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The watch-word of the St. Helena

Mist is, "coin the home product."

The solid South may not be com-

pletely broken, yet there is a bad

fracture.

Tom Reed will be speaker of the

next house of representatives. He

will, too, have no further trouble

about constructive quorums.

Republicans will doubtless observe

Cleveland's Thanksgiving proclama-

tion this year with more fervor than

anyone he has ever issued.

Mr. Tongue does know what he

wants—the good will of every eight

voters out of every ten in the state of

Oregon. It is possible for him to

secure it.—Portland Sun.

Boasting Hill before the election

and Crushed Hill after brings vividly

to mind this couplet of Homer's

Ilad:

"A thousand schemes the monarch's mind

employ,

Kiste in thought he seeks untaken Troy."

A good deal of glee is exhibited

both by democrats and republicans

over the crushing defeat of Tam-

many. Of course, all lovers of good

government are pleased at the scotch-

ing of the tiger, but no one for a

moment should forget the line of the

old song, "But the cat came back."

Rev. Dr. Wallace has stirred up

the biggest hornet's nest in Portland

that has ever been kicked in that

city. He is after the gamblers, after

the chief of police, after the district

attorney, after the police commis-

sioners, after the mayor, and if the

grand jury is not careful he will be

after them too. If Wallace is sure of

his ground he will knock the per-

mission for he holds a long pole.

The London Daily News says of

the American elections. "The re-

publicans have come into power on

the strength of discontent felt at the

disuse of the democratic party's op-

portunities. The democrats dallied

with their chances, and the public

opinion turned in a tumult against

them. Civilization everywhere will

welcome the overthrow of Tammany

Hall." That exponent of English

opinion is mistaken somewhat. The

people of this government care not

so much of the dallying but rather

of the system sought to be made a

national policy.

There are those who thought that

putting potatoes on the free list could

not possibly injure the American

grower, but the farmers about Spo-

kane and in Big Bend now know to

the contrary. Dr. Tammie who re-

cently visited those places reports that

there never was a time before when

potatoes in car loads could not be

flat. The freight rate to St. Paul

is prohibitive now that the Canadian

potato is not handicapped by a tariff.

What before was a profitable occupa-

tion both to the farmer and the

transportation company is ruined by

the near Canadian farmer who has

but to cross the line.

It is an outrage that the citizens

of Oregon must be called upon to

make a change of books every six

years, when the change must neces-

sarily be wrought through much

expense to the patrons of schools.—

Bandon Records. Why is it an out-

rage? The last change was free—

cost the people nothing. Susan got

a new book for John's old one.

And it is understood that there are

SUGAR FROM BEETS.

Some days ago Mr. D. K. Bill sent

four samples of sugar beets raised

near town to the agricultural college

at Corvallis for analysis. Returns

have just been received and the re-

sult is gratifying though somewhat

different from what was anticipated.

Two of the specimens were grown on

high prairie land and two on ash

bottom land. It was expected that

the roots from the high land would

show most saccharine matter, but

the analysis proves the contrary.

One sample from upland showed

that 4080 pounds of sugar was the

probable yield per acre from a crop

of fifteen tons, while the river bottom

land showed 4470 pounds per acre

producing fifteen tons of beets.

Chemist G. W. Shaw of the State

Agricultural college made the analy-

sis. In his letter accompanying the

report he remarks that "the beets

were all excellent in every way and

only serves to emphasize the fact

that I have already shown by several

publications that Oregon can produce

her own sugar, provided the farmers

will awake to the situation."

Fifteen tons to the acre is reckoned

a fair crop which at \$4 per ton shows

receipts of \$60 per acre. When the

bounty was on, \$5 per ton was the

standard price. Of wheat, thirty

bushels is counted a good yield which

at 25 cents shows only \$10.50 per

acre. Note the difference in favor

of beets—\$49.50. Some may object

that it takes more labor to produce

beets. It does. But the labor re-

ceives cash for wages. Something

for idle hands is just what all have

been seeking.

The little village of Anaheim, Cal.,

has just received her last remittance

for her 1894 crop of beets. During

the season \$55,000 have been emptied

into the purses of the farmers of that

neighborhood. That, too, when the

beets had to be transported eighty

miles to a factory. Next year Ana-

heim is to have a factory of its own,

when all the money realized from the

industry will be distributed there.

Suppose Washington county had

\$50,000 distributed among its citizens.

What a change there would be!

Shall there be a public meeting

held to further study these reports,

which Mr. Bill is willing to submit

for inspection? The INDEPENDENT

don't feel justified in calling a meet-

ing, yet one ought to be held. We

cannot afford to sit idly on the fence

and see the procession go by. We

ought to be a part of those on the

march.

Now that the czar of Russia is dead

it may be well to endeavor to arrive

at some sort of conclusion regarding

the cause of his demise. Of course,

the result of the post mortem is kept

secret, and all the outside world can

do is to guess from the tenor of the

bulletins of symptoms. In the first

place, it is very unlikely that he was

a victim of poison, though there are

some alkaloids which are odorless

and tasteless, and which could, if ad-

ministered, render the heart so weak

as to cause death from apparent

heart failure, but it is doubtful if they

could give some of the symptoms of

Bright's disease, indicated in the dis-

patches. Indeed, concerning the

presence of any of the varieties of

Bright's disease, there may, perhaps,

be some doubt as the end was rather

unlike their termination, being com-

paratively free from coma. The in-

ter-current complication of inflamma-

tion of the lungs possibly carried

away the illustrious patient before

the final symptoms of renal trouble

POSITIONS CONTRASTED.

To THE EDITOR: I have read,

with some care and not a little

amusement, the three-cornered de-

bate, if it may be so-called, between

Mr. Tongue on one side, and the Or-

egonian and Ex-senator Corbett on

the other. It does seem to me that

the two last, above named, have en-

tirely and purposely evaded the ar-

gument Mr. Tongue advances, in

order to place him in the list of those

who favor the populist idea of free

and unlimited coinage of silver.

In his argument on the silver ques-

tion, Mr. Tongue has shown himself

to be more conservative in his views

than either Mitchell, Ellis or Her-

mann. Mr. Tongue, like the major-

ity of the republicans of this state, is

not wedded to our monetary laws as

they now stand, and throughout this

whole controversy Messrs. Scott and

Corbett have missed the point of Mr.

Tongue's argument or purposely

evaded it.

Tongue pointed out to them, in

language a child could understand,

that there is no provision for the

coinage of silver under the present

law, except that a treasury note be

redeemed, which is, in effect, no

coinage at all, as it is simply putting

one dollar out and calling another in.

Mr. Scott says, in answer to Mr.

Tongue's second letter, that the "gov-

ernment has no more right to buy

silver than it has to buy potatoes."

Who said it had? Certainly not Mr.

Tongue. I fail to see where he ever

recommended that the government

buy silver and coin it. In fact the

tendency of the answers of both Mr.

Scott and Senator Corbett, is to place

Mr. Tongue in a false light before

the people. They see the handwriting

on the wall, and are doing their best

to kill off all rival candidates to Sen-

ator Dolph. Scott, Corbett, Falling

(and Dolph) want Dolph returned to

the senate, and they deem it a crime

for anyone to oppose him. It may

be true, as Mr. Scott says, that Mr.

Dolph has served us well, but is there

anyone, who knows Mr. Tongue, who

doubts his ability to do more real

work in one minute than Dolph can

do in ten? After electing by popular

vote two pronounced silver men to

congress, is it such a crime to elect a

conservative silver man, who will

work in harmony with Senator

Mitchell. All talk about the people

of Oregon being for a single standard

man like Dolph is mere twaddle. It

is an insult to the people to suppose

they voted other than their convic-

tions when they elected Hermann

and Ellis.

The people of Washington county

must awake. Bear in mind that the

Multnomah county will throw all her

influence and all her votes for J. N.

Dolph. We have a man in Washing-

ton county who can beat him. A

man that will shine in Mr. Dolph's

place as Mr. Dolph could never shine.

A man who if he succeeds Senator

Dolph could engage in debate with-

out fear of emptying the senate seats.

Ex-Senator Tongue is the brainiest

man in the state to-day. He is a

born worker and a born fighter.

More than this, his public record

shows that he was for the people,

first, last and all the time. Above all

this he is an earnest republican in

victory or defeat. Never sulks in

his tent; is always at the front; gives

blow for blow, and is the last to leave