disfranchising illiterate white democrats also, and section 5 was kept in.

The section will work trouble for Louisiana in congress. Contests will be brought in the house against the seating of representatives elected under this section, and they will be denied their seats because of the unconstitutionality of section 5. The Louisiana mossbacks have over done the matter.

The next legislature is likely to give us some school legislation. The published reports of the school districts this spring—especially the smaller cities and towns—indicate that a school revenue law is needed that will enable these districts to do business on a cash basis. The reports show a large amount of business with the banks in the shape of short time loans for from 60 days up and bank loans mean bank interest. It is a nice thing for the banks but a very poor way of doing business for the taxpayers and the school. All the money raised by taxation for school purposes should be used directly for schools—not to pay interest to banks.—Northwest Journal of Education.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C. May 2nd, 1898.

The war is going to get started in good earnest during the next few days, probably this week, by the landing of a portion of the regular army in Cuba. The capturing of prizes, and the silencing of a few Spanish batteries in Cuba by the well directed fire from our warships was merely a little prelude, just to give the dons an idea of the marksmanship of Uncle Sam's gunners. The full program is likely to be delayed until some of the Spanish warships can be found to act as targets; then look out for trouble.

The organization of the volunteer army is being pushed as rapidly as possible, in order that the men may be gotten into camps of instruction and seasoned for a campaign in the field. Some of its officers have already been selected, and the remainder will be announced in a few days. It is definitely settled that the command of the first section of the army of Cuban invasion will be given to Brig. Gen. Shafter, of the regular army, who has been selected for one of the volunteer major generals.

Congress will probably at once pass the bill authorizing the enlistment of about 13,000 men for immediate service in Cuba who have had the yellow fever, it having been stated to the president that it would be an easy matter to secure such men in the extreme south. These enlistments will be in addition to the 125,000 first called for by the president.

Every day the president is compelled to decline offers of regiments of men, because he has no authority to accept them, the states have chosen to furnish their quota of volunteers from their national guards, and in nearly every case having protested because their quota was not large enough. Pennsylvania sent word that it would gladly have furnished the entire 125,000. Should there be a second call, which at this time looks doubtful, some of the regiments which have offered will be given a chance for service.

In addition to the share of the \$50,000,000 recently appropriated by congress allotted to the war department, Secretary Alger has been compelled to ask congress to appropriate more than \$34,000,000 to meet the war expenses of that department during the two months remaining of the present fiscal year. It appeared that Representative Dingley was speaking by the card when he said the other day that the war expenditures had exceeded \$25,000,000 a month since March 1st, and would go much higher shortly.

The long list of nominations to civil offices sent to the senate by the president furnish evidence enough that everybody has not got the war fever, and other evidence is found in the civil departments of the government, where patents and pensions are issued with the usual regularity and other business is attended to just as usual, and will continue to be. The fact of the matter is that this country is too big to allow its ordinary business to become disarranged by a little thing like a war with Spain. A few men will fight, fewer will gain fame and glory, but about seventy millions of us will go right along attending to our every day affairs, with a little shouting on the side as news of victories come in.

The wiping out of political lines in congress was not permanent. When it was only a question of voting money already in the treasury to enable the country to prepare for war, or of a declaration of war, party lines were obliterated, but as soon as it became necessary for congress to provide the money to fight the war, party lines were again very much in evidence. The democrats of the house with eight exceptions, and all of the populists voted against the war revenue bill because it provided for the issue of bonds, but as all the republicans, except two, and six democrats voted for the bill it was passed by a vote of 181 to 131. The bill will be taken up by the senate this week. The bond provision will be fought by the populists, the silver republicans, and a

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the West and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

majority of the democrats, but a sufficient number of democrats have announced their intention to vote with the republicans to make the passage of the bill a certainty, but the discussion may be savage and partisan in its nature. Some of the silver men have the idea that there is a trick in the bond authorization, because it is so large—\$600,000,000—but the administration men declare their only object is to make sure that the government shall not at any time be hampered in its conduct of war, and that all of the bonds authorized will not be issued unless the money shall be needed.

War department officials do not like the manner in which military news has leaked from that department and movements have been published about as soon as they have been determined upon. So a new rule absolutely prohibiting information being given by any official has been adopted, and prying eyes are to be kept at a distance by denying admittance to newspaper men and other outsiders to any of the offices of the department.

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COUNTY TICKET.

Senator. Dr. W. Kuykendall, of Eugene. Representatives. Ivan McQueen, of Lorane. T. M. Brattain, of Springfield. W. H. Weatherston, of Florence. Sheriff. Chas. L. Scott, of Eugene. Clerk. E. U. Lee, of Junction. Treasurer. J. G. Powell, of Cottage Grove. School Superintendent. O. S. Hunt, of Eugene. Assessor. D. P. Burton, of Cottage Grove. Surveyor. C. M. Collier, of Eugene. Commissioner. H. D. Edwards, of Springfield. Coroner. J. W. Harris, of Eugene.

It may not be generally known that there is a law in this state which forbids the throwing of the carcasses of dead animals or other filthy substances into streams. This practice is altogether common and is liable to work serious injury to the health or comfort of the people living along such streams. The right way to dispose of any carcase is to bury it.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Clouds:—The curtains of light, as sorrows are of joy.

Carefulness:—The care of economy. Presumption is our natural and original disease.

Money:—To the wise a convenience, to the fool a necessity.

Prejudice which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain.

Since Time is not a person we can overtake when he is gone, let us honor him with mirth and cheerfulness of heart while he is passing.

The present hour is always wealthiest when it is poorer than the future ones, as that is the pleasantest site which affords the pleasantest prospect.

We should not neglect a presentment. Every man has within him a spark of divine radiance which is often the torch which illumines the darkness of our future.

Preachers say, do as I say, not as I do. But if a physician had the same disease upon him that I have, and he should bid me do one thing and he do quite another, could I believe him?

Presumption never stops in its first attempt. If Caesar comes once to pass the Rubicon, he will be sure to march further on even till he enters the very bowels of Rome, and breaks open the Capitol itself. He that wades so far as to wet and foul himself, cares not how much he treads further.

ALPHA CLIPPINGS.

By EVEN CHANGE.

May 9th, 1898.

Mrs. W. F. Potter commenced her school below Point Terrace May 2nd.

There was nine school teachers attended the entertainment at Alpha on Saturday night.

Miss Elba Mock who is teaching our school is making a success of it and has about 20 scholars enrolled.

C. A. Potter who has the nomination for representative on the union ticket will leave Tuesday for Eugene to join the candidates on their canvass.

Misses Millie and Mand Howard, George Peil and wife, Paul Bollman and Mr. Letson and wife of Hale paid relatives and friends a visit last Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Austin has returned to Deadwood today from Pendleton where he has been engaged driving a cab and says times are good there and that there is quite a rash of laborers from other places.

Prof. Len Tabor who is teaching at Blackley appears to regard letters as unsatisfactory and came down Saturday to pay his respects. The West's reporter will have several interesting items to chronicle as he pleases if not promised a large slice of cake.

IS IT BRIBERY?

When a man takes from another a sum of money for casting his vote for a principle which he believes to be wrong and against the best interest of the country, the act is called bribery. If he sells his vote and receives pay for it in some other way the act is prompted by the same motive and should be called by the same name as though he is paid in money.

If he is a democrat or a populist does he not cast aside one third of his principles by voting the triple-headed ticket and if a silver republican, so called, does he not cast aside all his principles if he has any by voting the same?

Voters, weigh this matter well and on the 6th of next June go up to the polls with a clear conscience and vote right. Yours, S. B. COLVIN.

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