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The farmers of Iowa have turned their eye toward St. Louis and the Mississippi river for a competing market to the sea coast. They are weary of the monopoly which Chicago has recently held.

It is asserted that the Cuban insurgents are more than able to maintain the struggle, and that Spain must succumb. Then why this frantic hurry on the part of the United States to interfere in the matter?

Senator-elect Mooney, of Mississippi, has gone to Cuba to make a personal investigation of affairs. Mooney is a member of the house foreign affairs committee and will not take his seat in the Senate until March 4th.

The Madrid government is wearying of Captain-General Weyler, of Cuba, and are beginning to realize that his cruelties are doing their cause more harm than the insurgents. Only speedy military success will keep line on the island.

Mr. Dingley may console himself with the reflection that it must be a mighty poor republican measure that the present house of representatives will not pass.—Portland Tribune. It must be a Portland Tribune measure for the country that the senate will pass.

When the sound money republicans went into caucus at Washington all the silver republicans failed to put in an appearance. We are pleased to note that Hon. J. H. Mitchell was there all right. He was talking in Oregon before the election, and he is acting as he talked.—Yaquina Bay News.

The Roseburg Review laments that Bryan was not elected so that the big Chicago bank that failed the other day with liabilities amounting to \$12,000,000, could have taken the 50-cent dollars and continued its system of bad banking. The average man is indifferent on the subject. It was only a bank anyway.

A knot of solid citizens were discussing the proposition to bond the county to build good roads a few days since. One remarked that it is "easy to bond the county, but pay day would come only too soon, when we would want free silver." No clearer statement of the silver proposition was made during the presidential campaign.

Cotton is being transported in large quantities by rail from the south to San Francisco for ocean shipment from that point to China and Japan. This is a new departure in commerce and one which promises to be very advantageous to our cotton producer in the way of extending their market and giving them better prices.

A Bryan paper remarks that "In New York State Bryan received 551,513 votes and Palmer received 18,972. So few are the good men." Not exactly. In 1892 Cleveland received in New York 654,858 votes. It will be seen that a great many good men exist somewhere outside of the Palmer party. Adding the increase of votes since 1892, the good in New York are at least 150,000 strong.

May there not be just a trace of selfish ambition that advises the United States to interfere in the rebellion now active in Cuba? If we would be justified in the name of civilization, what is France, and Italy and England doing for the cause? The nations are just by Spain and able to coerce their neighbor while we are three thousand miles away. The obligation is just as heavy on these nations as on us. The cat would have been counted silly had she of her own accord pulled the chestnuts from the fire for the monkeys to eat.

Squirm as they may, European Nations are compelled to recognize the power of the United States. They may apprehensively apply the term jingoism, but they come to our terms. All this is flattering to our national pride and when we in justice choose our position the result will always be as now reported of Spain and Cuba. The Washington Post gives currency to the rumor that Secretary Olney and the Spanish Minister at Washington have all but concluded a treaty on lines formulated by the Spanish prime minister at Madrid "What Spain is willing to grant the insurgents, if they lay down their arms, and what she asks the United States to guarantee, is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control all matters pertaining to the commerce of the West Indies and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditures of the island, as well as its general home government." This story is denied though the denial leaves grounds for believing that negotiations of some kind are in progress. What a policy that ought to be is to make a firm that can be maintained and then finally apply pressure till the Spaniards exceed to our proposition.

REPUBLICANS AND THE LEGISLATURE.

Considerable adverse criticism of the work done by the last legislature has been indulged by some of the papers of the state. Indeed it has become quite fashionable to rail at the legislature, both for work it has done and for work it has not accomplished, but which it ought to have taken up and completed. A caucus of republican members was held last session to nominate a candidate for U. S. senator. Certain of the republicans thought the methods adopted were not fair and that the nominee was not properly nominated, wherefore they refused to support him in the legislature. The nominee may not have found fault with the members for dilatoriness in legislation, but many of his supporters have said some very uncomplimentary words of the work not done at that session. Well, the INDEPENDENT long since pointed out the fact that the failure to work was due to the senate and its committees. Mr. Simon, president of the senate, appointed those committees and was more than anyone else, except the committees, responsible for their acts. Yet in the face of all this, the member who has had most to say touching the failure to legislate, is with might and main seeking to re-elect Mr. Simon. If so chosen, he will again appoint committees of the same type. Again they will pocket bills and boast of it. It is plain to the INDEPENDENT that Mr. Simon should not be president of the next senate.

The legislature soon to meet ought to be a working body. No senatorial squabble ought to be permitted. In June last Senator Mitchell was clearly the choice of the people and nothing has since occurred to show his unfitness for the place. A few shouters have called in question his republicanism, but they cannot point to a single act or a single utterance to support their doubts. On the other hand, since the June election he has made more than fifty speeches in support of the most radical platform that has been written, and advocating the election of a man voted for by millions of men as pronounced in their republicanism as any of Mr. Mitchell's detractors. Mr. Corbett is put forward as an active candidate for the senate—a good man, but it is well known that his supporters are not in earnest. They do not mean that he is to be senator, but his fingers are long and gold tipped, and will answer a good purpose in pulling the chestnuts from the embers. What the republicans of the legislature ought to do is to elect a legislator on Wednesday afternoon, and then go about the enactment of needed laws. Mr. Mitchell was the choice last spring, and what gave him his strength then has not been taken from him since. If Mr. Corbett's friends persist in aborting an election till the last days of the session, they will find more popocate in June, 1896, than they can vote down. It is popologists who are now hindering legislation in congress and we do not want any more put there by the bickerings and folly of republicans in Oregon.

THE SAN JOUQUIN.

The industries of the San Jouquin valley are agriculture and what depends on farming. On the dock at Stockton awaiting shipment were several hundred tons of potatoes, and the night down to San Francisco, the boat called at a little platform on the sloag bank for several hundred sacks. But while potatoes are grown to great size about Stockton, they are not produced at all in the upper valley. They sack differently from what we do. They fill the sack full, shake it down, put in all that will lay on and then select some of the biggest and bind them on top. In sewing the sack the edges are not brought together but the mouth of the sack is laced so as to show the contents.

For fifty miles south of Stockton grain raising is the calling. When farmers have enough rain the crop is enormous because the acreage is so great. When the rain fall is deficient the people live on memories and expectations. We sometimes think they do seedling on a big scale in Unatilla county, but hardly up to the California man. The latter will hitch eight or ten horses or mules to a gang plow and start into the field. These gangs are only a big cultivator. The plows cut eight inches each and are simply a curved sheet of steel bolted to an upright. It has no shear. The simple moleboard is sharpened on two edges so that when one is dull it is turned and the other used. Four and sometimes five of these plows are attached to a triangular frame carried on three wheels, plowing is seldom deeper than five inches.

There it no seat for the driver on the plow. He either walks or rides the wheel horse. The team is guided by a single line. On the plow a wheel box is arranged with spouts that allow the wheat to trickle out and fall just in front of the dirt leaving the moleboard so that it is covered. A very light "A" harrow is attached which levels the freshly turned earth. With this tool a man and eight horses will plow and sow six acres of land per day. In one field eight of these teams was counted in many three or four. It will be noted that the plowing and sowing of forty acres of wheat or barley per day is not an unusual thing. The farmer himself hardly ever has that number of teams but he hires others in the summer-time are used in drawing lumber from the mountains or other freighting. The standard

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The late grand jury's report contains these words: "We have visited the offices of all the county officers and found them all neatly kept except the treasurer's, and we recommend that the county treasurer start all his accounts anew from January 1st, and hereafter he balance all his accounts the first of every month."

Just how the jury obtained the information to justify criticism and recommendation is not clear. It acknowledges its want of technical training by employing experts to do its work. The experts' report to the jury contains not a word of objection or a single recommendation. The jury evidently made a mistake

prices for plow teams about Fresno is twenty five cents per day per span and one dollar a day for the driver. Thus a team of eight horses with plow shafts and stretchers and driver costs but three dollars per day.

The cost of raising grain: Seed, vitriol per acre.....\$1 00 Plowing and sowing..... 33 Harvesting..... 1 00 Int on land at \$30 per acre..... 35 Sacks..... 25

Total.....\$2 98 If 15 bushels per acre is produced at a cost of 20 cents per bushel. The cost of marketing is to be added and will depend upon the distance from the warehouse. The great industry of Fresno county is growing raisin grapes. It is estimated that a vineyard will produce a ton of raisins per acre. The expense is irrigation, picking, drying, interest on land and marketing. The cost of irrigation is from 60 cents to \$1.20 per acre. The picking and drying is done in the open field, the green grapes are spread on trays and when the top is cured the tray is turned over so as to expose the bottom side to the sun. This work is done in August when it is hot. The dried grapes are then boxed loosely and sold to the packing house. Last year the price was 1 1/2 cents but this year it is 3 1/2 which gives a profit. Wine grapes are also grown in Fresno county but for several years they have been produced at a loss. Prices are better though now. At one pace on a drive into Fresno eight wineries were in sight. The influence of these on the young people are not considered good.

The prosperity of the grape grower in Fresno county is not great but this is not to be attributed so much to the depression of the grape industry as to the spirit of speculation. Growers bought land on time and instead of pinching and paying out they bought more on falling due and very many holders have to give of what five or six years ago they counted their home. One in this line is that of a thrifty farmer some sixteen miles east of Fresno, named Bell, some five or six years ago he contracted to plant out and cultivate 40 acres of vineyard for three years for the other 40 acres, of the 80. When he had completed his contract he discovered that there was a mortgage on the tract and to get what in justice belonged to him he would have to take the whole piece and assume the mortgage. This he did, but so as not to cramp himself too much he sold thirty acres. Now surrounded by an interesting young family and assisted by a wife who is at ease in the music room, the nursery, or the kitchen, he is building a home that is a veritable paradise.

In the mountains, forty miles from the Valley are two large lumber companies that but recently gave employment to many teams, but within two years this has been changed. Lumber is now sent from the mill to the valley in a V shaped flume in one instance a distance of fifty miles and in the other forty. The long flume delivers lumber to the ash and door factory at Clovis, and the other to a like factory at Sanger. Each board or stick of timber is started through the flume by itself. While on the steep mountain grade it goes with a rush but when the plains are reached the progress is slower and men called herders are stationed along the flume to keep the timber moving. The industries of such importance that the S. P. Company has laid tracks to both places. In the mountains rough lumber is sold for \$9.00 per thousand but at Clovis or Sanger the price is \$16.00. Water can be got by digging twelve or fourteen feet, but it is warm and better after it has stood two or three hours to cool. This is true of the winter months, but in the summer it is probably reversed. Good water however, is found by sinking a deep well one hundred feet or more. Windmills are used to draw water from these deep wells.

Would the average Oregonian like that plan? It is pleasant in winter but in summer the heat is oppressive. Let us all stay at the home we have.

Lord Salisbury must be credited with the best phrase of the year. He called the result of the election in the United States "a splendid pronouncement."

A project is on hand in Missouri to fuse the sound money democrats and republicans in the legislature of that state and defeat Vest for the U. S. senate, who is a Bryan democrat.

The state board of equalization has completed its work for this year. The assessment of Multnomah county was raised 20 per cent. In several of the other counties there was a slight raise. This county seems to have escaped. The raises has added about \$9,000,000 to the property valuation in the state. Of this \$6,000,000 was added in Multnomah county.

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Table with columns: DEBITOR, CREDIT, GENERAL FUND. Includes items like July-From former treas., Co recorder's fees, etc.

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Table with columns: DEBITOR, CREDIT, EX-SENATOR EDMONDS' VIEWS. Includes items like July-From gen fund, August-From gen fund, etc.

self-respecting nation could do. "Should the president veto the resolution and it be passed over the veto, it would be a declaration of congress, which, perhaps, would have the same effect as if the president had signed it, if he, as the executive, should deem it had that lawful effect. But if the president should be of the opinion that the recognition of a new power was a purely executive function and refused to carry out the instructions of congress, there would be nothing left for congress to do but to either submit or impeach him for high crime and misdemeanor in refusing to obey what they regarded as a valid law. But I have no idea that the resolution will pass, so that question is hardly likely ever to arise."

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somewhere, since it cannot be much different from the transcript shown below. Treasurer Cary enters all money as soon as received into the general fund account, after which the amounts are distributed to the proper funds. It is possible that he should invent some other name for this account, but it should be kept under some title.

The account is here reproduced, with the method of monthly balancing, also several of the fund accounts, to show how the transfers are made. When the people come to examine the matter, they will be convinced that the treasurer knows what he is doing, and that he is taking care of all public monies entrusted to him.

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