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As appears from a special dispatch to the Astorian last evening, both the charter amendment bill and the one providing for the Young's Bay bridge, passed the house at a late hour yesterday. The dispatch evidently confuses the two bills in saying the latter bill is now ready to go to the governor, as the charter amendment bill originated in the senate and could only go through the house after first passing that body, so there is little room for doubt that the charter amendments now only await the governor's signature to become the law of the city. A number of these charter amendments, there is reason to believe, are obnoxious to at least three-fourths of our tax-paying citizens, and although the Astorian has repeatedly and earnestly called public attention to the importance of the subject, for some inscrutable reason, no steps whatever have been taken to prevent their adoption. Of all the laws under which Astoria's affairs are at present administered, those relating to the water and police commissions are almost the only modern and the least objectionable provisions of the entire charter, and should be the very first to be changed or abolished. It is not the duty of any properly conducted newspaper to do more than call attention to, and explain according to its best light and judgment, the good or bad aspect of any proposed movement likely to affect the public welfare and interest. This the Astorian has already done, not only in the matter of the two amendments alluded to, but to others of nearly equal importance. It will not therefore be for want of adequate and timely warning if the people find themselves at the close of this legislative session with several undesirable and very reprehensible laws unalterably established on the city's statute book for the period of at least two years.

The Republicans of Washington spend weeks in stulticous caucus balloting, and finally agree on a candidate for senator by a small majority. They next day go into joint assembly with the other two parties in the legislature and unanimously elect their candidate on the first ballot. The Republicans of Oregon unanimously sign an agreement to go into caucus, with the full consent of all then existing candidates. On the first ballot a candidate gets the nomination by a joint majority, and they then go into joint assembly and spend days in fruitless balloting in order to prevent the election of their caucus candidate. Grand old Washington, four old Oregon.

But no matter how high the standards of any political party may be, said a distinguished leader lately, it cannot hope for valuable, practical, and successful results without a thorough organization of its adherents. Men who think alike upon public questions must be brought together; there must be a unity of purpose, harmonious council, full consultation, the will of the majority fairly expressed must prevail, there must be prompt acquiescence in the results of conventions, loyal support of regularly nominated candidates, individual views upon essential matters must be subordinated to the general opinion if substantial results are expected to be attained.

The treasury gold reserve is now considerably below \$20,000,000—the lowest it has been since it was established—not more than \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 of which is retained, the rest being in bars. If the gold withdrawal keep up at the present rate all this gold will

be exhausted in a week or ten days, and then when greenbacks are presented at the treasury for exchange for gold there will be no coin to pay out. This would be practically repudiation, and it would instantly create a panic. The Philadelphia mint is now working full time coining gold, but it cannot keep pace with the demand.

THE EUROPEAN VIEW.

The financial strain and perplexity through which this government is now passing is attracting marked attention all over the civilized world. Following their invariable custom in times of disturbance or crisis of any sort in any leading nation, all European countries have special emissaries and agents here investigating and critically watching and reporting every phase of development in the situation. Among these distinguished foreigners now attracting much notice in Washington, is M. de Roukowsky, representing the Russian minister of finance, and one of the greatest authorities on finance in all Europe. M. de Roukowsky lately consented to give some of his views on our troubles to the correspondent of a leading middle-western paper for publication, and they are an interesting illustration of the unbiased sentiment of intelligent foreign observers on the causes which have contributed to our difficulties. Premising that he could not give any extracts from his report to his government, and was only expressing his own personal and unofficial ideas, M. de Roukowsky said, in part, as follows:

You spend \$140,000,000 for pensions, \$115,000,000 for education, \$111,000,000 for public works. These are enormous expenditures for any people to make. You do it easily, because your resources are magnificent. In fact, you have such revenue resources that one coming here from abroad must ascribe your resort to an income tax not to reasons of finance, but to the rise of socialistic doctrines in the minds of your people. We also have an income tax, but it is a legitimate revenue device and would not exist if we had such revenue resources as the United States enjoys. If your income tax was levied solely for revenue it would take in smaller incomes as it does in Europe, where incomes as small as \$200 a year are taxed and where 75 per cent of the revenue from which tax is derived from the small incomes. Your currency system I have carefully studied. It is an unscientific system. You have more than \$1,100,000,000 of paper currency, of which \$500,000,000 is exchangeable for gold at the option of the holder, and against this you endeavor to keep a reserve of \$100,000,000 of gold coin constantly on hand. Just now you are greatly disturbed because so much of your gold is going abroad and I see your president is trying to find a means of relief. "Let me give you my conclusion as to your difficulty," continued M. de Roukowsky. "After a careful study of the situation, you are not losing gold because of any economical condition of the country. Your financial resources are not failing, nor are they suspected of failure. A country which has yearly products of over \$12,000,000,000 in value should not feel the loss of \$100,000,000 in gold in a year. It is a bagatelle. The fact that it goes out does not of itself indicate any decadence of your national prosperity. The deficit in your revenues, similarly, is due to lax—in temporary—and not to any lack of prosperity in the country. The condition of your people is shown by the fact that though 1894 was a year of great world-wide depression, it was little felt by your banks. "Your present difficulty is due solely to politics, to legislation and the threat of legislation. It began with the Sherman act, which created an artificial demand for silver by means of a law and started the distrust that the parity of the metals might not be maintained by the government. It was small at first, but constantly grew. Of course Europe, as your creditor, could not sit by and see you approach a silver basis, the debasement of a dollar to 50 cents without alarm. Of late European opinion has been divided as to the cause of your trouble; some say it was a real commercial and financial crisis with you, others thought the difficulty solely one of legislation and politics. I see very clearly that the latter is the correct theory. Notwithstanding the evils worked by the Sherman law, we Europeans saw a silver party in your congress very nearly defeating its repeal. They would have succeeded but for the firmness of your president. "At the present time we see the same silver party well entrenched in your law-making bodies. Whenever the government wants any legislation for carrying on its business these men appear to oppose and to dictate the terms on which they shall step aside. Europeans have seen your Mr. Bailey, of the judiciary committee, declaring the government has no right to issue bonds under the law of 1875. We have seen a senator, Mr. Allen, appearing in court and saying subscribers to the loan issued under that law must take their own risks as to its legality. In Europe we have come to the conclusion that you must have a considerable socialistic party in this country. The talk which we hear about the shytlocks on Wall street and such things reminds us very much of the talk of the socialists of the old world. Fortunately for the credit of the United States, these socialists have not yet been able to carry the day. But they are still active. This increase of socialistic tendencies in this country is seen during the last ten years in opposition to every move toward protecting the credit of the government in an income tax, in clamor against corporations, in fierce opposition to railroads, and is now shown in

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"How long will these withdrawals of gold continue? I cannot say, but unless confidence is restored abroad that you are not going to a silver basis, which, of course, would mean practical repudiation, except where payments in gold are stipulated. If information as to the amount of your obligations held abroad were obtainable, it would be easier to estimate the drain of gold which you must look for. As a student of the economical conditions of nations, I can see nothing in your situation which would cause alarm. The remedy is in your own hands. Your country is all right, and all you have to do is to exercise the power of the law. You should stop dangerous experiments, suppress your socialistic tendencies, assure the world that you are not going to a silver basis, and then European capital will not only stop running away from you, but will seek your shores for investment."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that J. W. White, deceased, have filed my final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Clatsop County, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of February, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., I be there appointed for the hearing of objections to, and the final settlement of said account. FRANK J. TAYLOR.

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