

WAR ON THE MERIT SYSTEM

An organization has been established, or is trying to establish itself, with its headquarters in Washington, which takes the name of "National Republican Anti-Civil Service League."

The civil service law is a republican measure. It was passed by a republican congress and approved by a republican president.

With America consuming more sugar per capita than any other nation on earth, it is not to be wondered that the industry should spring to prominence.

UNJUST CRITICISM. The Crook County Journal commenting on the recent district fair held in The Dalles says:

AN EXPECTED FAILURE. In justice to President McKinley, it must be said that he made an effort to fulfill the pledges of his party for international bimetallism.

AN OUTRAGEOUS VERDICT. In the case of Richard Hinkle, accused of murdering Scott, a book agent for the J. K. Gill Company, of Portland, about two years ago, for his money, and burning his body, a jury in the circuit court at Canyon City on the 23d inst. returned a verdict of "manslaughter."

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WATER TRANSPORTATION.

The complaints that have been raised by the San Francisco papers against the O. R. & N. Co. for charging what are termed excessive rates on freight between San Francisco and Portland, have brought to light some interesting facts with reference to water transportation.

Water transportation, either by ocean or by river, is unquestionably the cheapest possible means, and can ever be made lower than by rail, which has been demonstrated wherever there is a competition between water and rail.

So interesting has the campaign in Ohio become that President McKinley has determined to desert the White House and repair to the Buckeye state, being the first to squelch any notion of a presidential campaign.

WHERE THE MONEY IS. America makes the boast of having more money in circulation "per capita than almost any other nation on the globe, and it has a very large volume as compared with other countries, but in reality there is a very small percentage of money in so-called circulation that is in actual circulation among the people.

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