



Hon. Joseph Simon will be the Chief Helmsman to occupy a seat in the United States senate. Those who have preceded were Frank P. Benjamin of Louisiana and Senator Yates from Florida.

The stars and stripes were raised on all the public buildings in Porto Rico last Tuesday. We met the enemy and he was ours some time ago but the various details are just now being rounded out.

The Waterloo Reporter says: Life Young in his lecture in Indiana, stated that out of thirteen newspaper correspondents who were in camp with him at Santiago, eleven were stricken with fever and two of them died. These men had every comfort that money could buy, yet they fell with disease. They were not subject to the war department, yet the percentage of sickness and death among them was much greater than among the soldiers. The papers and people who have been so free with their denunciations of the war department should make a study of this statement.

Colonel Waterston to Colonel Bryan. There is reason to fear that Colonel Henry Waterston did not attend church on Sunday. He scarcely could have attended to that duty and have written the two and a third column entitled, "They say it up to you Mr. Bryan," in the Louisville Courier-Journal. It is in double column and double leads. In it Colonel Waterston tries to persuade Colonel Bryan that it is better that he should name the next democratic candidate for president than to be the candidate himself. The editor tells Colonel Bryan that he can name the candidate, and that there is a deal more honor and posthumous fame and less vexation in being classed with the Websters, the Clays, the Tildens, the Seward and the Blaines, than in trying to be president.

This is all very fine, but we fear that Col. Bryan will not be caught with that sort of chaff. If Mr. Waterston had offered to guarantee an audience every day in the year Col. Bryan, raging to let go the floods, might have accepted the advice. Col. Waterston begins by telling Col. Bryan "that the silver issue no longer affrights the souls of conservative men, being to all practical intents and purposes as dead as the issue of African slavery." He goes on to declare that the democratic party can win victories, but with "free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1," and "down with government and injunction" on its banners, but with the inspiring words, "The legions of Jefferson and Jackson against the janizaries of McKinley, Alger and Hanna."

This is glowing if vague. It might capture the imagination of Mr. Bryan if he were let alone, but those nearest him realize that he is a long way from the camp of the silver mine owners to the old lines which the aforesaid legions once occupied, and those who forced Mr. Bryan upon the party at Chicago know that they will be retired to the rear rank as privates when the party shall return to their old and now battered legions.

It is not however, difficult to divine the meaning of this appeal to Mr. Bryan. All the democratic newspapers in the larger cities agree, by silence and by opinion, with Mr. Waterston. The New York Journal months ago urged the dropping of 16 to 1; the Brooklyn Eagle comes back to the support of Van Wyck, and the Cincinnati Enquirer and the St. Louis Republic, by the acquiescence of silence, indicate the dropping of 16 to 1 by the democrats of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

We fear, however, that Col. Bryan will not heed the Kentuckian's appeal. Still, it might be well to send him a marked copy of the Courier-Journal containing it.—Ind. Journal.

**AS OTHERS SEE IT.**

Chicago Later Ocean. The Dingley law put the country in good condition for war and helped it every day during the war. It put the balance of trade in our favor before the war and it has held it there under the extraordinary conditions of the last four months. It was intended as a peace law, but it has done good service as a war measure.

Oregonian. Having banked up against the state an amount in committee-clerk hire nearly equal to the entire estimate, upon a legitimate basis, of the cost of the special session, the legislators of Oregon yesterday packed up the cupboards, waste-paper baskets, ink pots, surplus stationery and other movable property about the statehouse, and hied them home to gather strength for another lost in January. All of this is in the name of economy.

Oregonian. The appropriation of \$15,000 for the Oregon exhibit at Omaha, with the re-

commendation that as little as possible of the sum be used for that purpose, is a logical extension of the feeling, some years ago, by a Yamhill county jury of a verdict of "order in the first degree," accompanied by a recommendation of the prisoner to the "mercy of the court."

As the process of farming becomes more scientific and more intensive in its methods, the agriculturalist will see more clearly the relation to the other elements in the republic. He will find that it will not be necessary for him to go to the politicians for the rights that have been denied him. The farmers will make their influence felt at the ballot box. The people in the country and in the cities should work in harmony. They are dependent upon each other. Those who now imagine that the farmer can be hounded as he used to be may wake up to find themselves mistaken.

**WAR TAX NOT TO BE REPEALED.**

Many of them to be permanent. Senator Allison writes, and no Republican knows more about it than he. The originator of this great "Discovery," R. V. Pierce, M. D., is chief consulting physician to the great Irvin Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., at the head of a staff of nearly a score of eminent associates and surgeons. He has acquired, in his over thirty years of active practice, a reputation second to no living physician in the treatment of chronic diseases. His prescriptions must not be confounded with the numerous "botanical" remedies, "extracts," "compounds" and "sarsaparillas," which a profit-seeking druggist is often ready to urge as a substitute for Pierce's medicines are the product of wide experience and deep study. Any one may consult him by mail free of charge.

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**Weights and Measures.**

When we smile at the excessive conservatism of the English in refusing to adopt a decimal system of money, and sneering at their inconvenient reckoning in pounds, shillings and pence, are we sure that we are not throwing stones through our own glass house?

How many ounces are there in one pound? Twelve of one kind in one sort of a pound, sixteen of another kind in another sort. Three feet ten yards; five and a half yards to a rod. Thirty-two quarts in a bushel. An acre cannot be made into a perfect square, but is a piece of ground ten by sixteen rods, making forty-three thousand, five hundred and sixty square feet. A cubic yard contains nine cubic feet.

These illustrations show what a waste of time and energy there is in converting our own weights and measures from one unit to another. It is all needless waste, as we know from the ease with which we deal with our money unit.

Our reader will perhaps be tired of being told that in all the civilized world, England, Russia and the United States are the only countries which do not use the metric system for all purposes. If we are asked why we do not use it we cannot reply that our method is better. We can give no better excuse than we are too conservative, that the change is "too much bother," that we are too lazy to conform to a system which is as far superior to that we employ as the dollars and cents of our money are more convenient than the British pounds, shillings and pence.

It would be a bad idea for the young people of the land to organize themselves into a metric league, to urge on the change which must come sooner or later. Perhaps the present generation of statesmen is too "old-foggy" to bring about the reform. Let the school-boys and school-girls familiarize themselves with the metric system, employ it in their games, and make their opinion in favor of it known by monster petitions to the powers that be.—Youth's Companion.

**Ants as Servants.**

It is generally known that any small dead mammal or bird, when left near an ant-hill, will ultimately be found picked clean of flesh. The ants are clever and do their work quickly. It has been lately demonstrated that they can be useful in the direction of skeletonizing specimens. Professor Bernard, so says Popular Science News, has been employing ants as his servants.

While in Florida, he had a fox squirrel thus skeletonized in a single day. The only agents employed were ants. His method of procedure is to kill his specimen, bind it with wire in the position in which he wishes the skeleton to remain, and then place it near a group of ant-hills. The voracious ants do the rest.

The hemp trade is bound by no special condition to any one island or set of islands. It will go where the conditions are best. It may be said positively, that American tariff over Luzon would drive the hemp trade elsewhere. No commercial advantage need be expected from annexation, and the commercial interests already appreciate that fact.

As to the practicality of sending the islands, he said: It might be possible to seize the ports held by Spain in the past, but you are bound in mind the fact that there are plenty of islands where no Spaniard has ever dared to penetrate into the interior twenty miles from the coast. The savages would furiously resist any American attempt to govern them. They could not be conquered until this country had witnessed losses of American troops by disease and death that would exceed anything seen in the past campaign. In the Philippines an American or a European cannot spend the day out of doors with safety to his own life. For an army to attempt to penetrate the jungles where the natives live would simply be to court death for hundreds—yes, for thousands of American soldiers! It would be a tremendous sacrificial fee, and after all, I fail to see what possible gain could result.

As to the "great commercial possibilities," Mr. Peabody commented: I know of none. The natives have few wants beyond a strip of colored cloth, usually cotton of a cheap grade. There is no market in the Philippines for any important American products. Even the oil market is controlled by the Russians.

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Beautiful music was furnished throughout the convention. All came away feeling sure that our Sixteenth Annual convention had been the best in many respects held for years.

REPORTER.



The carriage of a business man's money is not a very rapid, but if it is not stopped it will probably begin to see its way into the most vital part of the body, the lungs. There would be very little consumption if every family would keep Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in the house, and use it whenever feeling "out of sorts." It keeps the entire body in such a high condition of health and forcefulness that wasting diseases have no chance to get a foothold. A teaspoonful or two before meals, in a little water, gives the digestive organs power to assimilate the blood-making, nerve-toning, strength-building properties of the food. It replaces worn out tissue with hard muscular flesh, and changes weakness and debility into active power and nerve force. The originator of this great "Discovery," R. V. Pierce, M. D., is chief consulting physician to the great Irvin Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., at the head of a staff of nearly a score of eminent associates and surgeons. He has acquired, in his over thirty years of active practice, a reputation second to no living physician in the treatment of chronic diseases. His prescriptions must not be confounded with the numerous "botanical" remedies, "extracts," "compounds" and "sarsaparillas," which a profit-seeking druggist is often ready to urge as a substitute for Pierce's medicines are the product of wide experience and deep study. Any one may consult him by mail free of charge.

That the various unions have been doing satisfactory work. Mrs. Shane, the treasurer, reports the union out of debt and a snug little sum still in the treasury. Many other reports were given and then the time from 12 to 1:30 was given up to a devotional meeting.

In the afternoon the president gave her annual address which was full of helpful and encouraging facts and suggestions along the various lines of our work. The evening was given up to the address of welcome and the responses.

Thursday was taken up with the reports of the various superintendents until at 3 p. m. all work was laid aside and a touching memorial service was held in honor of Miss Willard. She had expected to be with us at this convention and the empty chair draped in white and almost covered with a wealth of beautiful flowers and ferns held the place of honor during the entire convention.

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