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Bryan is now engaged in opposing Parker of New York. The Nebraskan has put his ideas before the American public twice. He is well understood and he has every reason to feel that the American voters do not believe in a large part of his political beliefs. Bryan may console himself that he is wiser than the public, but he is acting like a child when he attempts to limit the democratic party to a platform containing only his own ideas. Had Bryan been a great devotee of the democratic party he would not have permitted himself to enter in the Bennett will case in which he sought to obtain secretly from an old man in his dotage a legacy of \$50,000. His action in that case cannot be approved by any honest man. It was a descent to methods no better than those of the most unscrupulous corporations upon which he pretends to look with great disapproval. In speaking of the methods used in New York to put forward the candidacy of Parker, he used the term "burglarious." Yet this man was once a candidate for the highest office in the nation. There is just a possibility that David B. Hill will make the nominating speech for Parker at St. Louis, and if he does Bryan will get a sufficient answer. A last year's bird's nest is an object of interest compared with Bryan's "free silver" and his Kansas City platform. Bryanism is dead and Jeffersonism now has the ear of the country. Bryan is now certain to bolt the democratic party, and it will be only his second bolt.

The western states are at present in a better financial state than any other part of our country. The southern states probably come next in order, as their chief product, cotton, has brought a remarkably high price during the last two years. In the East the lumber market is overstocked, and while prices are not low the sales are net up to those of other years, and the lumbermen are holding for a rise. The iron trade is small and this has a noticeable effect on the labor market. The good condition in the western states is due to the amount of capital that has come in from the East and has been invested in timber and other western property. The business of the West is also done more on a cash basis than in the East, and this accounts for a little of the prosperity.

Argentine, one of the South American states, now exports more wheat than our own country. That country is being largely settled by Englishmen who are good farmers. We are now a poor third as wheat growers.

A lady physician, of Spokane, was accosted by a highwayman who inquired for her money. The sequel is amusing. The lady kicked him and he fell down on the ground and said, "Oh God."

There are some county officers in this county in which the sal-

aries are ridiculously inadequate. The office of county superintendent of schools is one of such offices. The salary is \$400 and \$200 expense account is allowed. We all know the large number of school districts into which the county is divided, and how far these districts are apart. The superintendent must necessarily have some other occupation, and there are few kinds of work that do not require a man's continuous attention and presence. No man having the qualifications required by the office ought to be held responsible for the condition of the school system of a large county like ours, and receive as a reward the beggarly pittance of \$33 a month. The salary paid the present superintendent has never been adequate, and the salary for the incoming officer ought to be raised so that he can afford to put his whole time in at the work. Nobody with sense expects an official to work for nothing. The salary for this county ought to be at least \$1000. A school system is absolutely necessary and it takes money to establish it. A great deal of the school dissension in the county is due to the fact that the county has been trying to get something for nothing. Everyone interested in the future of the county ought to interest himself in having this salary raised. The office of county judge is another underpaid office. Every road district desires more than its share of the county funds and the judge must see that the funds are properly applied. The judge must be familiar with the needs of every part of the county. He must investigate the expenditure of thousands of dollars. He must do other duties, and he is allowed the princely salary of \$50 per month for all this work. The salary of the treasurer ought also be increased a couple of hundred dollars per year.

Before election the Oregonian chided Congressman Williamson for not canvassing his district. When the returns were in it was found that Williamson had a tremendous majority. Even this did not satisfy the exacting Portland paper. It points out that Whealdon was cut deeply in Wasco county and says that Williamson people did the knifing. The opinion is expressed that Williamson should have been in Wasco and disarmed his followers. From other sources we learn that Whealdon was interested in dividing Wasco county, and that his course was unpopular. Whealdon is said to be a Moody man, and this alone ought to have assured him a large majority, if we have read the Oregonian aright as to Moody's wondrous popularity. Why should Williamson coerce his people into voting for Whealdon? That would be the act of a politician. Possibly the lively time that Whealdon had prior to election may have a tendency to make that gentleman a little more sensitive to public opinion. Two years ago it was the Moody people who did the cutting, but times change and Moody's star has disappeared beyond the horizon. He is today a reminiscence in politics.

There is now a steerage passenger rate on vessels from England of \$10. This is unprecedented, and the result is an influx of laborers that is likely to swamp the common labor market of the East. Rates have been so low of late years that Italians spend the winter at home in Italy, and work in the United States in the summer, and the cost of transportation is a small item. Austria and

Italy now furnish the bulk of the immigration. This is a condition that will soon reduce the standard of this country to the standard of living which prevails in Europe.

The success that has so far attended the Japanese arms is remarkable in many ways. Weak in cavalry they so conduct their campaigns that the Russians can gain no advantage from their excellent horsemen. It is said that the Japanese have a small machine-gun which can be transported on the back of a horse and is capable of stopping a Cossack charge. This if true shows how carefully the Japanese have provided against Russia's strong points. In the handling of the artillery the Japs have shown the highest skill. At the Yalu river the batteries of the brown men were so masked that the Russians were unable to discover whence the terrible fire came and were consequently helpless. In a battle this week the Japs captured thirteen of the sixteen guns of two Russian batteries, and the Russians claim that the Japanese fire was so accurate that the two batteries had been ruined before their capture.

The Oregonian is now in a peculiar position. It promised the good citizens of Oregon that were the president reelected, Hitchcock would not again be a member of the cabinet. Now comes Hitchcock with an interview in which he claims the whole credit for the victory in Oregon. He says that the work he did in this state in showing up and punishing land fraud is responsible for the large republican majority given the republican ticket. No doubt Hitchcock is proud to discover that a majority of Oregon people are admirers of honesty, and from this time on he will spend his time hunting land fraud and strengthening the party in Oregon. Now the question remains whether the republican majority was given because of Hitchcock's work or on account of the Oregonian's promise that Hitchcock would be driven to the woods were Oregon to give a good majority.

Attorney General Knox has been appointed senator from Pennsylvania to take the place left vacant by the death of Quay. Secretary of Navy Moody will take Knox's place in the cabinet.

Fifteen sections of land have been added to the irrigation withdrawals in Malheur county. The lands lie within reach of the proposed government irrigation dam.

J. M. Lawrence left for Prineville today.

James Hunter left for Prineville Saturday morning.

G. C. Steinegan, of Bend, returned Saturday from a trip to various parts of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippman were over from Prineville this week. Mr. Lippman was arranging his stock of goods in his new furniture store.

L. W. and W. C. Hammer, J. N. Commons and A. O. Lawrence, of Scotts Mills, were visitors at this place during the week. They are now up the river, but may decide to return and locate here.

Mrs. Hutchins, deputy organizer of the Royal Neighbors of America, will be here Monday, June 20, for the purpose of organizing a local lodge of that order. The preliminary meeting will be held on the afternoon of that day at the Pilot Butte Inn.

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2:14	Sink's	10:52
2:27	Wasco	10:45
2:35	Klondyke	10:30
2:43	Sumt	10:25
2:48	Hay Canyon Junc	10:1
2:46	McDonald	10:12
2:48	DeMoss	10:10
3:09	Mbro	9:50
3:15	Erskenville	9:32
3:44	Grass Valley	9:15
4:00	Bourbon	8:55
4:16	Kent	8:40
4:36	Whicox	8:20
5:00	ANEO	8:00

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