FUSION THE TOPIC OF THE DAY

LEADING SPIRITS OF THE "REFORM" PARTIES HAVE ORIGINAL IDEAS.

Wide Difference of opinion as to the Terms of the Union—The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing Is Abroad.

Salem, Or., January 20.—(Editor Astorian)—Fusion is the all important topic of the day in every city, town and crossroads of the state. Everybody discusses the question, each believer in the gold standard has his opinion of the outcome and each supporter of the cause of free silver has his pet scheme for a union of the silver forces. The leading spirits of the "reform" parties have each an "original" plan whereby a union can be effected that will be satisfactory to all and guarantee success to the "defenders of a down-trodden people."

The members of the silver republican, populist and silver democrats are quite uniformly agreed upon the proposition that in a union there is the greatest possibility of success, but when the manner and terms of the combination are to be determined, there is a wide divergence of opinion and a strength of conviction that casts a shadow on the brighter phase of the matter. It is estimated that in Oregon there are 45,000 republicans, 30,000 populists and 15,000 democrats. The experience the populists have had in the past gives them every assurance that if they effect a union with the democrats the democrats will carry off the spoils in case of victory, will capture the new political organization and the people's party will soon be absorbed like the lost tribes of Israel. It is evident from the way the union is being urged that the democrats propose to use the populists to help carry an election, and then claim the glory and reap the reward. The populists, outnumbering the democrats two to one, will hardly acquiesce in any such scheme after they have labored all these years to gain the following they now have.

It has always been apparent that the populist party lacked leaders of ability in managing a political campaign. This was shown by the unwise and unsatisfactory manner in which the last presidential campaign was carried on by the populist supporters of Bryan. On the other hand the democrats are well supplied with men experienced and successful in managing conventions and conducting campaigns. This difference of material makes it an easy matter for the democrats to use the populists for the accomplishment of democratic success and the annihilation of the populist party. These facts being true, the rank and file of the people's party are beginning to see that their worst enemy is none other than that body of men with whom they now propose to unite in a political campaign. The wolf in sheep's clothing is as much a wolf today—as treacherous and voracious—as a thousand years ago.

Even with a union of silver forces to oppose, the republicans would have a fair chance of success for there is no argument so strong or so lasting in its effects as 75-cent wheat, a strong cattle and wool market, and the cancellation of mortgages. In the end, the republican party would be gainer by the union, for the outcome would be the dismemberment of the people's party and a loss of all the strength the so-called reform party has gained. REX.

PILOT BOAT QUESTION.

An Ilwaco Man's Opinion of the Condition of Affairs.

Ilwaco, Wash., January 22.—(Editor Astorian)—I notice in your paper of yesterday that our Washington pilot commissioners have revoked the licenses held by the three pilots supposedly representing the state of Washington on the Columbia river bar. It seems to me that it is time this action was taken, as the loose way in which the pilot service on the Columbia river bar has been conducted for the past two years is nothing short of a disgace. The state of Washington is supposed to have a pilot schooner on the bar with its three pilots. Yet it is a well-known fact that ever since the Jessie commenced on the bar that the Washington and Oregon pilots have combined and they have used both the Jessie and San Jose alternately until the Washington pilots discarded the Jessie in November, and since that time have used the Oregon schooner alone in conjunction with the Oregon pilots. Now, in my opinion, the state of Washington, so long as it issues branches to pilots, is entitled to have a pilot schooner representing it on the bar, and it has been a matter of conjecture to many of our citizens why our commissioners permitted our pilots to retain their branches without having a schooner. The general impression was that they asked for and obtained forty days time to procure another schooner in place of the one they discaded, but the forty days have run out some time ago and yet they remain on the Oregon schooner. I believe the state of Oregon furnishes its pilots with the schooner San Jose free of cost and also contributes the sum of $1,500 per annum to maintain her, so the tax-payers of Oregon must "know something," or they would never permit men holding Washington branches to use their schooner on the same terms as their own pilots. If there are not sufficient pilots, then make more—but what we want is competition. With competition we can have the finest bar pilot service in the world. These combinations are a detriment to the Columbia river and the sooner the two boards of commissioners put a stop to it the better for the Columbia river. I trust the news as published in your paper is true and will be verified, but it is well known that our pilot commission is divided into a majority and a minority—the majority favoring the pilots and the minority trying to have the business conducted in a legal and business-like manner. It is very probable, however, that Governor Rogers will take a hand in this matter in the near future, and when he does the commerce of the Columbia river and the state of Washington will obtain what rightfully belongs to them. WASHINGTONIAN.

GENERAL BLANCO AND HIS CABINET

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were transferred to the gunboat, placed in irons, and tortured in order to force them to divulge their mission and complicity with the insurgents. Officials believe the boat's cargo had been transferred to a steamer seen hovering in the vicinity where the capture was effected, and with the filibustering which was thought to have a commission.

FEELING IN MADRID.

Madrid, Jan. 22.—The feeling in official circles after the dispatches received by Senor Bagasta from Cuba is that the United States no longer has a motive for direct or indirect interference in Cuba. The government considers that persistence in the jingo attitude by American congress would be contrary to the dictates of reason and justice and should the Washington government in deference to the jingo tendency commit unjustifiable acts, Spain would regard it as a provocation which she would reply to with energy befitting the country's honor.

It is announced that the foreign minister, Senor Gulon, has received Washington dispatches which provoked a long cabinet discussion.

SPANISH STRENGTH.

London, Jan. 22.—The Times says the strength of Spanish forces is remarkable in view of the news from the United States, but it considers that the proceedings of the senate is regarded less seriously abroad than it was in the days when the senate was in the habit of showing a sense of political responsibility.

MARTIAL LAW ON THE YUKON

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survey made by the dominion land surveyor, William O'Gilvie, Lake Bennett is clearly within American territory and that the Canadian government recognized this when they established their custom house at Lake Tagish, that point being clearly within the Canadian dominion. Recently the collector of customs at Tagish made a tour of Lakes Bennett and Lederman and collected duty upon the outfits of a number of people who are camped there for the winter.

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WEEKLY BUDGET OF LONDON NEWS

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ber of commerce deplores the state of the British textile industry in 1897, saying: "All the improvements of the shipping having been fatally checked by the Dingley tariff law, followed by the engineering strike, which must necessarily result in some permanent loss to trade in addition to the loss already experienced."

The sultan of Turkey has determined to send 15,000 soldiers to Palestine in honor of Emperor William's visit there. The garrisons at Beyreut and Damascus will be equipped and his majesty will also give the German emperor a piece of ground at Jerusalem which, according to tradition, was the site of the Last Supper, which different Christian communities have hitherto vainly sought to acquire. It is said that Emperor William will transfer the ground to the German Catholic missionaries.

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