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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We haven't much of a navy to fight Italy with, but if the American eagle emits one of his fiercest shrieks the organ grinders will be frightened out of seven years growth.

THE La Grande Gazette is making no friends by publishing such abuse as has recently appeared in that paper in regard to our city marshal, over the signature of "Hebrew Citizen."

THE Pendleton Tribune has changed hands again and is now edited by Stephen A. Lowell. The first number under the new management arrived last week and is much improved, both in matter of reading and general make-up.

ARTICLES of incorporation were filed recently at San Francisco of "The Blaine Legion of the Pacific." It is stated the object is to advance the interests of the republican party, but it is the first move in the interest of his nomination for president.

SENATOR INGALLS says he proposes to devote his attention to making money by farming. We trust that he will succeed; but whether he does or not he will be better occupied than in making money out of the farmers, by exacting usurious rates of interest for money loaned upon mortgage, as he is credited with having done for years.

TEXAS is a big state and a hospitable one, but it also has an invincible prejudice in favor of the democratic party. The Fort Worth Gazette bids President Harrison a hearty welcome, but begs leave to add that people in that neck of the woods will all be dropping their ballots in 1892 for a presidential candidate who believes in tariff for revenue only.

ANOTHER outrage has been perpetrated on the taxpayers of this city by the council. Last week two more ordinances were passed and published in the Republican at an expense of \$7.50—just \$3.48 more than it would have cost to have them published in THE SCOUT, where they properly belong. Oh, yes, this is a progressive council, working for the best interests of the town—in a horn.

Our article last week, in which we intimated that certain citizens here were working to the detriment of the growth of the town, seems to have created considerable ill feeling among a few of our citizens. One individual, in particular, seems to take the whole matter on himself and invaded our sanctum last Saturday for the purpose of relieving himself of a lot of advice, intended for our benefit, and further forbid us again publishing such an article. There is nothing mean about us, but we will state for the benefit of him and all others that THE SCOUT will continue, as in the past, to ventilate anything of a public nature that to us does not seem right, without fear or favor.

THE sense of the democratic party seems to be that the campaign of 1892 will be fought almost entirely on the tariff issue. Col. Heary Watterson, in an interview telegraphed from Galveston, says:

I take it for granted that we shall have some silver legislation, but I have no idea that the democratic party can be lured into the perpetration of as great a blunder as the advancement of silver to the first place in the next campaign and the consequent obscuration of the tariff issue. On this last the party has fully come to a perfect agreement.

This seems to be the opinion of the leading democrats throughout the country. The silver question is a secondary consideration. The tariff issue is of more importance to the people, and it now looks as though the campaign for 1892 will be opened on the same lines of 1888. In the west, where the silver question seems to have its strongest advocates, it is steadily dying away and people are becoming convinced that the tariff is of more importance than anything else in politics.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

This new organization seems to be rapidly growing in favor throughout the entire country, and will no doubt "cut quite a figure" at the next presidential election.

So far there is nothing indicative of a political movement on the part of the alliance, but it is plain to be seen they are opposed to a tariff for more than revenue only, and are advocating many good principles, the most of which are in accord with those of the democracy. For this reason we cannot see why any democrat should join the alliance, but there are many good reasons for republican farmers joining, for well they know the tariff on articles of daily consumption is slowly grinding them down, and they have taken this means to relieve themselves of the burden by joining the alliance. As evidence of this fact, we call attention to the last November election. There was a unity of action on the part of the farmers throughout many of the eastern states. Why was this so? The farmers are beginning to awaken to the situation of affairs and have given the great political question an unusual amount of thought and attention. They cannot help but see that the present system of complicated taxation laws and high tariff duties throws the bulk of the expense of the government upon their shoulders.

The principles advocated by Cleveland, if carried out, would result in the same benefit, in most instances, as these advocated by the alliance. While there is no doubt that the alliance is growing very rapidly, they cannot expect to come in power for a number of years, if at all. Therefore the farmers need not expect relief for some time, unless the democratic party comes in power at the next election, in which event the most important measures advocated by the alliance will be carried out. While we are in sympathy to a great extent with the alliance, and think much good would result to the farmers through the principles and doctrines of that organization, we have great faith in Cleveland, and the principles advocated by him will surely bring about the same good results.

We were present at the organization of the county alliance in this city last week and are pleased to note the interest manifested by the many farmers present, and also amused at the utterances of some of them. While it is generally understood that the alliance is an organization that knows no party, no sooner were two officers, formerly of the same political party, elected, than one member from the rural districts raised a "kick" and thought the officers should be more equally divided. This same gentleman, when the letter from THE SCOUT was read, offering the alliance the free use of two columns of space in which to present its views, to be controlled and edited by some member of the alliance, arose to enquire of "the past record of THE SCOUT," and wanted to know whether it was in sympathy with the cause or not. Such men are of no benefit to any party and we are in hopes the alliance is not composed of many such men. If it is it will never stand, and will soon meet the same fate as the grange.

THE SCOUT is an independent paper and proffered the space for the benefit of the alliance the same as it would to any other organization. It matters not whether we favored their movement or not, and it matters not to us whether they make use of our columns or not. Mr. Swinchart, of the Elgin Recorder, made a similar offer, but E. S. McComas, of the La Grande Chronicle, who claims to be running "the only democratic paper in the county," said he would give the alliance the use of all of his paper and "do the editing himself." It would seem from this that "the only democratic paper in the county" has gone back on the party entirely and will hereafter affiliate with the alliance. This is supposed to be a stunner to the democracy. So far as we are concerned, independently, we are not editing a paper for the alliance, democracy, or any other party, but fully accord all of them space in our columns. Our editorial views are our own. After considerable discussion in regard to the propositions, it was finally decided, after a vote of thanks being extended to the editors for their generous offer, to leave the matter till the next meeting.

The columns of THE SCOUT are always open for the discussion of matters of public interest and the political issues of the day, but at the same time we will have no hesitancy in expressing our own views and at this time, believing that the tariff is a tax and that the principles advocated by Cleveland and the democracy are right, we cannot do otherwise than favor them, as also a number of the principles of

the alliance. There seems to be no difference between these two organizations on the tariff and many other important questions. The alliance has declared in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, a question which Cleveland has taken a bold stand against. This is a question on which both great political parties are divided, and if we are to judge by the reports from all over the country, the advocates of this measure are growing less every day. The only strength the agitation for free coinage ever had was derived from the action of men who, having silver to sell, were directly interested in making the public pay a large price for it, upon men whom they could persuade that free coinage will make it easier to pay their debts. Timidity is passing away. There have always been a great many men, in congress and out of it, who believed the free coinage movement to be based upon most injurious false principles, and who yet dared not set themselves against something that bore the appearance of a popular movement. As soon as the facts are faced it is discovered that the demand for free silver is a well subsidized and carefully nursed scheme, the promoters of which are more noisy than numerous. It is seen that there is strong opposition to free coinage in both the great parties and in every part of the country. Even in the "silver states," so called, there are many men who not only see and admit privately that free coinage would inflict great injury upon the land, but who do not believe that it would benefit their own section or even the owners of silver mines.

The two per cent land loan scheme is another measure that we believe the alliance favors to a great extent. Such a scheme, by which one class of citizens can borrow money of the government at a low rate of interest, to the exclusion of everybody else, is inconsistent and can never expect to secure the united endorsement of the alliance. The government has no money in its possession, that in a measure did not come out of the pockets of the farmers; and it is not law to loan it back, but legislation to keep the money in their pockets is what will benefit them and the country.

We cannot hope for any permanent relief to the country until a tariff reform measure, even more liberal than the Mills bill, is carried through congress. It will not come from the "republican side of the chamber," and it is in the democracy that the hopes of the people are centered. It will come. The battle of ideas—the ideas of hate and tariff robbery and that of good will and free trade—will close with the triumph of right, for the right will triumph though it battle with wrong through ages.

EASTERN journals are calling attention to Major McKinley's inconsistency. At Toledo, on February 12th, he accused Cleveland of "dishonoring one of our precious metals," of "discrediting silver" and endeavoring to stop the coinage of silver dollars. At Boston, six weeks later, he sneered at the demand for "the free unlimited coinage of silver" as dangerous. At Toledo he was a silver man; at Boston he was a gold bug.

COVE CULLINGS.

Cove, Oregon, April 29, 1891.

Lots of sport fishing.

The prospects for a cherry crop are rather discouraging.

Wm. Koenig, the architect, has moved to La Grande.

Mr. E. P. McDaniel made a flying trip to Baker City this week.

The farmers alliance is making considerable progress in this locality.

A number of Coveites expect to attend the May ball at Medical Springs.

Thos. Tolly was thrown from his horse, recently, spraining his wrist severely.

Services at Ascension church last Sunday, Rt. Rev. B. Wistar Morris officiating.

Mr. Ed. Robinson is home again, visiting his wife. He now wields a plow handle.

The foundation for the Baptist church is now ready for the laying of the corner stone.

Bruce Messick, formerly of the Union public school, has been engaged to teach the Cove school.

The Excelsior Tannery Co. are building a collar factory. The Cove now wants a good hotel.

Jas. Grimes has returned from his visit to the Willamette. He says the Cove is good enough for him.

Mr. Fuller and step-sister, Miss Jeannie McNeil, arrived from the east, recently. They are the guests of their brothers, Ed. and Al., of this place.

Lyman Wright is repairing Hon. Dunham Wright's ranch on the hill-side. It is a fine farm, and is for sale.

Considerable small fruit is being planted in the Cove. Mr. Sanborn has just set five acres in strawberries.

E. P. McDaniel & Son are shipping large quantities of butter and eggs. They are the headquarters to sell your produce.

Mr. Ed. Stearns has come home from Portland, with his eyes considerably improved. He intends to go to Rocky Bar again.

Services were held at the Morrison church last Sunday by Rev. Leroy, pastor, it being the 3d Sunday and his regular appointment.

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