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Republicans Will Not Amalgamate With Silverites.

ISSUE IS FOR SOUND MONEY

Mitchell Republican Overtures Cannot Be Received Now by the Republican Committee.

The Oregonian.

The republican county and city committee met yesterday to consider the matter of making reply to the communication sent recently to its chairman by the "Mitchell-republican" committee of the county and city.

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The committee will at all times receive with satisfaction suggestions which may be made to it from any source that will bring support to the principles of our party and cement its members in closer unity.

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onate for it, and never yet, so far as we are aware, has made any statement, public or private, that he would not continue to do so.

Upon the matters that might come up for arbitration under your proposal, however, it can hardly be said that Judge Williams would be an impartial arbiter.

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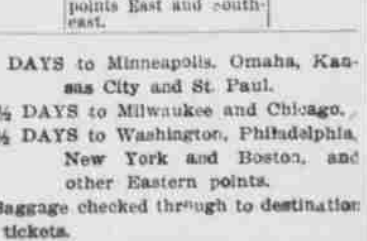
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