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SOME DIFFERENCE.

THE Portland Evening Democrat, an interesting collection of uncredited local reprint, has, occasionally, a new editorial, which is not good, and, occasionally, a good editorial which is not new.

In one of the former class the Democrat attempts justification of the president in his refusal to do justice to Oregon and Washington in the matter of river and harbor improvements.

The article referred to is herewith published in full:

CHANGE OF TIDE. President Cleveland's "pocket veto" of the river and harbor bill on constitutional grounds struck dumb with surprise a large portion of the people. The rapid transit of the ship of state on the Republican centralization schedule had in twenty-five years almost made the people forget that there are such sacred and important things as constitutional limitations upon the power of congress, and the very name of "state rights" had almost become a mere memory. The assertion by the president of the proposition that the little state creeks were not the subjects of congressional appropriation has made the people scratch their heads like old Rip Van Winkle and to begin to remember that the glory of our freedom is the constitutional limitations of the great central federal power. That power is intended for the protection of the masses, but it is inherently so great that it might, if unchecked, turn into oppression. Already the masses of the people everywhere since Republican rule began have learned to look with dislike upon the federal courts and to dub them the railroad barons' courts. So the land offices all over the country have dis-recently always decided favorably to the great corporations. And so with most of the other branches and arms of the government. The idea was getting prevalent with the unthinking that Uncle Sam's government could do anything, and we were rapidly drifting away to the sea of uncertain and unlimited federal power where every right of the citizen would be subject to the wishes of the railroad barons through the various arms and departments of the government. Now, however, thoughtful men are raising the note of alarm and the tide has changed. Under the impetus of Democratic ascendency we are slowly drifting back to the safe constitutional moorings of the fathers of the great republic.

interesting to note in general, the

There is much in true Demotenets are a good thing for the republic. If Democratic congressmen and alleged Democratic newspaper men adhered more rigidly to pure Democratic doctrine it would be a good thing for the Na-

But they don't. Take the interstate commerce law! Passed by a Democratic majority in the national legislature, it is as un-Democratic a piece of legislation as could well be conceived.

To an unprejudiced mind it would seem that here was a splendid chance to assert true Democratic doctrine by defeating that

For one hundred years there has direction. Unless this law is re- all the business, all the contracts, pealed the railroad systems will no and all the property of individuals, longer look to or care for the state and will populate Washington with governments. Their money, their the lobbies of thirty-seven states."

oncentrated on the national gov-

life to the Republic. But it regrets All this means the further decline in importance of the state appropriations for the Columbia governments. It means more and other rivers should be the first than this. The railway depart- wave in the "Change of Tide" of ment of the federal government which the Democrat discourses. will grow with the growth of a It is a matter of regret that the parasite. It will become a depart- requisite evidence of Democratic ment, and claim a representative resurrection of principle should in the cabinet. In it will be con- come in such an unwelcome shape centrated the irresponsible power as the recent severe blow to Orewhich the government will have gon and Washington. Let us over the railways of America -a devoutly hope that the next wave business interest involving unlim- of the Democratic tide will whelm ited wealth, and subject to great the hopes of some other part of losses and gains upon slight in the country than this. Another terferences by the government, such "wave" would be extremely All the other departments cannot disastrous in this neck of woods. equal in importance that department, which, fifty years hence, may be asked to give a Democrat will superintend the railways. ic opinion, ex cathedra, as it were, And yet, a Democratic house of of the interstate commerce law, representatives supported a bill its passage by Democrats, and its which is diametrically opposed to relation to Democratic doctrines.

fundamental Democratic principles. The leaders of that party did not know, or did not care for the principles of the party. They bent their necks to the yoke of political expediency, and thought that adroit politics would do more for their party than a farsighted statesmanship. They abandoned the Democratic doctrine that the least governed people are the best given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store. idly centralizing government is dangerous to the republican institutions of America. They advocated measures that go to the of government as advocated by federalists for one hundred years. It is difficult to imagine a more un-Democratic piece of legislation than this interstate commerce bill. Had such a bill been presented in the days when Jefferson, or Jackextreme limit of the principles son, or Seymour, or Tilden guided the party, a united Democracy would be found opposed to it. The mere reading of such a bill in a Democratic house of representatives should have been enough to cause the Democratic patriarchs to

turn over in their graves and If the above means anything, it groan. The present leaders of that is a statement that the president party have abandoned the faith of is a statement that the president refused an appropriation to the needs of the Nation, because it to the trust confided in them by needs of the Nation, because it to the trust confided in them by was his duty as a Democrat to do the masses of their party. Perhaps it is useless, yet it is pertinent Waiving any suggestion of the here to quote the words of Mr. probable effect of such an argu. Tilden, the greatest statesman that ment in Oregon on the result in the Democratic party has produced Barley, etc., at Thompson & Ross'. this state in November, '88, it is since Jefferson. In 1871 he said, speaking of the principles of the inconsistency of statement and act. Democratic party: "Its creed is composed of two ideas; first, to cratic doctrine to admire and an limit as much as possible all govobservance of many Democratic ernmental power, enlarging always and everywhere the domain of mdividual judgement and action; secondly, to throw back the governmental powers necessary to be exercised as much as possible upon the states and the localities, approaching in every case the individuals to be affected. These ideas dominate over the Democratic party, and find in it their best representatives. The opposite ideas-to meddle with everything properly belonging to individuals, and to centralize all government powers-express the tendencies of the Republican par-

ty. Under their inspiration the federal government is rapidly seizing upon all the powers of hubeen a perpetual encroachment of man society. It has assumed to the national government on the regulate the suffrage, and threatpowers and prerogatives of the ens to take the control of all elecstates. The result has been an tions. It perverts the power to inordinate increase in the powers raise revenue into a means of dicand importance of the former, and tating what kind of business men Sunny Furnished Front Rooms. a proportionate decrease in the shall employ their labor and capi- O'ERTHOMPSON & ROSS' STORE. IN powers and importance of the lat. tal in, of giving bounties and ter. The checks and balances of granting monopolies, of enriching government, constructed carefully favored classes by impoverishing and laboriously one hundred years the people. It has drawn within ago, have been swept away, and its power all the banks, it has bethe state governments are sinking gun to create insurance corporato the insignificance of municipali- tions, and it yearns to take juristies. The passage of the inter- diction of all railroad companies. state commerce bill is another Its career of usurpation, if continlong and radical step in the same ued a few years longer, will involve

lobbies and their interests will be As an independent newspaper, in Washington. Their dangerous THE ASTORIAN recognizes the nepower, which is divided now cessity of two great parties as a

that the failure of Oregon and Washington to receive necessary

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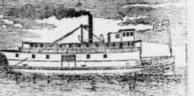
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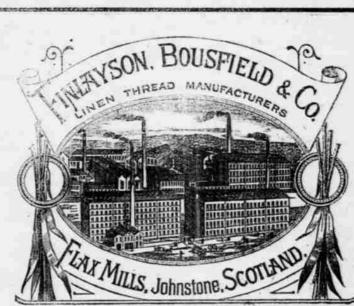
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