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A NEW RICHMOND.

Jabez Ferguson Quotes From Charles L. Jordan.

PLAIN TRUTHS FROM A FREEMAN

He Thinks the Old Parties Have Outlived Their Usefulness. His Reasons for So Thinking.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special Correspondence.)—“I have read all the articles of Jabez Ferguson, in the National Recorder,” writes Hon. Charles L. Jordan, of Vicksburg, Miss., “and I am in line with you all along. My views seem to be in thorough accord with yours. There is about it, it continues. If the American people knew just what condition this administration has gotten them into, or were properly posted as to the state of affairs that confront them today, they would raise en masse, as the people of Rome once did, and go to the national capitol and throw every senator and congressman out of the windows and break his neck. Well, I would spare a lot, or two, if to be found, but a general cleaning out would do no harm, but have a salutary effect on all new installments.

“Just read the daily press and calmly note the progress that delectable body is making. ‘Move,’ ‘spout’ and ‘sneer,’ three hours daily, then adjourn to repeat and do nothing—from day to day—while millions of people and capital are languishing waiting their action. And it will go on so until next July, when the heat of the summer alone will burn them out. Talk about retreating the greenback and treasury note—to prevent ‘looting,’ etc. There is a tenfold better remedy, viz: Let the people retire that administration and put down Clevelandism.

“This country will never again prosper under either of the old parties. If they would once fix a good and wholesome tariff on every thing imported that conflicts with any production whatever in this country, and then let it forever rest—and then restore the coinage of silver to its old place as a basis money metal—the whole trouble would stop. I do not believe in free trade; never did, never will. The Democratic party will have to give it up, or die. When the people are educated up to the standard of reasoning for themselves, that free trade business will go, and they are rapidly doing the thing now.

“I believe in Americanism, out-and-out. See what the Wilson bill has done for this country, and now the Republicans are going to reverse the whole business, and I am for one, glad when they do; if they will only add sugar and cotton to the list.

“There is but one way, and that is the right way to bring the whole thing around right. First last and all the time, restore free coinage of silver, and let the unit of value be on the gold, but the silver dollar should have the preference. Let the government issue no more silver certificates or coin greenbacks, while the law allows a pig-headed secretary of the treasury absolute option to interpret the word coin to mean gold.

“Let the government issue treasury notes redeemable in dollars, with ‘coin or silver or gold’ left out. They should read: ‘The U. S. will pay on demand—dollars, and on paper on demand.’ Let the government stop specie payments until by coining it has accumulated ‘quantum suff’ to redeem with; by that time all this ‘looting’ will have ceased, and nobody will want any coin, the treasury will be filled with gold and silver as a basis, while the people will have ample paper circulation for all requirements.”—Jabez Ferguson.

It is Votes We Want.

Some of our readers may have constructed an article in last week's Press to mean fusion with the Democratic party. Such was not the least, in our intention, nor can the article in question, if read carefully, be construed to mean fusion, without the invitation there extended to the Democratic party to vote the People's party ticket could be so construed. When any party selects candidates, men are generally selected if possible, whose personal popularity will draw votes from the opposing party or parties. When political platforms are promulgated, the same object is had in view—vote catching. So, if we Populists should select candidates who are conservative men and popular before the masses of the people, we are but following in the footsteps of political parties that have existed since the formation of our government. It is frequently the case that nominees of the minority party are not selected for their personal popularity in such a minority party, but because of their popularity before the great masses of the people, and who would be a source of additional strength to the party making the nomination. Men of radical opinions, or parties promulgating radical reforms, rarely gravitate to power. Men and parties in order to attract the masses of the people, have to abandon many of the more radical grounds and become conservative. This is what the Press would counsel the People's party to do. The slogan “Middle of the Road Populism” may be very pleasing to the vanity of the radical Populist, but as a vote catcher, it is a complete failure. Radicalism in almost any thing pertaining to the opinions of men, is dangerous, in conservatism there is safety. The People's party wherever it will have succeeded in securing political power, will have abandoned many of its most extreme measures. It must do this to secure the votes of the masses of the people, and without which it will

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Items of General Interest From All Sections.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS

All the Cities and Towns of the Pacific States and Territories Washington.

Promiser is taking steps to secure a creamery. A trainload of hogs was shipped out of the Palouse country last week. About \$20,000 was left by the purchaser of the hogs.

The city council of Grant's Pass has passed an ordinance prohibiting boys from smoking on the streets, also, forbidding the posting of obscene posters or pictures in the city.

A boat is being built to run on the Lower Klamath river this summer. It will be a single-deck stern-wheeler, 60 feet long and 12 feet wide, propelled by a 10-horse power engine.

Sherman county farmers are preparing to put in larger crops of grain this spring than for many years past. The favorable weather for plowing is encouraging farmers all through Eastern Oregon.

Work on the wooden mill buildings in Pendleton is advancing rapidly and will be completed before the remainder of the machinery arrives, which will be about the middle of next month.

The validity of the lease made by Wasco county to the Hood River Lumbering Company, whereby the company is granted the right to charge for material floated down the river, will probably be tested in the courts.

Postmaster Crossen, of The Dalles, has a letter from the war department, asking a recommendation for the proposed site of the \$100,000 public building to be erected in The Dalles, in the event Senator Mitchell's bill becomes a law.

J. H. Hindman, an orchardist of Weston, says that the prospects of fruit this year are very good. In several localities the buds are already swollen, something unusual at this time of year. The fruiting for a frost, which, if severe, would be damaging.

The youngest captain on the coast, is Louis Olsen, of the team, who is 19 years old, and has been in charge of the schooner team for eight months. The team was formerly commanded by his father, who met death on board the vessel, while the son was employed as mate.

Star mail service has been discontinued between Portland and Bethany, since between Hillsboro and Glenora, to take effect March 7. Special mail service will be discontinued March 7 to Lewis, Washington county, from Glenora, and to Phillips, same county, from Bethany.

Boise has sold her \$25,000 sidewalk bonds at par. They bear 6 per cent interest and run seven years.

The Northern Pacific railway has just issued a valuable folder that is devoted exclusively to the Nez Perce reservation.

A number of Moscow citizens interested in mining have organized a branch of the Northwest Mining Association. The branch has a membership of thirty.

In the mail service from Vanwyck to Meadows, the postoffice department has directed that permission be given postmasters at terminal to deliver mail to carry one hour in advance of schedule time, provided no connections are broken and no complaint be made.

The state of Idaho has been sued by Butte contractors for \$6,744.25, for work on the state wagon road. These contractors built a portion of the road in Lemhi county, afterwards it was washed away by spring freshets, and the board ordered them to rebuild it. Their bill is for the rebuilding, and the state board of examiners refused to pay it, hence the suit.

Despite the bad roads, travel has already commenced to the Nez Perce reservation and it is estimated that 1,500 white settlers will be on their claims before June. The new city of Nez Perce is already the scene of active business operations. A new stage and mail line will be in operation by April 1 from this place, which will give direct communication with the terminus of the Spokane & Palouse branch of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Coal has been discovered near Hinsdale, about eighteen miles from Glasgow, which is said to be of a good coking grade and in great abundance.

An improved mine-usage has been patented by Montana parties, the principal features being a method of doing away with the ancient life and limb and the destruction of property in mines using the old-style shafts.

A fine quality of asbestos has been found near Red Lodge, which gives every indication of being a valuable discovery. At a depth of only a few feet the strata show a length of fully six inches and has the appearance of being of fine quality.

The past year's shipments of cattle from the state exceeded that of any year in the history of Montana. The shipments out of the state during the year amounted to 1,000,000 head; slaughtered for home use, 60,000 head, making a total of 940,000 head. The average price for the little industry was \$1.50 per head.

Clamming parties are now fashionable at coast points in Curry county. The turrell of Clatsop county has been turned over to the sheriff for collection.

There is a movement among the farmers of Douglas county to establish a co-operative store. Riverton will try to secure a college, assisted by the Liberal societies of Oregon and of the United States.

The managers of the Athens broom factory have decided not to move the institution to Walla Walla. There is quite a rivalry among the towns of Eastern Oregon and Washing-

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME

Events of the Day in a Condensed Form.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Items of Importance From Domestic and Foreign Sources—Cream of the Dispatches.

Thomas Howes Hinckley, an artist of wide fame, died in Boston. Chicago clothing-cutters and trimmers have ordered a strike, and 20,000 are thrown out of work.

Members of the Irish parliamentary party have elected Dillon as the new chairman to succeed Justin McCarthy.

The secretary of the interior has approved a list of eighty acres of land selected in Oregon City land district, Oregon, by the Oregon & California railroad, under its grant.

John L. Waller, confined in a French prison, has been granted a pardon by President Faure, due to the representations made by the United States government in the prisoner's behalf.

The Elliott Square building strike in Buffalo, N. Y., is ended, and a thousand or more workmen have returned to work. The differences between the superintendent and the men have been amicably settled.

A factory for the making of remedial medicines now on the market is to be started by Chicago retail druggists. A majority of the city pharmacists are interested, and they hope to drive the patent medicine makers from the field.

Alaska travel from the Sound is growing to such an extent that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has decided to put another steamer, the Mexico, on the route, in addition to the Topeka and Alki, which are now crowded every trip with freight and passengers for the North.

A leading Spanish newspaper is quoted as saying: “It is not for the United States government to give Spain lessons in humanity. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. Let the United States government put down Lynchings before it reads us our duty to the Cuban insurgents.”

Hope is not abandoned for the location of the discovery, owned by Pope & Taitel, of San Francisco. The vessel is now out twenty-eight days from Port Gamble, loaded with lumber. She was commanded by Captain Christensen. There were twelve men in her, and there is scarcely any chance of their turning up alive.

At a masked ball in Lisbon fire broke out and a panic followed. Men, women and children jumped from the windows, seriously injuring themselves. Friends of the revelers rushed into the burning building to aid in the work of rescue, and many of them were caught by the flames. Thus far forty-four bodies have been taken out.

Baron Blanc, of Rome, Italy, minister of foreign affairs, authorizes the announcement that President Cleveland, having decided to accept the position of arbitrator to settle the question in dispute between Italy and Brazil, a protocol has been signed, referring to his arbitration all claims that are not amicably settled by the two countries within two months.

According to advices received at Port Townsend from Alaska by the steamer City of Opeka, the Bank of Juneau has failed, leaving depositors about \$15,000. There are no assets. J. N. Harrison, the bank's cashier and manager, just before the steamer sailed, was arrested for larceny by embezzlement of \$400. The cashier and his brother operated the bank as a joint copartnership.

Robert Laughlin, of Augusta, Ky., who reported his house burned by murderers, who attacked him with knives, and whose wife and niece were burned in the building, has confessed that he was the murderer. The general theory is that he first assaulted his niece, and then killed her, and his wife to hide his crime. He denies this, however, and says he could not tell what put it in his mind to brain them with a poker while they were asleep.

An explosion of dynamite occurred at Viendendorp, South Africa, and the poor quarter of the town has been blown to pieces. Hundreds of houses are in ruin, and the havoc wrought is fearful. The windows of every home in Johannesburg were broken by the explosion. The dynamite that caused the catastrophe filled eight trucks and made a hole thirty feet deep. Forty dead, nearly all of them horribly mutilated, were taken from the ruins, and the search is not yet completed. Two hundred of the most severely injured were admitted to the hospital, where several died.

Charles Christy, of Waverly, Kan., a young lawyer, has just arrived from Cuba, where he was a prisoner. He, with about 400 others, were captured in one battle near Havana. All but five and fifteen other Americans were lined up and shot. The American consul saved them. Christy is a member of one of the pioneer families of Coffey county. He is an enthusiastic Cuban patriot, and claims they have every thing on the island except Havana, and that that will soon fall. He also says that since the new Spanish general has taken command no prisoners are taken.

A deal is said to have been made between the Southern Pacific and the Seaboard Air line, whereby all the traf-

HIGHEST IN MONTHS

Silver Bullion Sold For Seventy Cents.

RISE IN SYMPATHY WITH LONDON

Regarded as Significant of a Revival of Interest in Silver Mines and Brighter Prospects.

New York, Feb. 26.—Silver bullion sold at the highest price today that it has reached in many months. There was an apparently good demand, which advanced the rate to 70 cents. The rise was sharp, and in sympathy with an upward movement in London. Bullion dealers declared that they did not know of any definite cause for the improvement. They did not agree that the advance was due to speculation, or that it would be sustained.

The facts are that silver sold as low as 59c, and the price ranged about 60c for six months. There was by reason of adverse legislation, material curtailment of production.

Shrewd people, who knew the commercial value of silver, began cautiously buying and accumulating bullion. A large amount has been absorbed for export, a legitimate Continental demand having prevailed for a long time. The supply has also been reduced by the demand for manufacturing purposes.

For ten months the price was fluctuating about 60c, and during the past three weeks and until yesterday 69c was the quotation. The advance has taken so long as to escape general attention. Simultaneously with the advance came decided improvement in mining stocks, which is regarded as significant of a revival of interest in silver mines and brighter prospects. Seventy-five-cent silver means much to the great industry and would undoubtedly produce another silver boom.

Exchange in India has been keeping pace with the strong tone of the silver market, and in London yesterday was at the top notch. At the same time production has not kept pace with the demand, the miners having turned their attention to gold-digging.

Another filibustering expedition slipped in the bud.

New York, Feb. 26.—The iron steamer Bermuda, flying the British flag, was boarded and looted by revenue officers on Liberty Island last night. The Bermuda has been under watch of Spanish spies for some time. They had reasons to believe she had been bought by the Cuban revolutionists, and was fitting out as a filibuster. She has been anchored off Liberty island since last Saturday, and yesterday there was evidence that she was preparing for sea.

At 11 P. M., just after a large party of Cubans had gone aboard, the revenue cutter Hudson steamed alongside, and the boarding party arrested all on the Bermuda. At midnight the revenue cutter Chandler started down the bay to catch a lighter loaded with ammunition and to look for another party of Cubans who had started to board the Bermuda.

The Bermuda, an English-built steamer, was recently purchased by a firm suspected of being in league with the revolutionary party. Last Saturday she was taken to the coal docks at Port Liberty and there coaled up. Then she went to the Liberty Island anchorage. When the tug ran alongside the marshals and Pinkerton men swarmed aboard. No resistance was offered by the frightened crew and Cubans who had just come aboard. Every man was seized. Among the captives was General Garcia's son, and several other prominent Cubans.

Four bags of gold were seized by the marshals, and a quantity of ammunition.

NOT POPULAR IN HIS TOWN

A Newspaperman's Outfit Burned by the Citizens.

Mitchell, S. D., Feb. 26.—The entire outfit of the Mitchell Mail, paper, press, type, etc., was taken into the street this morning and publicly burned by an orderly body of business men. The editor of the paper, Robert McBride, has for a long time attacked various public institutions and prominent men, notably the John D. Lawler, president of the First national bank. Several years ago McBride married Mr. Lawler's sister-in-law, the wealthy daughter of General Sturgis, U. S. A. After a few years, Mrs. McBride secured a divorce and McBride then began his attacks upon the business and personal character of Mr. Lawler. Much indignation was aroused, and Saturday night citizens met McBride and offered to buy out his plant if he would go elsewhere. He agreed, but later decided to withdraw from the bargain. The citizens thereupon appointed one of their number to act as agent for McBride, and then paid the money agreed upon, and took the property out and destroyed it. The committee is looking for McBride and will suggest that he move elsewhere.

The Pacific Cable Company.

New York, Feb. 26.—A certificate increasing the capital stock of the Pacific Cable Company from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000 was filed today in the county clerk's office. The stock is to be divided into 100,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, and the directors are James A. Seymour, J. Kennedy Tod, Edmund L. Baylis, J. Pierpont Morgan and G. S. Bowdoin.

In 1820 there were 100 practicing dentists in the United States.