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"ME AND MY PARTY."

Had President McKinley simply said in his message to congress that "me and my party are running this government and have brought upon my dear people untold blessings of prosperity and abundance," it would have answered fully the purpose that...

After reading the 20,000 words of gush and nonsense one cannot, unless he is possessed of a most imaginative mind, discover where the president stands on any question except that of money and the tariff, which analyzed shows that he favors the gold standard and national bank issue, and that he believes in taxing the people all they will stand.

In defense of his pet theory of protection the president seeks to impress upon the public mind that the imports per capita are two per cent less than in 1870. It is a note-worthy fact, by the way, that the only year in all our history when the products of our manufactures sold abroad exceeded those bought abroad were 1888 and 1899.

The president then congratulates the country upon the fact that is hoarded up in the national treasury an immense amount of gold that is available to keep "all money at a parity," and proceeds to recommend that the secretary of the treasury be authorized whenever he sees fit, to issue bonds for the purchase of gold, also to authorize national banks to have absolute control of the issuance of credit currency.

He bewails at some length the fact that our merchant marine is inadequate, that our products have to be carried in foreign ships, and intimates that he would favor a measure to subsidize American ship builders.

The formation of trusts also causes him to shed a few tears, but he has no suggestion to offer as to a remedy. The space devoted to this subject would indicate that he is in the hands of his friends (the trusts) and that he does not propose to trample upon their corn.

The Nicaragua canal scheme receives some attention at his hands; that is, he mentions the fact that a canal has been thought of and some data has been secured regarding its feasibility and cost, but he intimates that he gives no opinion on the proposition is so meager that it will be of little benefit to congress.

The transfer of sovereignty over the Philippines from Spain to the United States is treated at some length, and says: "I had every reason to believe and I still believe that this transfer of sovereignty was in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the great mass of the Filipino people. From the earliest moment no opportunity was lost of assuring the people of the islands of our ardent desire for their welfare and of the intention of this government to do everything possible to advance their interests."

Throughout the message is a voluminous aggregation of meaningless words, which praise the president and his party and finally concludes by thanking Almighty God for the things Mr. McKinley takes credit to himself.

NOT ALTOGETHER FACTS.

A. A. Bonney, of Tygh Valley, had a communication in last Sunday's Oregonian, in which he claims to be stating a "few facts," but in reality makes some very broad assertions about the forest reserve and the grazing of sheep thereon.

It is owing to the departing of the mountain ranges or to other causes we are unable to state. But that the rainfall has diminished is shown by the reports kept by the weather bureau. From January, 1870, to January, 1899, the average rainfall, now included, was 22.68 inches per year, from 1876 to 1890 it was 15.87 inches and from 1890 to 1899 it was 13.77 inches.

Gov. Geer has two ways open by which he may settle the Plummer scandal satisfactory to the mass of the people of Oregon. Either convict Plummer of criminal libel and send him to the penitentiary, or admit that he is, himself, a bribe-taker and resign his office. We wonder which course the governor will choose.—Cordon Globe.

FREE SILVER MEXICO. The gold standard press and orators during the past few years have held Mexico up as an example of depravity, stagnated business and commercial bankruptcy, because its standard money is 50 cent silver dollars. It has been pointed out as the nation that is unstable, where business is unsettled and investment uncertain on account of the fluctuations of silver.

Encouraged by his statesmanship, hundreds of millions of dollars from England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and the United States have found employment in the development of the great natural resources of the result being visible in railroads, factories, development of mines and improved agriculture, employing tens of thousands of the native people and rapidly multiplying the wealth of the republic.

With tranquility and prosperity at home and friendly relations with all other nations, and having made Mexico respected and prosperous above all other Spanish-American countries, that republic does not wish to keep its doors closed to the world. It is fortunate if, when he pays the last debt to nature, one as firm and strong and wise can be found to take his place.

And so it is not true that Mexico is the poorest stricken country it has been painted by the free silver press. It is an enterprising nation, where "hundreds of millions of dollars for England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and the United States have found employment."

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NEW DEPARTMENT. An Especially Selected Line for the Holidays.

CHINAWARE. Imported. Small size China Cups and Saucers. For after-dinner Coffees or 5 o'clock Teas.

Cracker Jars; blue china ware 60c decorated. Fruit Bowls; decorated china, fancy shapes, highly ornamental.

Beautifully decorated China Bread and Butter Plates, each at 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c.

Fancy Dishes, odd shapes, very ornamental; suitable for Fruits and Candies, each, 75c.

Bon Bon Dishes, decorated china, 64c and 80c. Flower Vases, decorated china, fancy shapes, height, five inches.

Pickle or Olive Dishes, fancy shapes, beautifully decorated in gold and colors; each, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c.

Beer Steins, the genuine imported article; highly ornamental and quite the fad for your side-board, each, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

For 5 o'clock Teas; beautifully decorated in gold and colors; per set of two, at 29c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.25, 5.50, 5.75, 6.00, 6.25, 6.50, 6.75, 7.00, 7.25, 7.50, 7.75, 8.00, 8.25, 8.50, 8.75, 9.00, 9.25, 9.50, 9.75, 10.00.

Highly Ornamental. Jewel boxes, each, 35c. Cuff boxes, 35c. Collar boxes, 35c. Toilet water bottles, 35c. Jewel trays, 35c. Rose bowl, 35c.

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A. M. Williams & Co., The Dalles, Oregon.

WORK FOR YOUR HOME. Next to a man's family and business nothing should be nearer his heart than the home in which he lives.

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ROBERTS AND THE SULTAN. The Sultan of Sulu is in the employ of the United States as a salary of something like \$10,000 a year to look after United States interests and guard United States territory.

ORRISON'S DISGRACE. Oregonians are smarting under the disgrace that has been heaped upon the state by the accusations of Plummer.

THE COLUMBIA BRIDGE. The amended charter of Dalles City authorizes the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Columbia, and at the present time a good many citizens are advocating the building of a bridge at an early date.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Edward Kelly, deceased.

trade, it there were a free wagon bridge across the Columbia, would probably spend \$25 each annually. This would represent a trade of \$150,000 a year.

Besides this trade, which would be distributed among the merchants, hoteliers, taverns, blacksmiths, wagon makers, saloons and others, a free wagon bridge would cause the greater portion of the wheat raised in Klickitat county to find market here.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Vancouver Register and Pacific Democrat have consolidated under the name Register-Democrat.

AD. D. STAMPEY KILLED BY FALLING FROM A WORK TRAIN. A distressing accident occurred on the O. R. N. line about 20 miles west of the Dalles at 6 o'clock last night.

ROBERT KELLY, Sheriff, Wasco County, Oregon. BY VIRTUE OF an execution, decree and order of sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of Oregon for Wasco County, the County of Wasco, to me directed and dated the 28th day of November, 1899, upon a decree for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage...

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