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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 Thomaston, Ga., Major McKinley, when offered the delegates of these 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 coinage, I will not be a candidate. I would not run on a free silver platform.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

PUT UP THE BARS.

Congress could and should adjourn before the first of June. It would adjourn during this month if the leading Democratic senators were not blocking the disposal of the necessary public business.

Before adjourning, however, one great public measure now pending should be put through. There should be restriction of immigration as proposed in the Lodge and McCall bills.

It has been clearly demonstrated by incontrovertible statistics that degradation, pauperism and crime run almost parallel with illiteracy. If immigrants who cannot read and write are barred out of this country, at least nine-tenths of the four million that fills the slums of our cities will be cut off.

That is what patriotic Americans want, and that is what the illiterate text and that is what the illiterate text will effect. It will be a crying shame if this bar is not put up and the mouth of the old world's sewer plugged for good.

Let congress wake up to a just recognition of this patriotic demand! Blind toleration and weak patting with this momentous question have too long permitted the swelling of the curse. Cholera and yellow fever are shut out by the strictest precautions, but the worst blood poisoning by infamous immigration has been supplied, year after year.

Everywhere we see the onwarp march of sanitation except in this vital concern of the nation's life. American citizenship will cease to be a glory if it is continually polluted by a food utterly alien to true Americanism.

When the American language is not taught to children living under the American flag, when Old Glory is raised in the public streets of the greatest American city, when the American public school is proscribed, when anarchy and corruption writers in the fifth of pestilential slums, it is surely high time for all true Americans to rally round the flag they love and uplift it from the mire in which it has been dragged.

Let America be indeed for Americans. Birth does not make a true American, nor color nor race. The American touchstone is unwavering fidelity to the Stars and Stripes and the principles imbedded in the American constitutions. For every honest, industrious, intelligent immigrant who comes over, casting off all foreign ties of allegiance and seeking to become an absolutely loyal American citizen, there is here a welcome and a home.

But for the horde of aliens who seek the sea to find better chances to loaf, steal or wallow in the mire, who have no appreciation of the duties of American citizenship, no pulse of patriotism, and no heart to love the American flag, we would make America harder to reach than the North Pole.

RUSSIA'S MARCH TO THE SEA. The Russian bear has been stretching out his mighty paws over neighboring territory east and west in a way which serves to make the whole family of rival powers uncomfortable.

She has practically taken possession of Korea. An excellent pretext for this was furnished by the Japanese legation in that country, who undoubtedly instigated the murder of the queen last October, and drove the king into the arms of Russia for protection.

With the aid of a strong Russian force he has driven out the ministers who were under Japanese influence and has killed all of them he could get hold of, including his own father. A new ministry friendly to Russia has been established. The king lives at the Russian legation and Russia dictates his policy.

In a short time she will thrust aside this weak tool of her ambition and make Korea a Russian province. She has obtained a treaty with China under which she has acquired the right to construct railroads through North-western China under the joint control of the two countries and the privilege of occupying Port Arthur and other harbors with her fleets.

While she is thus establishing her power in the East and the China seas she has accomplished a long stride toward the Bosphorus in the West through the intrigues which have enabled her to convert Bulgaria into what is practically a Russian province. The government is virtually administered by a Rus-

sian agency which has complete control of the young blackguard of a prince recently converted to the Russian faith. The country is governed by Russian laws. Its army is officered by Russians. Its formal annexation to Russia would not be long delayed but for the active opposition of Roumania backed by the moral, and no doubt with the assurance of the physical, support of Austro-Hungary.

Roumanians, through which and along whose southern border runs the Danube, has ordered a big naval armament to defend the Danube and her own territory, as well as her rights in the Black sea, from Russian encroachment. As Roumanian separates Russia from Bulgaria and controls the mouths of the Danube, her hostility to the annexation of the latter is likely to prove an obstacle to the scheme not easy to overcome.

But all obstacles must yield at length to the persistence with which Russia avails herself of every opportunity to push her policy of controlling the outlet of the Black sea upon the Mediterranean. She has been moving slowly to that end, as she has been moving slowly toward the establishment of her ascendancy in the Orient, "with the slow, noiseless, slipping, inch by inch, of a glacier," to quote an English writer. Neither force nor diplomacy can turn her aside from her fixed purpose.

She may pause in the face of obstacles, but she pauses only to await her opportunity. And she has this enormous advantage over all her opponents, that she operates from interior lines, and that within the vast encroachments of her snows and deserts she can prepare in secrecy to strike when her time shall come for any objective point on her frontiers, and to strike with any force which may be needed to secure her objects.

Her whole game of diplomacy has been and continues to be played with a single eye to her eventual control of the sea outlets of her vast inland empire. As the result of her intrigues her influence is all powerful in China and in Turkey, and step by step she is advancing to the goal of her ambition, the control of the Bosphorus.

The material progress of Russia within the last twenty years has been amazing for a despotism which suppresses the freedom and the individual aspirations, which are the chief incentive of national progress.

Within the next twenty years, or perhaps within the next decade, with the aid of her great transcontinental railway, she will make still more tremendous strides. Napoleon predicted that within the coming century Europe would be all Cossack or all Republican. She will dominate Asia before she dominates Europe. Turkey will soon be a Russian province and China a dependent vassal of the czar.

The forces that will render Russia and dethrone the colossal power which menaces the world will come, not from the armies or the navies of her enemies, but from within: from the slumbering aspirations for liberty and the smoldering fires of discontent with the existing absolutist regime, which are destined to grow with the growth of her civilization and with her material development.

Although few signs of it now appear upon the surface, except in the fierce and bloody protests of nihilism against the existing order, Russia is undoubtedly destined to be the theater of the most tremendous political revolution of modern times.

And the prediction of Napoleon will come true. The Cossack, in his struggle for liberty, will make Russia and then Europe republican.

Astoria has welcomed a large number of Old Fellows and Rebekahs who have come here from all parts of the state of Oregon in attendance upon the grand lodge and the grand encampment. The general assembly of the Rebekahs has been a notable one, and for the first time in the history of the organization the assembly derrick was conferred on all members attending. Astorians are justly proud of their numerous home lodges, and are noted abroad for their interest in various secret orders.

The city by the sea is always glad to entertain representatives of these bodies, and is more than proud of the large attendance upon the present occasion.

The Astorian is in receipt of the third issue of the Japan Herald, published in San Francisco by Messrs. G. Y. Okada and A. J. Kuroda. The journal is printed on Japanese paper and appears weekly both in the English and Japanese language simultaneously. Every success is wished for the new enterprise.

THE OREGON SUMMER SCHOOL. While the prospects of our city and county for growth in business and population are now so good, it is pleasant to know that there is in our midst other enterprises also that have an equally hopeful outlook.

One of them is the Oregon Summer School, which began its career a year ago, in a modest and unassuming way, but laid the foundation of what is sure to be a great success.

While the people of Astoria heard of this enterprise last year and gave it their hearty attention, a number of them, however few perhaps who realized, or yet realize, how much it may come to, or how large an interest it represents, or how much an interest it represents, or how much an interest it represents.

The promoters of this school may have felt a little too diffident about advertising its future or claiming a success. But now the experimental stage has been passed, and as the season opens every thing is taking shape for a prosperous meeting.

The organization has been effected, officers elected, working committees appointed and a good attendance is calculated upon. As is well known, owing to the munificent gift of M. J. Kinney and his wife, the school now has its own grounds, and is therefore able to arrange for the coming session on its own terms and according to its own regulations.

Instead of two or three individuals, as last year, working without means, there is now a well-organized plan and there are definite resources to work with. The place, the work, the means and the object, as well as the persons concerned, are all now well known and considered.

Probably the advantages to our educational interests should be recited first. To have here an institution where our teachers may improve themselves in their profession is a great thing. But the advantage to the city and county in the way of general growth and improvement will also be very great.

Some of the leading men of the state will make their homes with us for a time every year. What they learn and will tell of our city and county, and its shores and of our commercial growth, will be a steady and increasing benefit to the city. Mr. Penman—I was just wondering why the editor had refused to give me even that much for them.

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WAR. Detroit Sunday News-Tribune. So that is Hades' mused the wrath of the Furies against "us." Yes, I have several warm friends there.

ELECTRIC BITTERS. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the bowels are constipated.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. Sacramento Bee. "Dick, you didn't bring your missionary nickels?" "No'm; there's a circus comin' this week, and them heathens'll have to wait."

A BAD WRECK. —Of the constitution may follow in the track of a disordered system, due to impure blood or inactive liver. Don't run the risk.

NEGLECTING HIS DUTIES. Indianapolis Journal. "John," said the eminent statesman, "it has been more than a week since I said something real bright. Are you aware of that?"

LET US REASON TOGETHER. It needs "no ghost to come and tell us" that the sooner we begin to be remedied, the sooner we shall enjoy that right to which our ancestors laid claim in the Declaration of Independence.

A LITTLE DRAGON. Yonkers Gazette. "I see, Tommie, that you have a new errand boy at your office." "Yes, great boy he is, too; we call him that little dragon."

MARVELOUS RESULTS. From a letter written by Rev. J. G. Underwood, Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife."

GREAT MINDS. Boston Courier. A man by the name of Paul was recently executed in a Western city, and at least accounts sixteen of the county papers had spoken of the execution as "hanging like a Paul" over the community.

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NOT AN EDITOR. Yonkers Statesman. Mrs. Penman—a penny for your thoughts, dear? Mr. Penman—I was just wondering why the editor had refused to give me even that much for them.

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

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ASTORIA. Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 202, of the city of Astoria, confirming the assessment made by the Board of Public Works, of a drain in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, commencing at a point in block 5, and having its outlet on Third street, between blocks 11 and 12, in Adair's Astoria, and known and designated as "Drainage District No. 1," will be due and payable on the 1st 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 of the city of Astoria, acting for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

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