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Mr. Hanna says he will not go to the Philadelphia convention and Mr. Bryan says he will not be present at the Kansas City convention. Just the same these two persons will be the dominating spirits in their conventions respectively, or, if you please, they will be the whole show.

Hon. S. C. Spencer, of Portland, Ore., will address the citizens of Independence on the political issues of the day from a republican standpoint, at the auditorium this coming Saturday evening. Mr. Spencer is well-known as one of the best speakers in the Oregon canvass, and all should hear him.

This week noted the commitment to prison of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, late of the U. S. A., who swindled this government out of something like \$2,000,000. The case has been stubbornly contested by some of the ablest counsel in the United States. His short term of sentence is a miserable miscarriage of justice.

Senator Stewart, in a vain effort to explain why he flopped to the Quay supporters after voting against seating Corbett, said that he did so because he believed "Mr. Corbett did not come with clean hands." Be that as it may, it comes with ill grace for a man who has bought his way to the senate, as Mr. Stewart has, to speak about clean hands. Senator Quay, in Stewart's eyes, must be an angel.

General MacArthur now assumes control of affairs in the Philippines and General Otis will return home. General MacArthur is more popular than Otis. The Philippine campaign has established him a splendid military record, and his promotions, justly earned, has assured him of the commander-in-chief's station in the U. S. Army in the regular course of promotion. Let it be hoped that he will be successful in bringing trouble to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

General Longstreet, the most renowned ex-Confederate soldier now living, is to be pensioned. The old warrior served conspicuously in the Mexican war as a major in the United States army, and it is for this service that he is to be rewarded. He is now living in very meager circumstances, and is quite feeble. The great episode which gave Longstreet his standing as a great general is forgotten by a great republic, for our nation is not only great enough to remember but as well to forget.

Dewey starts out this week on a grand exhibition tour, and to him, undoubtedly, the great receptions to be tendered him will appear in the light of overwhelming popular clamor for his election to the presidency. After July 4, the democratic party, the party of his "chosen and well-matured convictions" will give him an opportunity to display his "enthusiasm for democratic success" by supporting the nominee of the party, William J. Bryan. For Dewey stands absolutely no show of receiving the nomination.

The American congress is higher in the estimation of the people for having expelled Roberts, reporting against Clark,

and refusing Quay. The first willfully violated the marriage laws, the second spent over a half million to become a member of the senate, and the last endeavored to force himself on the senate against numerous precedents, law and right. This question of seating a senator on a governor's appointment is forever settled. Never will such political force be brought to bear as Quay controlled. His tireless canvass was not without its results. A number of weak swaddling apologies for statesmen yielded to his influence, and flopped to his support. Every case of this kind that ever came up for consideration was a righteous one in comparison with Quay's, yet he lacked but one vote of reversing a long series of precedents. This question, of course, should be relegated to the background by electing senators by popular vote.

Just Like a Letter

M'CORMICK, Wash., April 25, '00
INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE:
Dear Sirs:—"As I have had two notices from you in regard to my paper I will take time and drop you a line as I would like to have you send me the ENTERPRISE again for it seems like a letter from home.
The mills are running full blast. Some times short of hands and at other times full handed. There are a great many accidents. Only a few weeks ago a man was killed in the timber. Joe Tuck was hurt today, but not serious. I did not go to the timber to work as I had intended but began work in the mill at \$2 per day. It is two miles to McCormick, our nearest post office, so I will just send the amount in the letter."
Yours very respectfully,
LELAND YOUNG.

Gets His Money's Worth.

POMEROY, Wash., April 24, 1900.
INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE.
Independence, Oregon.
Dear Sirs:
"Enclosed find money order for \$1.50; one year's subscription to your much appreciated paper. I am pleased to note continued improvements and other evidences of prosperity. May good fortune continue to be your lot."
Very truly yours,
B. F. BURCH.

Our Plan Approved.

ROSSLAND B. C., April 23, 1900.
Friend Harry:
"Your notice of the expiration of my subscription to the paper came this evening and I will enclose \$1.50, the amount for one year.
I guess my time is already out and blame you for it as I expected you to give me notice as I did not remember when my time was up. I fully approve of your plan of running the business and do not wish to get the paper longer than it is paid for. We are enjoying the most beautiful weather here now and have been for some time. We have had what we think to be several attempts to burn the town of late, but the fire department is good so stopped them with but little damage. The labor question which has caused so much trouble here has been settled for the time being, although not altogether satisfactory to the miners.
With regards to all and best wishes for your success, I still remain,
Yours truly,
NAR PATTERSON.

The Oregon State Penitentiary carries about a hundred less convicts than it did five or six years ago. This speaks well for the good order of our people.

CURRENT NEWSPAPER PARAGRAPHS.

Colony for Lane County.

The Eugene Guard says the Danish colony for Lane County will comprise between 200 and 300 families, and that they will occupy from 5000 to 10,000 acres of land. The colonists will begin to arrive after May 1.

Doesn't Remember '96.

Portland Telegram.
David Bennett Hill is coming to the Kansas City convention to try to have the Chicago platform toned down and made a little more reasonable, but his voice will be like a whisper in a whirlwind.

Like Our Way.

Illinois State Journal.
Oregon Republicans in their state convention declared in favor of the gold standard, retaining the Philippines, for expansion, and the immediate construction of an isthmian canal, under government control. There is no tinge of mugwumpery about Oregon Republicans.

New "Native Sons,"

S. F. Call.
The steamship China brought 137 coolies to this port. The Doric had 132 on board, and now the Nippon Maru is in the harbor with 266 more of "merchants, students, tourists and native sons." If this procession keeps up Collector of the Port Jackson will soon have enough with which to open a new parlor of native sons.

United States Exhibits.

N. Y. Sun.
The number of United States exhibits at the Paris Exposition is 6,564. France alone showing more.
Next to the United States comes Belgium with 2,512.
Great Britain sends less than 700.
We believe that they call America the great land of trusts.

Getting Ready to Run.

S. F. Call.
General Miles has announced himself as a candidate for the presidency, and has also advocated the construction from the Atlantic to the Pacific of a broad highway smooth enough to play marbles on, so it looks as if the general wishes to have an easy route for running when he gets started.

An Eastern Opinion.

Illinois State Journal.
"Every indication points to the heaviest wool clip in the northwest for many years." This is the opinion of a member of a Boston wool firm, M. E. Race who has just been through Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. This is better news than to hear of the wholesale slaughter of sheep because farmers cannot afford to feed them, as was the case under a free wool policy.

A Great Donator.

Illinois State Journal.
During 1898 Andrew Carnegie gave an aggregate of \$3,503,500 to American public libraries, but he has broken that record this year, despite the fact that but one-fourth of it has passed. In the first three months of 1900 he has given an aggregate of \$4,360,000 toward the building and enlarging of public libraries. In less than a year and a half he has given almost \$8,000,000 to the libraries.

Out of His Line of Business.

Ashland Tidings.
The Portland Evening Telegram is not overly complimentary, but it hits the

truth when it says of "Cyclone" Davis: "It seems a pity, though, that such a big fellow as Davis would not have pride enough to go out into the timber somewhere and make an honest living." But then "Cyclone" is no wood's man—he's a jaw-smith and a mightily poor one at that.

Without Free Silver

Illinois State Journal.
The money circulation of the country, which was \$1,509,725,200 on July 1, 1896, had increased to \$2,002,931,791 on March 1, 1900: This was a gain of nearly five hundred million dollars in three years and a half. Of this increase \$295,150,584 was in gold coin and gold certificates. During the same length of time, what could the free silverites have done if they had secured control of the government? According to their own theories, they would have had a large number of "50-cent dollars to pay debts with."

Ingalls on Dewey.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, when interviewed lately concerning the Dewey candidacy, said:

"It is unfortunate for the fame of Dewey that he did not remain indefinite at Manila. The perspective was greatly to his advantage, and distance lent enchantment to the view. He was a hero at Manila, but ever since he landed in New York the bran and sawdust has been running out of him. Everything he has said and done has sunk him steadily in public estimation.

"All his utterances have been cheap, weak and silly, and his conduct has been feeble and vacillating to the edge of imbecility. Somebody has buncoed the admiral. His candidacy is ridiculous. His ignorance of politics and public issues and public duties is pathetic. Since Hancock's announcement in the Garfield campaign that the tariff was a local question, which he had heard mentioned at Norristown, Pa., there has been nothing so absurd as Dewey's declaration for the flag and free trade. He will not receive a vote in either convention. The presentation of his name would provoke inextinguishable laughter and derision. What the admiral needs above everything else at this time is a course of instruction in the noble art of taciturnity."

Have You Registered?

Below is the number of voters that have registered with the county clerk from each precinct to date: The first column shows the number of the precinct; the second column, the name of the district; the third column, the number of voters in the precinct, according to the 1898 poll books; and lastly the number of voters who have registered to date.

No 1 Douglas.....	144.....	94
" 2 Jackson.....	152.....	100
" 3 Salt Lake.....	68.....	43
" 4 Spring Valley.....	107.....	77
" 5 Eola.....	188.....	105
" 6 Rickreall.....	108.....	110
" 7 South Independence.....	151.....	124
" 8 South Monmouth.....	148.....	97
" 9 Buena Vista.....	102.....	65
" 10 Suver.....	54.....	42
" 11 Luckiamute.....	193.....	132
" 12 Bridgeport.....	98.....	81
" 13 East Dallas.....	176.....	186
" 14 McCoy.....	87.....	84
" 15 South Dallas.....	136.....	136
" 16 North Independence.....	110.....	82
" 17 North Dallas.....	135.....	141
" 18 Rock Creek.....	36.....	60
" 19 Middle Independence.....	96.....	81
" 20 North Monmouth.....	102.....	79
" 21 Falls City.....	117.....	119
Total.....	2508.....	2038

Registered during the week, 122.