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PRIMARY ELECTION REFORMS

No effort for good government is wholly lost. If the result on election day is disastrous, the determination of reformers and the growing enlightenment of the people is certain to receive some recognition from the ruling politiclans. And may even force from them some approach to the remedial measures contended for, says the Oregonian. them "fools." In a recent article up-A fresh illustration of this truth is found in the state of New York today. cated man?" it expresses its opinion Notwithstanding the perpetuation of of the advocate of silver thus: Platt in the state, and enthronement of Tammany in the city, the advocates the intellectual and historical absurof election reform are moving undaunted on the legislature, apparently in good hope of wresting from that fool about the Armenian and other boss-ridden body some act that will enable the voters to have their say before the nominating conventions. college man" seldom goes wrong is ex-

An ideal primary law is not to be hibited by the fact that 77 per cent of the Missouri congressional delegation expected; if for no other reason that are college bred men, while only 70 none is in existence. Probably it per cent of the Massachusets delegawould be hard to improve on the present Oregon primary law; but as everyof the free-silver senators from Misbody in Oregon knows, the law itself souri are college-bred men, and the is powerless to accomplish good results majority of her free-silver evangelists unless it is honestly and intelligently are nominally 'college men.' used by the voters. The most that can be expected in New York is a beginning; and this beginning is a statu-

is a very cheap thing. It cannot entory recognition of the right of the state to control the primary elections of parties. All the drafts of primary reform bills at Albany recognize this principle, but differ materially in details. A radical measure is that offered by the Union League Club. It proposes to put the primary elections of all parties in cities of the first and second class under a primary law. It provides that any voter, on any of the four days set apart for registration preceding an election, shall be given an opportunity to enroll himself as a superior to his stupid enviroment." member of a political organization. After he had registered his name as a voter he will be asked by the registration officials if he wishes to enroll for what impaired or that his honesty the purpose of participating in a primmight be questioned. It is barely posary election. In case he does he will name the political party with which sible that the advocates of the single gold standard may not be so entirely he expects to act, and his name will be rational as they would have us believe; placed upon its rolls. In case his right n fact they may be the "fools" while to enroll with a party is challenged, he advocates of silver are sound he must sign a declaration or answer minded, or we may all be somewhat certain questions to show that he is in demented, and the believers in exclugeneral sympathy with the principles of the party which he has named, and sive paper money may be the only

it is his present intention to vote with wise people in the land. The Times-Mountaineer however it at the ensuing election. The declaration is in the most liberal terms, does not take this view. It believes and affords ample opportunity for any

encouraged cotton manufacturing in the platform, and the nominees of lic, then the gold standard party will nominating conventions to perform. TRAITORS WERE SHOT times. Cotton was raised in that selves to stand thereon, I will not do June, for harmony cannot prevail in in selecting candidates, and not choose locality and cotton cloths were used it; I will not agree to anything of the the ranks of the reform forces if spoils them because of their popularity, but nore universally there than in the kind. Should I be asked who I voted are allowed to divide them. North. It was found more economical for in the presidential campaign, I This we do not believe will occur. would tell them it was none of their The delegates who will compose the to manufacture the raw material into merchantable goods at the source of business."

supply and in the vicinity of the mar-This being his position he had just ket, just as it will be found with reference to woolen manufacturing in the stand on a single gold-standard plat. West to soon as the demand for woolen form can hope to get a nomination at spoils. In fact, they are men goods shall increase through an in-Astoria. There are too many ready who have the welfare of the comrease in population.

ARE THEY ALL FOOLS?

"President Andrews, of Brown Uni-

versity, is an enthusiastic advocate of

dity of free silver, has talked like a

questions. . . The absurdity of

President Eliot's proposition that "a

tion can claim that distinction. Both

SPAIN'S DISGRACE.

Deprived of the means of supporting

to get on that kind of a platform with munity at heart, and will not prostitute four feet if they had them for Mr. Kin- the union move for the benefit or adcaid to expect a place on the ticket so Possibly the kindest thing the Ore long as he is thus independent. gonian has yet been able to say of advocates of the free coinage of silver is

little choice as to the personnel of the ticket to be nominated, all they desire AN UNPATRIOTIC PLUTOCRAT that they are all idiots and fools for is the nomination of competent, honest

men, who when elected will acceptably not being able to see exactly as that Senator Stephen B. Elkins, the man "wise" journal does on all matters reserve the people as public servants. whose postoffice address is Elkins, garding the question of finance. Re-If this spirit prevails in the conven-Ohio, who has no fixed abode, yet has tions, and a ticket is nominated that cently all silverites were, in the opinfor several years misrepresented West the people can conscientiously support, ion of the Oregonian, dishonest vaga-Virginia in the United States senate, Wasco county will on the 6th day of bonds, but now it is rather more now seeks to misrepresent the charitable and condescends to term next June register its disapproval of American people by the following the single gold standard. satement to the New York World: on the question of "what is an edu-"The American people should treat THE NATION'S DUTY.

vancement of any individual. As a

rule the delegates we believe have

Spain in the present state of affairs just as they would treat any other Senator Elkins, of West Virginia.

nation. would have America kiss the hand "Conscious of her strength and de that smites her, especially if the hand siring to be just, the United States be that of a king or queen, but forcannot afford to be other than fair in tunately there are few men like Elkins her conduct toward Spain. She has in public life. There are men who no difficulty with spain, and seeks have a higher idea of the nation's duty office. none. Up to this moment the United with respect to Cuba and the Maine States has no cause for war with Spain. affair, and among them is Senator O"Spain is simply trying to hold Burrows, of Michigan. His views on what belongs to her, and which has the present situation are as follows: been hers for the past century or more, "I am profoundly impressed with just as any other nation would do, and the belief that in our relations with just as the United States did in the Spain a crisis is near at hand. In a civil war. The United States did all very few days the government will reit could then to prevent the indepenceive the report of the court of inquiry. dence of the Southern states. Cuba The report will be that the Maine was has fought for three years for independestroyed by the explosion of a Spanish | that are needed as nominees for office

"What does this prove? Nothing dence. The South with more claims mine or a torpedo. If the court makes save that a so-called college education for indepeddenc, with a capital, a the report I anticipate it will, then congress, postal facilities and the like, will come the tug of war. dow a man with brain power nor intelsessed of one third of the republic, "Whatis the situation with which the lectual honesty. The average college with an army equal to any that the country is confronted? A vessel of the man' who goes into politics is the world has ever seen, fought four years, United States government is at anchor reature and abject slave of his enviroand the United States steadily resented in the port of a friendly power on the ment, rather than the pure, proud and resisted any idea of intervention

exact spot selected by that power, and child of his culture. The fact that or recognition.' that vessel is on a peaceful mission. Harvard, Yale and all the lesser schools Were Steve Elkins a true patriot, She is destroyed. The question of | the same thing will occur in Wasco. graduate men who are advocates of and had he the true spirit of independports does not enter into the discussion free silver' either impeaches the soundence in him he would not express such of responsibility. Spain was as much ness of their teaching of political sentiment as this. But Elkins is not a bound to protect the Maine and her economy or it proves that no system patriot: he is the subservient tool of crew from harm in the port of Havana of liberal education will give a man the plutocrats, and a worshiper of so- as if she had been anchored at her called aristocracy. The divine right own immediate door. I care not intellectual honesty and moral sense of kings is dearer to him than free whether the explosion was produced It has probably never dawned upon American citizenship, hence he beby or through the connivance of a the mind of the Oregonian editor that lieves America should not intervene Spaniard or a Cuban. Spain's responp ssibly his intellect may be someto stop the starvation and murder of a s'bility for the deed is not lessened

struggling people. And why? Bethereby. cause the bond holders and money "Suppose that the president of the devils see in a possible war with Spain United States had visited Spain on a a danger of losing their present grasp friendly mission and was the guest of on American people, because it is a the queen regent, and during his stay stroke for freedom, and the breaking was murdered by some member of the of the fetters held not only by kings queen's household or by some fanatical but those held by bond owners. Spaniard not connected with Spain's

According to this trancient states- | cabinet, would not this government man the United States has no cause have the right to hold Spain re-

for war with Spain, even though 300 sponsible for the deed? I contend American sailors were hurled into that it would. eternity by Spanish treachery, and the finest warship in the world was voter who wishes to have political who believe implicitly in all three of blown to atoms. The parallel he ataffiliations to ally himself with one the money theories. There are argu-the money theories. There are arguent and that of the United States in country expects congress to do its duty inated. the time of the civil war is entirely in the premises, and that the president foreign. During that war the United will do his. Neither can shift the re- issues into the school election held in its favor that cannot be denied. If we States conducted a warfare as far as sponsibility of the hour upon the other. were to be an absolute free trade napossible on principles of civilization. Any proposition of congress to shirk forcibly set down upon by the people, whereas Spain's treatment of Cuba is responsibility or repose special the ring candidates having been dewhere we can buy the cheapest, also such as was accorded the uncivilized to have but one object in view, that races during the dark ages. The confederate states were a porsented by the people. Congress must the gold standard would be the thing. tion of the federal compact, and had not only remain in session until it dragged into politics. But this is not the policy of our peolittle cause for seceding, while Cuba is knows all the facts connected with the ple, and a more liberal financial sysonly a colony, and on account of ex- loss of the Maine, but must not adjourn tem, based upon both silver and gold orbitant taxation had just cuase ustil it has settled, and settled right, with an adequate amount of paper for rebelling against the home govern- all other questions that are pressing money is to be desired. Hence if we ment. But justice does not enter into for a speedy solution." were to designate those who are the the ideas of such plutocrats as Elkins. real fools, we would say they are those They are actuated with a spirit of sub-A GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY. who, like the Oregonian, are preach jugating the masses instead of promulirg protection and the gold standard When the democrats, populists and gating universal independence. silver republicans of Wasco county

because of their integrity and capability. The popular man does not always Three Insurgents Officers make the most efficient public servant

Meet a Deserved Fate. conventions are men of good judg- for too often he gains his popularity ment, not selected with the view of by profligacy, and if profligate in his s wall state the fact that he is not a putting forward the claims of any in- own business he will be in conducting candidate, for no man who will not dividual candidate, hence they are the business of the people. There- THE BAY CITY IS SAFE not liable to be contentious for fore let none but careful, conservative men be chosen for standard bearers.

"POPULAR" CANDIDATES.

The time is close at hand when nominating conventions will select the standard bearers of the different parties, some of whom will be the officers The Union Iron Works Ready to Build of the state for the next four years, and the county officials for two years; and it is but natural that those who are to do the nominating are beginning to cast about for "popular candi-NEW YORK, March 15 .- 'The Herald's dotes, men who can poll their party Havana correspondent says the killstrength and a little more; in short, ing of Colonel Alvarez, Lieutenantmen whose personal popularity will Colonel Vicente Nunez and Major eventually land them in office. It is Espinosa was by order of General probably politics that the most "popu-Roberto Bermudez, commanding the lar" candidates should be nominated, insurgent forces in Santa Clara provbut what is politics is not always the ince. They had decided to surrender best for the people. The "popular" and accept autonomy. Members of candidate does not always make the best public servant, in fact the oppo-

community than all the "popular" can-

didates that might be named. It is

men of worth, integrity and capability

rather than those who have strong

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A complete union of the silver forces

-democrats, populists and silver re-

publicans-has been effected in Linn,

Marion and Lane counties. Tomorrow

It is not strange that the Oregonian

has so earnestly labored to prevent a

union of the silver forces in Oregon,

and the way union progresses shows

how little attention has been paid to

the Oregonian's advice. Silver people

are not heeding the advice of their

personal following.

enemies this year.

to 1865

their forces were ready to surrender. This was learned by Bermudez, who site is generally the result. However held a secret court-martial and it was it should be the aim of all parties to decided to shoot the trio. As the ofnominate those who are fitted to hold ficers left camp to ride to the town of La Esperanza they were fired on by If a man gets into office, no matter the insurgents and were fairly riddled

whether he is a democrat, populist, with bullets. plutocrat or republican, and during his term fills the position with ability,

A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE. thoroughness and fidelity, even if his

Great Number of LLives ost in a Chicago personal popularity is not up to the Fire. standard, he is more benefit to the CHICAGO, March 16 .- The worst fire

War Vessels.

Ships and Gons on Short.

Notice if Necessity

Requires.

that has occurred in Chicago since the cold storage warehouse holocaust at the world's fair, broke out in a sixstory building at the corner of Wabash avenue and Jackson boulevard today. The death list will probably reach 15, and may exceed that figure. The injured number about 30.

The Emerson Piano Company occu-pied the first, second and third stories of the building. Among the other tenants were the Presbyterian board of publications and the Sweet & Wallace Company, dealers in photographic supplies, the latter on the sixth floor. It was here that the fire broke out The floor was stored with chemicals and materials used in the manufacture of photographic supplies, and according to some who escaped, the entire floor was swept with flames in five

minutes after the fire broke out. The death of General Rosecrans re Three hundred girls were employed moves the last of the great captains of by this firm, and when the fire broke the Union army in the civil war, and | out a panic ensued, many of the unis another evidence of the fleet of fortunate women being trampled under time. A generation has been born the feet of their comrades, in their and grown up since that bitter strife. frantic effort to escape. Cut off from and few indeed of the officers are left escape by the elevators and stairways, who commanded the armies from 1861 the people penned in the burning building began jumping from windows Wasco county will furnish two can- and though the firemen and others

didates bofore the democratic state held canvass many were crushed on convention. W. H. Massfield's name the stone sidewalks. According to an will be mentioned for state printer; eyewitness as many as 19 jumped at "Therefore, I say that our relations and Prof. John Gavin for superintend- once from the top floor, and others



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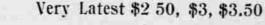
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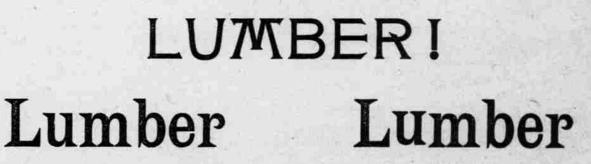




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party or another. In case a voter who ments in favor of all; anybody but a for any reason has failed to enroll him. narrow-minded bigot can see them. self during the four days of registration The gold standard has some things in desires to do so, he can do so subsequently at any time, except the period of thirty days immediately preceeding tion, and it were our policy to buy the official primary days, by filing with the proper custodian of the rolls a written statement embodying the of building up the money power, then declaration required in case of challenge, on regular registration days. Some of the details of the Union League bill have already been changed, and other changes are being made almost daily. The republican majority at Albany seems inclined to agree upon some form of primary law, as a political measure which will retain for the party members who are on the point of leavat the same time. ing it through disgust with machine methods. The primaries in New York have been heretofore nothing but forms, used by the party boss to name the delegates he has already selected for conventions. The bill that will be passed will almost certainly provide moderately free opportunity for enrollment and a secret ballot. The details will probably involve very little concession from the machine to the independent voter. This will have to come later. A view of New York politics is wholesome for Oregonians sometimes by way of showing them how great are the political

DID PROTECTION DO IT?

blessings they already enjoy.

The Portland Tribune has discovered why it is that cotton manufacturing has made such rapid advance in the South during the last 19 years, and attributes it all to the tariff. Here is its argument, and a table prepared to been starved. prove its position: bemselves, Spain has neglected to

"Here are a few figures which relate feed and clothe them, so death would to the growth of cotton manufacturing in the South, which has been subject have been the inevitable result had not relief come from America. Aside to precisely the same protective sysfrom its cruel modes of warfare. Spain's tem which has applied in other parts of the country, and under which, it treatment of its loval subjects in Cuba s sufficient to forever condemn it, and will be seen, the development of the arouse such a hatred among Christian manufacturing industry in that section nations throughout the world as to has been phenominal:

justify them in wiping it off the face of Number of mills in 1880... Number mills in 1890... Number of mills in 1898... the earth. Friendly intervention check warfare between a moth-Number of looms in 1880. country and its colonies where th Number of looms in 1890. Number of looms in 1898 39,000 mother country has any of ti. 115,000 Number of spindles in 1880.... characteristics of civilization, is de Number of spindles in 1890... Number of spindles in 1898... . 1,712,000 sirable but when it is as barba: ious as Spain has shown itself, Capital employed in 1880... Capital employed in 1890... Capital employed in 1898... \$21,900,000 nothing but force will suffice. Brutes 61,1000.000 125,000,000 can only be dealt with by brute force. "No wonder that protection sentiand the United States has now suffiment is growing apace in the South

cient cause for applying such force to and that numbers of leading democrats Spain. of that section have found it necessary. as they recently have, to declare them-

PERFECTLY INDEPENDENT. selves for protection in order to retain their grip upon public office." Hon, H. R. Kinesid, secretary of

Such a showing as this coupled with the table would probably be convincing for re-election, but he is not going to chased and become taxable property, that the protective policy had been the relinquish his silver views to get the and whatever revenue would be derived only agent that acted to increase cot- nomination, nor is he so anxious to be therefrom would aid in paying state ton manufacturing in the South, were a candidate that he will beg anybody expenses. A measure to cede the it not for the fact that an investigation or any party to give him a place on a public domain to the states would no of the tariff laws in forces during the ticket. In fact he is perfectly inde- doubt meet with opposition from Eastperiod from 1880 to 1898 reveals the pendent, and the politicians can take fact that the period when the greatest him or let him alone just as they like. standpoint of right and justice their advance was made was during the time The Oregonian quotes him as having when the Wilson law was in operation. in a recent interview said: From 1880 to 1890 there was a high "I am as good a republican as when

condemning a tariff for protection the protective duty on all maunfactdred I was elected four years ago. I am not revenue to be derived from the sale of the board of inquiry. The cable led Will Not Sell Cuba sight of this place, sweeping every- to relieve the garrison was obliged to cotton, still there was an increase of a candidate for re-election, if in be-Oregonian exhibits a degree of con-MADRID, March 16 -A semi-official thing before it. Thousands of acres return, owing to a renewal of the fusilthe public lands within its territory. to a mine under the Maine. The dissistency, for absolute free trade and only 34 mills, and from 1890 to 1898, coming so I have to go about heraldcovery was made by divers at the the gold standard are twins. That the Maine wreck. This proves that the three and one-half years of which time ing the fact and importuning men to A WAY TO SUCCEED. Oregonian is first, last and all the time for gold no one will deny, and that it is becoming a free trader is evidenced by the following expression announcement. the Wilson law (that "free trade" measure) was in force, there was an in-crease of 246 in the number of mills, and as a matter of fact there were more mills built from 1894 to 1897 than dur-ing any other time. Since the Dingley law was enacted last year, there has not been a single new cotton mill built in the South, so we must conclude the Tribune has erred in attributing every-thing to protection. As a matter of fact, the factors that (that "free trade" upport me. As a secretary of state I "It is useless to talk of the sale of of livestock and bu olew up the which was in charge of a trusted and ed, except by parliament, and it is imwas heavy. The Spanish Torpedo-Boats. that appeared recently in its columns: responsible ageat. possible that any Spanish chamber "Protection is not a principle. It is only a temporary policy. Its legiti-mate purpose is to establish industries Gold Coming From Australia MADRID, March 15 .- The Spanish would agree to sell the island at any **Projectiles for Spale** price." BIRMINGHAM, England, March 15 .in our country that could not stand or grow against foreign competition. The Kynochs Company has already Hawaitan Annexation Once established, however, the need of protection ceases; and then protec dispatched a part of the large Spanish order for special projectiles standing ticn may become, and often does be-come, a prop of trusts and a means of 41 feet high, the largest ever made by Hawaiian islands be annexed by legis- probably he statiozed at Porto Rico. this port by a single vessel. the Kynochs. extortion.

shall assemble in convention tomor-STATE OWNERSHIP OF LAND

row they will have some grave responsibilities to perform. for upon the del-Hon. John Minto, in his address be-That the American people have refore the woolgrowers' convention here egates who will compose these conponded generously to the appeal of suggested a good idea with reference ventions rests the duty of shaping the the starving Cubans for food and to the ownership of public lands. It policy of the reform forces not only of clothing will ever rest to their credit, is that title to the same should rest this county but of the state, and too, but that Spain permitted the necessity in states instead of the general govern- they will be called upon to nominate of such an appeal will ever brand it as ment. This is to be desired for many those who will serve the county in the most heartless nation in the world. reasons. Principal among which is official positions the coming two years. In dealing with Cuba, Spain has not that whatever revenue that is derived They must choose the ones to be voted distinguished between the loyal sub- from the sale of public lands justly be- for on June 6th, and much depends pects and the rebels; all have been longs to the state in which the land is upon the wisdom of their selections. treated alike so far as being permitted located. Old states, such as New Good government is the end all deto supply themselves with food was York, Maine Massachusets. Pensyl- sire to arrive at, and to insure good concerned. They have been herded vania, and in fact nearly all those east government good and competent men together in towns and cities without of the Mississippi river have long must be chosen. County and state verdict read, Judge McBride remarkneans for supplying themselves with since disposed of all their public lands, affairs are probably well administered, the necessaries of life, and have been and whatever revenue that arose there- but every branch of government is Clatsop will be more careful either in prevented from going into the country from wrs expended more to their ad- costing too much; expenses in every electing its officers or jurors." This to provide themselves with anything vantage than for the benefit of the branch should be cut down to the would be a good idea. If officers will to eat. No matter if they have been West. It is therefore but just to the minimum; extravagances must not be loyal to the crown, they have been Western states that they have the allowed, for it is the money taken from treated as if they were rebels, and have money arising from the sale of all re- the taxpayers that is consumed in supposed to be very strict and lawless-

maining lauds within their respective every needless expense. Public money ness of every nature is presumably territory. The greater portien of the valuable cials, and its expenditure should be seems to not have been the case in

agricultural lands has been already guarded more sacredly than the ex- Folsom penitentiary. It has been disselected, and what is remaining, ex- penditure of the officers' private funds. That such care be exercised over pubcept the timber land, cannot be disposed of to advantage under the pres- lie affairs as will give us good governent government regulations, for homestead and timber entries are the only ones at present ad aissable. If all the men be nominated for office. It is inte circulation. remaining public domain were therefore a grave responsibility for

ceded to the states, the land could be graded by commissioners appointed by the state, seggregating the grazing from the tillable land, fixing a mininum price at which the former could be purchased in tracts not exceeding (i) acres, while the latter could be entered under similar regulations as now govern homestead entries. Without such regulation as this

there will always be millions of acres throughout the West that will never be utilized except for open range. It is not of sufficient value to justify the

settler taking it in tracts of 160 acres under the homestead law, but if it could be bought at a nominal price in state, is in a certain sense a candidate tracts of one section, it would be purern congressmen, but if viewed from a opposition would carry very little weight, for it must be acknowledged that every state is entitled to the

ent of public instruction. If other counties can supply as worthy candi- into the flames. dates, there will be a good ticket nom-

An effort was made to drag political Salem last Monday, but it was very powers upon the president to meet feated by a vote of over two to one. emergencies as they arise will be re- This is right Our public school system is of too vital importance to allow

> Some pretended statesmen are advocating an alliance between the United States and Great Britain in op-

position to Russia in dealing with the Warlike Preparations Making in Americ Asiatic question. Such an alliance Viewed With Disfavor at Madrid. would be an unholv one, for Russia is one of the best friends America ever WASHINGTON, March 15 .- The war had, while Great Britain has never preparations being made by the been our friend commercially or United States, the assembling of ships politically.

abroad and the emergency measures The union forces of Marion county pledge their candidates to reduce in the war and navy departments have county expenses \$5000 a year if elected. The pledge is no doubt made in good faith and will be carried out if the candidates of the union forces are successful at the polls. A like pledge partment here. This has not taken should be exacted from every political party in each of the several counties. We are paying entirely too much for county government everywhere. The Clatsop county jury befor whom the defaulting county treasurer Ward was tried returned a verdict of not guilty last Saturday. On hearing the ed: "I hope hereafter the county of steal, juries should convict them. the Cuban elections, and in this way Prison regulations are generally

is a public trust in the hands of offi- prevented by the guards, but this SAN FRANCISCO IS SAFE. Land Defenses Are Ample to Protect the

covered that two convicts have been SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 .- The operating a counterfeit plant in the land defenses of San Francisco harbor engine room where they have been have been greatly strengthened of ment at the least possible expense, it making bogus nickels, a number of late, and military and naval authoris necessary that honest, conservative which have got outside the prison and ities agree that the presence of the battleship Oregon is not essential for

The first effective union of the demo the protection of the port. The 10 cratic and populist forces in Oregon was inch battery at Fort Point has been at the conventions held in Vale on the reinforced by the addition of two guns. When a at the conventions field in vale on the man falls out 10th, when a joint ticket was nomi-

nated and a platform satisfactory te position both parties adopted. The silver republicans refused to unite with the other two pasties. In the distribution of offices the democrats were awarded the representative, clerk, school superintendent and treasurer; the populists the sheriff.commissioner, assessor surveyor and coroner.

It is an encouraging indication that there are demands for better school systems throughout the state, when the people generally are asking that a practical teacher be put at the head of

the school system, and that the office of superintendent of public instruction ward politics that it has been in since | trated on any hostile fleet attempting assisted by the clergy from all parts | Southern California was more or less | youd conception. the office was first created. With a | to enter the Golden Gate. thorough school man like Prof. Gavin, of this city, in that office, it would be conducted in the interests of the school system instead of being run for what

money there is in it as at present. In advocating the gold standard and

were seen shortly after The flames quickly spread to the

floors beneath. The firemen were badly handicapped by the terrific heat. For a radious of a block the heat was intense. The flercest fire was in the rear of the Conover Company's store. Thirty-five minutes after the fire broke out the floors had fallen, and a moment later the walls fell. Shortly after the front wall fell the outward tracks of the Union Elevated loop was completely covered with debris and blocked the whole elevated system.

SPAIN DOES NOT LIKE IT.

at Key West, the purchase of a cruiser

AN EMERGENCY PROPOSITION.

ian Francisco Firm Ready to Build Was

ships on Short Notice.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- Henry S.

Scott, of San Francisco, has made the

come to the official attention of the Spanish government, and the views of the Spanish cabinet thereon have been communicated to the state dethe form of a protest, however, as it does not appear that the Spanish government claims or asserts the right to question such measures as the United States might adopt, even though they be of a character to indicate preparations for war. It is rather by way of representations, conveyed in a friendly spirit and without threats, as to the serious influences which these preparations will have in encouraging the Cuban insurgents at a moment when the autonomy plan is to have its crucial test through

defeat the reforms Premier Sagasta is seeking to carry out. that type in 8 months, or four in 12, give any notice of calling it up. and if the government will let a con-

Harbor. tract for 100 big guns will erect a ships now building as well as for com-

The offer was taken under adviseopinion among some that the presiso there are now five 10-inch rifles in lent may order the work inaugurated

under his defense appropriation. In The quartz which is now declared to Five 12-inch guns, commanding a case such a decision is made, Mr. Scott will carry back with him contracts a blast. fine sweep of the ocean, can be depressed to bring under fire a ship atwhen he leaves on Friday, and the tempting to pass through the narrow work will begin at once. channel between Lime point and Fort Taps Was Sounded.

point. Three more 12-inch guns at LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 16 .- The tent of the damage to fruit in South-Fort Baker, together with the 16 mor funeral of General Rosecrans took ern California caused by the heavy tars and three dynamite guns on the place in this city today. It was one of frosts of last December, the Times peninsula can also be brought into use at long or short range.

the most impressive and elaborate the secured the services of a conservative city ever witnessed. Business was man, familiar with horticultural inter-The great guns on Lime point near In 500 feet above the water are so high suspended during the ceremony, and ests to make a thorough investigation that a plunging fire against the deck dead warrior. At 1 o'clock requiem loss were greatly at variance. of a ship may be maintained. All o high mass was celebrated at the cathe- As a result it is conservatively estithese formidable weapons are so situ be taken away from the influences of ated that their fire may be concen- dral, Bishop Montgomery officiating, mated that one-third of the fruit of the streets, which are now muddy beof the diocese. After the service the affected, the heaviost burden of the

Mine Under the Maine NEW YORK, March 15 .- A Press dis-

services. The ceremony was brief and Riverside. at its conclusion an infantry company natch from Key West says: fired a salute of three volleys over the A shattered section of a submarine tomb, taps were sounded and the warcable containing seven conductors for rior was left to his rest. setting off mines is in possession of

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on a joint resolution for the accom

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military took charge of the funeral damage falling upon the lowiands of

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plishment of this purpose, which Sena-Region tor Davis was authorized to report to SKAGWAY, Alaska, March 12 .- (Via Seattle, March 17.)-Ben Atwater ar-Later, in the senate, Chairman rived here from Circle City and following emergency proposition to Davis reported a joint resolution pro-Dawson, N. W. T., bringing 100 the navy department: The Union iron viding for annexation of the Hawailan pounds of mail from the above places. works will duplicate the Monterey in islands. The joint resolution went to Atwater's former home was in Morrinine monchs, or build two vessels of the calender. Senator Davis did not son, Ill. He went to the Yukon country in 1886, and has resided there ever since. Atwater, accompanied by

Gold in the Street. SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 .- A ledge H. C. Petit, of Snohomish, Wash, left modern gun foundry and turn out ordnance for the vessels and battle-by men engaged in grading Seven-Feb. 8, with dog teams. The trip up pleting the defenses at Pacific coast is being cut through a bluff varying weather being bitterly cold. teenth street, in this city. The street the river and lakes was a hard one, the

from 40 to 55 feet high, and about 300 Atwater says that there is food ment by Secretary Long, who will sub-was sunk through the hill to allow the last the present population two years. feet long. Three years ago a tunnel enough in the Klondike country to laying of a large water main to the As a consequence of the food scare the reservoir on Clarendon Heights, and output of the mines will be curtailed. ow-grade quartz was then uncovered. He estimates it at about \$8,000,000.

He says there are but few cases of show traces of gold was uncovered by scurvy in Dawson. The hospital contains but 45 inmates, and these have either met with accidents or are suffering from chronic diseases. The gen LOS ANGELES, March 17 .- In order

eralhealth of the people is good. to determine as far as possible the ex-The weather here for the nest week has been mild and springlike, and the warm south wind and the sun are playing bavoc with the winter trail, which follows the river for a distance of eight miles. Hundreds of people are making thousands assembled to honor the of the matter, as the estimates of the their way over the divide, however, undeterred by wind or weather. The snow has entirely disappeared from

> **Bolina** Bealeged. NEW YORK, March 16 .- A Herald

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dispatch from Manila says: The Philippine rebels surrounded CIMARRON, Kan., March 15 .- With the cable station at Bolina on March the wind blowing 40 miles an hour, 7, and 33 Spanish soldiers were killed. a prairie fire has been raging within A steamer which was sent on March 8,

agency today publishes the following of pasture land have been burned off, lade. Four priests at the garrison and reports are coming in of the loss from neighboring towns were massacrildings, but so far no ed. Belina was subsequently relieved connected with the switchboard ashore, Cuba. The sale could not be arrang. loss of human life has been heard of. by General Moret. The insurgent loss terpedo flotilla, which sailed from SAN FRANCISCO, March 17 .- The Cadiz Sunday, ostensibly for Porto Oceanic Steamship Company steamer Rico, will only call there for provisions, Alameda, now on her way from Aus-WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The sen- etc., and will afterwards leave for Ha- tralia to San Francisco, has on board ate committee on foreign relations to- vana. A second Spanish flotilla will \$3,500,000 in gold. This is the largest day agreed to recommend that the soon start for Cuban waters and will amount of treasure ever brought into



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