

The republican party in congress is obviously afraid to face the problem of the deficit which it has invited. At first it took the ground that there would be no deficit. When it was compelled to place itself on record officially it admitted a continuous deficit for the present and the two ensuing fiscal years.

Now it throws out the suggestion that it may make both ends meet by suddenly stopping all the work of other and various improvement.

The suggestion is unwise as well as impracticable. While there is waste and jobbery in the river and harbor appropriation, there is a great deal of necessary and useful work under way which must be continued. The treasury would lose more than it could gain by such a step.

Then again, there is "spook." Congressional van to be re-elected - World.

Is it not paternalism of the U. S. Government to use its authority to protect its citizens from robbery at the hands of unscrupulous scoundrels, and surely there is no more deserving class of citizens than the inventors. Therefore we endorse the new crusade of Acting Commissioner of Patents Greeley, whose able conduct of the investigation which resulted in driving other swindlers out of the patent business is fresh in the public mind, against a number of so-called patent attorneys, who make a practice of swindling inventors by getting money from them to procure foreign patents, which they claim to be able to sell, when they know that valid foreign patents cannot be obtained on the inventions named, and that the invalid patents cannot be sold, unless an additional swindle is perpetrated upon some gullible person. Go ahead, Mr. Greeley. The honest men of the country are with you.

Another protest against McKenna's appointment to the supreme bench comes from Seattle, signed by the leading judges and lawyers in that section of the country, says an exchange. Really this appointment ought not to be possible, in view of its demonstrated and proclaimed unfitness. What does Mr. McKimley think of it by this time?

That issue of the Washington Post was carefully edited by which the discouragement of the vana merchants over the outlook for peace, reported by the Associated Press, was allowed to appear as a column adjoining the rose-colored letter from a "staff correspondent," purporting to tell of the rapid progress made by Gen. Blanco toward the pacification of Cuba.

The incongruous elements which were brought together by fright and the use of millions of dollars, and kept together long enough to elect a president, are now widely separated. Not a recommendation made by their president has the support of all the republicans in either house of senate.

Butcher Weyler would not like to lead an expedition against the United States as much as some of our citizens would like to have him do so. He would find it different—very different—from looting the Spanish treasury or attacking a Cuban hospital.

This Congress may be abused for much, but it should be given credit for opposing the retirement of greenbacks and the issue of gold bonds.

The democratic party at large endorse the action taken by the democratic members of the house,

in caucus assembled, in behalf of the Cubans, and will endorse any effort made in either branch of congress to help Cuba.

It is not at all surprising that the National Board of Trade, at its annual session, at Washington, should have endorsed the Indianapolis convention and its kid, known as the "Monetary Conference." "Birds of a feather," etc.

The failure of the republican leaders in the senate to start an aggressive fight for the annexation of Hawaii indicates that other republicans besides Senators Morill, Hoar and Pettigrew are opposed to annexation.

The cut of 10 per cent in the wages of the operators in the cotton mills at Fall River, Mass., is a little indication of Christmas "frugality" that may be expected.

The new Spanish Ministry has made no progress in Cuba and has lost ground in Spain. It will have to get a move on or it will be kicked out of office.

Mexican duels are killing affairs, and the survivor is sometimes jailed for murder. That's the way it was the other day over there.

Clear Reed isn't losing any sleep because of the existence of a decided anti-McKinleyish feeling among the republicans of Congress.

Out of every five dollars the government receives two is paid out for pensions and fifty cents for interest on the public debt.

Boss Hanna's grip on that senatorship seems stronger than his grip on health.

PROGRAMME. To be rendered by the Burns Band December 23.

- 1. "Return of the Troops" [R. Elenberg.]
2. "Lil and Lou Schottische," [Hall.]
3. "My Queen Waltzer," [Bucalisco.]
4. "Summer Idyls," (Clarinet Solo.) [Griswold.]
Ed. E. Larks.

- 5. "Glad to March," [S.]
6. "The Old Folks' Home," [S.]
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9. Baritone solo, "Dream of Glory," [Ripley.]
A. C. Welcome.

- 10. Selection, from the opera, "Robin Hood," [Dekoven.]
11. Euphonium Solo, "Flockton Polka," [J. O. Gasey.]
F. V. Jeffers.

- 12. "U and I Schottische," [Hall.]
13. "Fantastic Waltzes," [Zikoff.]
14. "La Poloma," [Yradier.]

—THE TIMES HERALD and Oregonian for \$2 in advance. Papers are now being prepared in New York mortgaging the O. C. & E. railroad for \$15,000 per mile, or a total of \$21,000, this fund to be used in pushing the road to a rapid completion. Work will begin on the eastern extension near Ontario as early in the spring as the weather will permit.

Edward Darby, of Huntington, who is now at Dawson City, writes to a friend at Huntington under date of Oct. 9, that "grub" was the leading question of that locality at that time. His party has enough provision to last until April 1st '98, and he added: "That is a good while to pray for our souls. A man is safe, though, if he dies here—he won't go to hell, for this is the farthest point from there, and no man has got below the frost yet."

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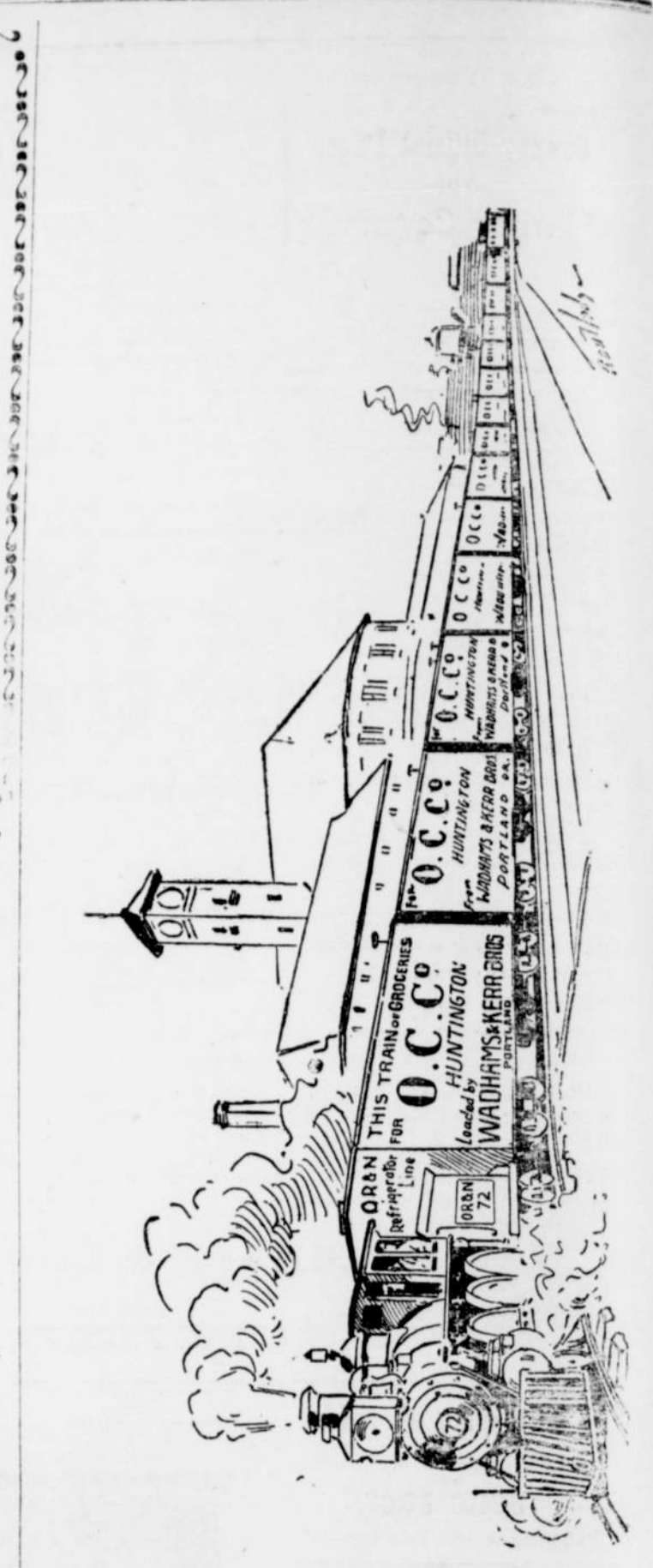
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