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"I believe the Republican party at St. Louis should be governed by a conservative sentiment respecting the tariff, but it cannot be too pronounced on the money question. I am in favor of an explicit and unequivocal declaration in favor of maintaining the gold standard; for the money question and not the tariff, will be the issue of the campaign this year."—Benjamin Harrison.

"The agricultural, manufacturing, mercantile and wage-earning interests of the United States, have now an opportunity to put this country beyond the reach of doubt on a sound, safe and permanent gold basis. The party which fails to see that this is the only true issue, and to take its stand on a gold platform, will fight a losing battle in the coming campaign."—Chauncey M. Depew.

STRADDLING STUMP ORATORS.

It was the lying Dundreary who first propounded the contumacious, "Why does the dog wag his tail?" The answer, of course, was because the dog is bigger than the tail, for if the tail was bigger than the dog, the tail would wag the dog.

When the Republican senators from the silver states conspire with the Democrats and Populists in holding up the passage of a tariff measure or a bill for the relief of our farmers, unless a free coinage amendment be tacked onto it, Dundreary's proposition is reversed and the tail is trying to wag the dog. That the platform of the next Republican national convention at St. Louis will declare against the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, under the present attitude of commercial nations on that subject, no one presumes to doubt; yet one senator and one representative in congress from Oregon are now before the people for re-election, on a platform of their own choosing, entirely at variance with the convictions of an overwhelming majority of their constituents.

As a natural consequence, the Republican stump orator who advocates their re-election finds himself compelled to make a straddle of so wide a stretch as to seriously disturb his balance. He is obliged to plant one leg strongly on the tariff as his main plank, while the other leg rests with no sense of security upon the giddy footing of his candidates' views of the money question. While on the one hand he advocates the tariff, on the other his candidates are holding up that very measure in the senate and house in favor of 16 to 1 free silver coinage. He dare not come out boldly in advocacy of free coinage, because, while his candidates favor it, he knows that two-thirds of the Republicans he speaks to in his canvass are opposed to it. Hence he has the anomalous year among us in Oregon of the straddling Republican stump orator.

THE ONE MAN POWER IN COLORADO.

It was known, of course, that the Republican convention of Colorado would declare for free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and the action of the convention calls for no comment on that point. What does call for comment is its abrupt surrender to Senator Teller. Its delegates were instructed simply to do with reference to silver only, about which there is no dispute, but "as to the course to be pursued by the Colorado delegates at the national convention." There are three other delegates at large. They are but Mr. Teller's domestic servants.

This is a form of political bossism which does much to make politics contemptible. Mr. Lecky and other writers make it a reproach to democracy that it tends to concentrate political power in the hands of a single man, often a professional politician. Colorado has gone a step further. She commands Senator Teller to the world as "the ablest living exponent of the true principles of American finance." She then resigns into his hands her opinions, her judgment, her acts, her whole political authority and independence, for the purpose of the St. Louis convention.

So complete an abdication may not be without precedent, but the manner of its surrey is novel. It is usual in less advanced states to pay some respects to the opinions of mankind. The forms of democracy are observed even when the substance of power is made over to a political tyrant. But the Colorado Republicans have no respect for the opinions of mankind about silver and none for the deities of public life. They simply say ditto to Senator Teller.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, is not a peace-at-any-price man. There was sound sense in his observations at the recent banquet of the Loyal Legion at St. Paul to the effect that war is sometimes necessary and just, and that if it were possible to abolish it altogether, and to substitute arbitration in every dispute between nations, the edge would be entirely taken off the keen patriotic

Interest which the people now take in the relations of their own with other countries. That interest is a valuable factor in the world's progress toward higher and better things, and we cannot afford to lose it.

Earl Spencer, who has been a prominent figure in British cabinets, is now in New York, having come from Canada, where he has been visiting. The earl has not been in the United States since 1857. He has been an ardent advocate of home rule for Ireland, and when asked if he had any hope of a Liberal fulfillment of Mr. Gladstone's home rule policy, he answered in the affirmative. A London dispatch says, however, that the fate of home rule is trembling in the balance.

The law pays better than labor. So thinks Terrence V. Powderly, once the head and front of the Knights of Labor, but who after being deposed by that organization, soon bloomed out as a full-fledged lawyer. He now brings suit against the society for \$3,000 unpaid salary, about the first business that he has undertaken.

LEWIS AND CLARKE ROAD.

To the Editor:—

I saw a squib in a late issue of the Astorian, ribbing up the county court for building the Lewis and Clarke bridge, and also claiming that the next thing would be a ferry across Young's river.

Now, I am not taking up the cudgel to defend the present county court, for they are abundantly able to take care of themselves without any assistance from me. But, being interested in roads, and this road in particular, I would like to direct attention to a proposition from a business point of view.

This "Taxpayer's" squib seems to me a good deal like a disgruntled politician ranting about one who would have raised his voice before this, when the late county court was wasting \$4,000 in constructing a bridge across the Wallingford river, which is directly benefited without being driven, and all of the work being done in so slipshod a manner as to necessitate the expenditure of large sums of money every three or six months to repair the bridge from tumbling down.

This "Taxpayer" should have heard from when the late county court built a private bridge across the Necanicum at Seaside at a cost of \$1,700, for the express accommodation of one or two hotels and their guests. But not one word from him.

Now look as though this "Taxpayer" had some connection with the late county court, or else he is so narrow-minded that because the road does not run the direction that he desires he feels like making a kick.

Now, let us see what reason or logic there is in Mr. "Taxpayer's" argument. The proposition is to build a bridge from Astoria via the Lewis and Clarke road to Seaside, and more or less from there on to Elk Creek, Lower Nehalem and Clatsop, all of which is directly benefited by this road. Then every man, woman or child in Astoria is interested directly. In the first place, to give them the benefit of every three or six months to the beach of the Pacific, where the whole people of the state love to go every summer. In the second place, every citizen of Astoria will be benefited by the cheapening of their wood, butter, milk, eggs, etc.

Why, do you know that for want of competition and on account of the extra cost of handling milk by the dealers, you are paying 7 cents per quart in Astoria, while the dealers purchase the same milk on the Lewis and Clarke for 5 cents per quart, and other things in proportion.

Do you know that five years ago the people on the line of this road, with the assistance of the enterprising people in Astoria, raised \$17,000, the largest subscription ever raised on any line of road in the county; and that there is another subscription list in the hands of a committee of nearly 1,000 subscribers to finish and complete this road? And, furthermore, Mr. "Taxpayer," do you know that last August there was a petition presented to our honorable county court, signed by 142 of the taxpayers of Astoria, Lewis and Clarke river and Clatsop, which petition represents nearly half the taxable property of Clatsop county. Among the signers were such men as W. E. Dement, George Flavel, Hon. C. W. Fuller, the Kinneys, and many others. The petition was signed by Wright, Flax Bros, and all of the prominent property holders in the county, asking the honorable county court to build the Lewis and Clarke, and either bridge Young's river or put on a steam ferry to connect this road with the town. If you don't know it, please call on F. J. Dumb, county clerk, and he will kindly show you the petition.

In conclusion, I would ask Mr. "Taxpayer" to go up the Lewis and Clarke and examine the work being done by Fry & Meyer, the Astoria company, and contrast the work and cost of same with the contracts heretofore let to Hoffman & Bates, who packed the money to Portland instead of spending it among our own people.

The piles were driven to bedrock, the numbers are being put together in a solid, workmanlike manner, the iron trestles are being put in their place, and if the structure is finished in a workmanlike manner as it has been begun, we will have the best bridge in the county worth months to make repairs. Yours truly, ANOTHER TAXPAYER.

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

The Rev. Charles D. Tenney, who is to be the president of the new Chinese university at Tien-Tsin, China, is an American, and a graduate of Dartmouth and Oberlin. He has been a missionary in China since 1852. The projectors of the university say that it is to be conducted on broad lines, with special courses in civil and electrical engineering, mining and law, and Mr. Tenney is to have full power, not only in the choice of instructors, but in the matter of discipline.

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Li Hong Chang is making arrangements to improve the Western world with his wealth and power. He will travel with a suite and in a style that will testify to the grandeur of Oriental luxury. He has been a missionary in China since 1852. The projectors of the university say that it is to be conducted on broad lines, with special courses in civil and electrical engineering, mining and law, and Mr. Tenney is to have full power, not only in the choice of instructors, but in the matter of discipline.

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It's a shame," said little Alfonso XIII, for me to be shoved into public life in this way before I'm grown up. "I'll probably have a whole lot of trouble now, and it will be entirely the fault of my managers." "What do you mean, my boy?" "I mean that the more arch business is just like any other. If you want to succeed as an infant prodigy you want to do as the Germans do, and be a melodious voice that has been carefully cultivated."

A BAD WHECK

of the constitution may follow in the track of a diseased system, due to impure blood or inactive liver. Don't run the risk! The proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery take all the chances. They make a straightforward offer to return your money if their remedy fails to benefit or cure in all disorders and affections due to impure blood or inactive liver. This germinal disease circulates through the blood; the liver is the filter which permits the serum to enter or not. The liver active, and the blood pure, and you escape disease.

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The late George Munro was a most generous benefactor to Dalhousie university, in Halifax, and he was held in high esteem in Nova Scotia. He had been the university more than 60 years, and his special holiday, known as "Munro day," was celebrated with enthusiasm by the students every year. Mr. Munro was himself an admirable classical scholar.

LET US REASON TOGETHER.

It needs no ghost to come and tell us that the sooner dyspepsia is remedied, the sooner we shall enjoy that right to which our stomachs laid claim in the Declaration of Independence—the pursuit of happiness. A man blessed with a good digestion—provided he has enough to eat—is happy. There are hosts of people with simple means to whom the sole consolation of a healthy pauper is denied. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a certain, prompt and thorough medicine, which cures the use of which sound digestion, and the nerve tranquility which its disturbance causes, can be recovered. Biliousness, malaria, and other troubles, constipation and rheumatism are also remedied by this fine corrective of a disordered condition of the system. Appetite and sleep are greatly improved by it.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, widow of the general, has written a letter to Senator Victor Anderson, in which she has introduced in the senate providing for a Grant statue. "I have long looked and hoped for an expression of some kind from the government," says Mrs. Grant, "and think your thought, if carried out, would be a grand fulfillment of that hope. Thank you, senator."

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NOTICE OF ABREEMENT OF DRAIN IN ADAIR'S ASTORIA.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 202, of the city of Astoria, in relation to the assessment on Roll 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 the corner of 2d and having its outlet in Thirty-third street, between blocks 10 and 11, in Adair's Astoria, 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 the time specified, the assessor will order warrants issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

Table listing property owners and their respective assessments for the drain project. Includes names like Laura P. Adair, Mary L. Adair, and various block numbers.

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