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We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that will give to this country a depreciated or debased currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such restrictions that its parity with gold can be maintained.—Wisconsin Republican convention.

"A year ago, in Thomasville, Ga., Major McKinley, when offered the delegates of three Southern states if he would declare for free silver, said, in the presence of the editor of this journal: 'If the Republican platform declares for free silver, I will not be a candidate. I would not run on a free silver platform.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE MCKINLEY HURRICANE.

This is an age of sudden and astounding political mutations, but all the sudden political revolutions of modern times must be entirely eclipsed if the nomination of McKinley is to be defeated in the St. Louis convention.

The line of the field combination by twisting Vermont out of the Reed column and capturing Illinois from her favorite son, it was evident that a McKinley tidal wave was sweeping over the country; and now that California, Michigan and Indiana have fallen into the McKinley line, political science is not equal to the task of turning back the McKinley hurricane before the meeting of the national convention.

The last stand made by the opponents of McKinley was in Indiana, and while Harrison did not permit the use of his name as a candidate, the opposition to McKinley had all the advantages of his personal strength to prevent the absolute control of the state delegation in the interest of McKinley.

The McKinley battle is without example in our political history. The party was defeated by a million majority immediately after the passage of the McKinley tariff, with that measure as the issue before the people, and in 1882 the Republicans suffered their most disastrous defeat with the McKinley tariff as the millstone that bore them down.

Had anyone then predicted that McKinley would ever be a hopeful candidate for President he would have been laughed at, but today the republican masses undoubtedly prefer him over all others, and they have swept the field against the best political leaders the party has developed.

The force of any legislation is not in the letter but in the spirit. The most elaborate statutes fail when not based on reason, the loosest enactment that embodies a vital principle gains strength with time till it becomes self-enforcing. It has been so with the civil service act. Congress never expected it to reach very far. It was not made obligatory and at first it had a very limited application.

But it created a system that was recognized as sound, and gradually it has been extended, by executive order, to one class of federal employees after another, and congressmen have been compelled to stand by and see their patronage disappear, helpless to intervene, because public opinion approved and demanded the new system. It took a hard fight to make the beginning, but President Cleveland's successive orders extending the civil service system, though they have effected a practical revolution in politics, no longer attract more than passing notice. The reform has come to stay and its enforcement is now taken for granted.

The latest order extends the system of an organized civil service, with appointments by open competition and removal only for cause, to all classes of clerks and other subordinate officials in all departments, or practically to all executive appointments that do not require the advice and consent of the senate, with the present exception only of fourth-class postmasters, and it is expected that they also will be included in a subsequent order. The original act of congress provided for this, but it was left for the president to put it gradually into force, and never was so great a reform so quietly effected. When congress had once established the principle, the doom of the spoils system was fixed, for true reformers can never go backward.

ment is now resorting to practical and heroic measures. Italy's occupation in Abyssinia has in like manner added to her already ruinous debt, until Signor Colombo is now forced to increase the import duties upon barley and the white corn that constitute the principal food of a considerable part of the population. Italy's debt is nearly three times as large as our own, and amounts to eighty-three dollars per capita. The provincial and municipal debts are even more crushing. The reduction of her foreign trade through the customs war with France, the reaction from the wild real estate speculation of eight or ten years ago, overborrowing on every hand and banking mismanagement and corruption began the destructive work which the cost of the Abyssinia campaign has completed. Wars are very expensive indulgences nowadays.

Even the Washington Republicans have come out squarely for sound money by a majority of two to one. Of all the states in the Union heretofore counted safely Republican, Oregon has the distinction of standing alone in its miserable attempt to ignore or dodge this issue, and it is the only state which has ever given a Republican majority that is considered in doubt this year—a year destined to be the greatest Republican year in the history of the party. This is a humiliating and discreditable position for Oregon to occupy, but it is the legitimate consequence of putting the mere personality of candidates and leaders ahead of the principles of the party.

A TAX-PAYER CALLS A HALT.

It is about time the taxpayers of Clatsop county are calling a halt on unnecessary expenses of the county. There is a bridge being built across the Lewis & Clark river at a cost of several thousand dollars, which is of no use to anyone. The road connecting with it will never be used. The well settlers in the vicinity will use water transportation, as the roads are not made available.

A QUESTION FOR MR. WISE?

Editor Astorian:—Will you permit me to enquire, through the columns of your paper, why it is that the paper mail, which arrives at about 4 o'clock in the morning, is quite frequently not delivered to business houses within three blocks of the post-office until nearly noon? I have sometimes got around considerably earlier, I do not understand why there should be so much difference in the time of delivery. CITIZEN.

MUST WOMEN WORK?

An old-fashioned man who has listened to considerable talk about the development of women through hard work invites one of these advocates of the doctrine of the sexes to take the following propositions: 1. That neither in the design of nature nor in the course of expediency can be found a justification for wage-earning toil by women.

That wage-earning toil by women is an evidence of national progress, but of national retrogression. 2. That that nation will be the best and happiest in which the least wage-earning is done by women.

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AN OLD RHYME RESET.

"Afflictions sore long time are bore. Physicians were in vain. At last one day a friend did say, 'You'd soon be well again.' If you would take, as I did, Dr. Price's Favorite Prescription, for that is the cure for all the peculiar ailments of women. It is a safe, simple and sure remedy. It banishes those distressing maladies that make woman's life a burden, curing all painful irregularities, uterine disorders, inflammations and obstructions, prolapsus and uterine weakness. As a nerve it cures nervous exhaustion, prostration, debility, relieves mental anxiety and hypochondria and induces refreshing sleep. She took the advice and is well. 'Favorite Prescription' is the only remedy for the delicate druggists and weakness of females, sold by druggists. A pamphlet, free. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

As the business world has not enough before the latest revolt in Cuba, but the cost of the campaign on that island has brought them to a desperate pass. Everything in sight has been mortgaged, the nation is staggering under a debt of sixty-eight dollars per capita—our own being about fifteen dollars—and the strain is constantly increasing. If we are to enroll the statement that the salaries of all Spain's diplomatic representatives in the United States are to be reduced one-half, it is evident that the gov-

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY. LURHAM, N. C. Dear Sir: You are entitled to receive FREE from your wholesale dealer, WHITE STAR SOAP with all Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco you buy. One bar of soap free with each pound, whether 16 oz., 8 oz., 4 oz., or 2 oz., packages. We have notified every wholesale dealer in the United States that we will supply them with soap to give you a good supply of GENUINE DURHAM at once, and insist on getting your soap. One bar of Soap FREE with each pound you buy. Soap is offered for a limited time, so order to-day. Yours very truly, BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY.

A MUSEUM OF DOORS.

The mania for collecting leads to strange accumulations. Near Pontefract lives a banker who has a museum of old doors. They are from old houses, castles, or abbeys that have some historical interest. Quite lately he had 1300 in Paris for a door through which, during the French revolution, Marie Antoinette, Charlotte Corday, Danton and Robespierre passed to the guillotine. One of his doors is said to have shut off Charles II. from his Roundhead pursuers, and it bears marks of a battering ram. A collection of ancient weathercocks is also one of this gentleman's collections.

IT MAY DO AS MUCH FOR YOU.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters especially adapted to cure of all kidney and liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c and \$1.00. At Chas. Rogers' Drug Store.

TWAS EVER THUS.

"But, Tom, dear, where is the bit trout you said you caught? 'Oh, that one! Why—yes, of course. Well, I took that trout, and it was so good I cooked it and ate it on the spot. And, speaking of eating, Maude, I wish you'd hurry up that dinner. I haven't a moment to spare for my trout and then Maude, for the first time, doubted her husband's veracity.'"

BUCKLE'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fews, Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and All Skin Eruptions, and positive cure for Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she became a Child, she clung to Castoria.

When she became Miss, she cried for Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

The Fish & Little Shy.—Brown to Jones, who has just returned from a week's fishing excursion—Did you have a pretty good luck, Jones? Jones (with a disgusted look) "I had an ace full beat twice.—Harlem Life.

We might let you cure more about One Minute Cough Cure, but you probably know that it cures a cough. Every one who has used it. It is a perfect remedy for coughs, colds, hoarseness. It is an especial favorite for children, being pleasant to take and quick in curing. Chas. Rogers.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

"Will you be my wife, Fraulein Paula, and make me happy? 'I am sorry, doctor, but I should like to be happy myself.'"—Humorist's Blatter.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Chas. Rogers.

"Any amusement in this town to-night?" asked the stranger. "I reckon there's going to be a lecture," replied the grocery man. "I've been selling eggs all day."—Atlanta Constitution.

Pure blood means good health. DeWitt's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, cures Eruptions, Eczema, Scrofula, and all diseases arising from impure blood. Chas. Rogers.

Mr. Dunnington (inspecting the steam shovel which has supplanted him)—It's all right—ut's all right; you can shovel, but, don't you, yez, can't vote!—Frab.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Contains no Ammonia or Alum.

"What did that famous defence of the case of Theroplaus take place?" asked Dolly Cumroy, who is studying the classics. "I can't say," her father replied, "with any precision. I have a bad memory for dates. But it must have been since the Interstate commerce commission was established."—Washington Star.

It is not a miracle. It will cure you. That's everything, but it will cure you. Chas. Rogers.

It Worked Both Ways.—Father—Johnny, come open the door for your mother. Your mother's locked me out and I want to get in. Johnny—Well, she's locked me in and I want to get out.—Harper's Weekly.

It's all the same, a slight cold, congested lungs, severe cough. One Minute Cough Cure banishes them.

A great diamond robbery—stealing a base.—Philadelphia Press.

A little ill, then a little pill. The ill has gone, the pill has gone, DeWitt's Little Early Bitters are the little pills that cure great ills. Chas. Rogers.

SATISFACTORY REPLY.

Detroit Free Press. "The office noted your note on a target in a sign's room that is directly in front of her mirror." "It can't be the one in your room." "Why? Is your wife in the room?" "Your little feet would never wear the carpet."

A DISASTROUS FAILURE.

Financial convulsions which disturb the equilibrium of the business world are of far less mischief than the failure of the willpower to perform the necessary duties of the bladder and other organs. When these organs become inactive the circulation acquires impurities which bring on dropsy, diabetes, Bright's disease, gravel, and other ailments. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the finest diuretic in existence. This excellent remedy for inactivity of the bladder is also of the greatest service in malarial, dyspeptic, bilious and rheumatic troubles, and has received the unqualified sanction of eminent physicians. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments connected with the bladder and other organs. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments connected with the bladder and other organs.

THE IDEAL PANACEA.

James L. Francis, Alhambra, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, or other preparation. Since then I have had it translated into Arabic, Persian and Hindustani, and taken all the faithful to believe to take any part in the Sudan expedition. He says that any Mahometan who ever gives a glass of this medicine to a sick person, or against his fellow-believers is not worthy of being counted among the faithful."

DEWITT'S WITCH HAZEL SALVE.

Burns are absolutely painless when DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is promptly applied. It cures all burns, scalds, cuts, lacerations, and all other skin diseases. It is a perfect remedy for skin diseases, chapped hands and lips, and never fails to cure piles. Chas. Rogers.

General Weyler is quoted as saying that it will take two years to suppress the Cuban revolution, unless we promise Mexico another loan.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

It is definitely stated that Lord Dufferin, the British ambassador to France, will retire from diplomatic life about the middle of June.

All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest foreign and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Cotter's drug store, opposite Occidental Hotel, Astoria.

ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR AMERICAN INVESTMENTS.

Important to Americans seeking English capital for non-conspicuous investments within the last six years, and over \$1,000,000 for the seven months of 1895. Price, 5c, or \$5, payable by postal order to the London and Universal Bank, 25, Abchurch Lane, London, E. C. Subscribers will be entitled, by arrangement with the directors to receive either personal or letters of introduction to any of these successful promoters.

This list is first class in every respect, and every man or firm whose name appears therein may be depended upon to give the best of service. It will be found invaluable—Bonds or Shares of Industrial, Commercial and Financial concerns, Mortgage Loans, Sale of Land, Patents or Minerals.

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ARTERIA.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 202, of the city of Astoria, confirming the assessment of Drain No. 1, for the construction of a drain in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, commencing at a point in block 98, and having its outlet in Thirty-third street, between blocks 15 and 17, in Adair's Arteria, and known and designated as "Drainage District No. 1," will be due and payable on the 15th day of May, 1896, in U. S. gold or silver coin, at the office of the city treasurer, and if not so paid within or before said time, the common council, said order warrants, issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

- Laura P. Adair, lot 3, block 15, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Laura P. Adair, lot 6, block 15, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 11, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 14, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 15, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 16, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 17, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 18, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 19, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 20, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 21, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 22, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 23, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 24, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 25, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 26, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. Adair, lot 27, block 65, Adair's Arteria, \$2.41. Mary L. 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Table listing property owners and their addresses in Adair's Arteria, including names like Laura P. Adair, Mary L. Adair, and others, with corresponding lot and block numbers.

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