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MARK HANNA.

The legislature of Ohio met and a caucus vote for speaker was held. Hanna's man fell short three votes and would have been worse beaten had not sickness prevented some members from being present. It is believed that this is the full strength of the Hanna faction and that his defeat is almost certain. The opposition is led by Bushnell followed by anti-Hanna republicans and fusion democrats. It certainly looks very much like Mark was doomed.

President McKinley has given out the information now that international silver agreement has failed, to stand by the other money plank of the St. Louis platform, and sends word to the Ohio legislature to send him Mark Hanna to aid him in the perpetuation of the gold standard. This is fine. Couldn't be better work done toward electing a democratic president in 1900.

"We can look the Dingley bill over and can point to nearly a hundred million dollars taxes levied directly upon the poor people of the country and placed in the pockets of the trusts."—Letter of A. L. Conger, a republican and member of the staff of Governor Bushnell, in Ohio.

If the New York preachers, who refused Tammany's donation to the poor of their churches, donated from their pockets a sum equal to what was refused, it is all right; if they did not—and its dollars to toothpicks they didn't—they simply robbed the poor of that much.

Mr. McKinley would probably prefer continuing to jolly the silver republicans indefinitely, but if compelled to take a decided stand we have not the slightest doubt that he would declare for the single gold standard.

If there are any coal consumers who believe that they will derive even the slightest benefit from the \$40,000,000 a year which Pierpont Morgan says his new coal trust will save, they are simply deceiving themselves.

Secretary Gage, by his persistent advocacy of legislation to strengthen the gold standard, is doing good work towards the election of a democratic president in 1900.

A New York magazine has published an article on "How to Leave a Dining Room." That's easy enough done; the trouble with us is "How to Find It."

The man who had no Christmas turkey at least escaped the danger of being choked to death while eating it, as was the case of an old Maryland farmer.

A California farmer makes his own beet sugar by grinding the beets in a cider mill and evaporating the juice as he used to make maple sugar.

Although not so intended, the continual abuse of Bryan in the republican papers is an actual benefit to that gentleman.

Mr. McKinley's hold upon the silver republican senators is growing weaker and cannot stand much more Gage.

The chap who rocks boats in summer time is now engaged in enticing skaters to venture upon thin ice.

If the formation of trusts is the promised prosperity why it is here, and here sure enough.

China and the present century are about on their last legs.

You may think 1898 young enough to take up and spunk into submission, but just try it.

The Spanish government has opened the port of Havana for the free and unrestricted exportation of the celebrated Cuban tobacco.

This year comes in on Saturday and goes out on Saturday. This is a rare occurrence for a year to come in and go out on the same day of the week.

A scientist contends that the air is giving out. If this is so it will be a sad blow to the Portland Oregonian, for its editorial lustre will begin to fade.

Japan does not know what to do: whether to contend for a slice of China along with the powers, or help drive them off and thus get a slice for this.

Could a more astounding, deeper insult be given to the Stars and Stripes than that of burning the American flags on board the steamer, St. Louis by the Britishers? We think not.

Recent despatches state that the United States will be permitted to relieve the suffering among the pacificos of Cuba. General Blanco has issued an edict to that effect.

Recent despatches state that a detachment of insurgent troops are now on their way to fill up the gap that will complete the surrounding of the Havana province. Many Spanish officials at Madrid look upon the situation as being critical. Blanco has just received \$400,000 in silver from Spain as a war fund.

A prominent Chinese merchant of Seattle says he understands from letters received from China that his country will general an army with foreign officers and will wage war with the powers that want to tear her down. He says that the Mikado can put an army in the field of four divisions containing 10,000,000 soldiers each.

The American fleet in the Chinese waters is to be strengthened. What are we, too, stretching it?

An Englishman proposes to cross the Atlantic in an eight-foot boat. By all means let him try it. The world will not suffer greatly by the loss of one foot.

Around about the holidays they seemed to see Andrew's balloon floating in the sky up in British Columbia. Well, that's better than seeing flying snakes anyway.

Wood chopping is not a particularly attractive profession, but there are worse. Such, at least, would seem to be the moral of the fact when Herrick of Keswick one night threw away his ax and turned burglar and found himself dead the next morning.

Germany has a piece of China; Russia has made her grab; Eng appropriated Hong Kong and wants a lot more; Japan has a slice; France is reaching out, and the chief question before the house would now seem to be—where is our section of Celestial pie?

Closely following the news that an idiotic Briton is going to attempt crossing the Atlantic in an eight foot boat comes the intelligence that a rather more idiotic American proposes to make the passage about by means of a pair of patent "anti-walkers." No country seems to have a monopoly of fools.

An autograph fiend sought to obtain President McKinley's signature by sending him a check for 40 cents on some pretext doubtless expecting, in due time, to get the paper back duly endorsed with the Executive's signature. The plan did not work which seems to indicate that the President thinks his autograph ought to be worth at least 40 cents.

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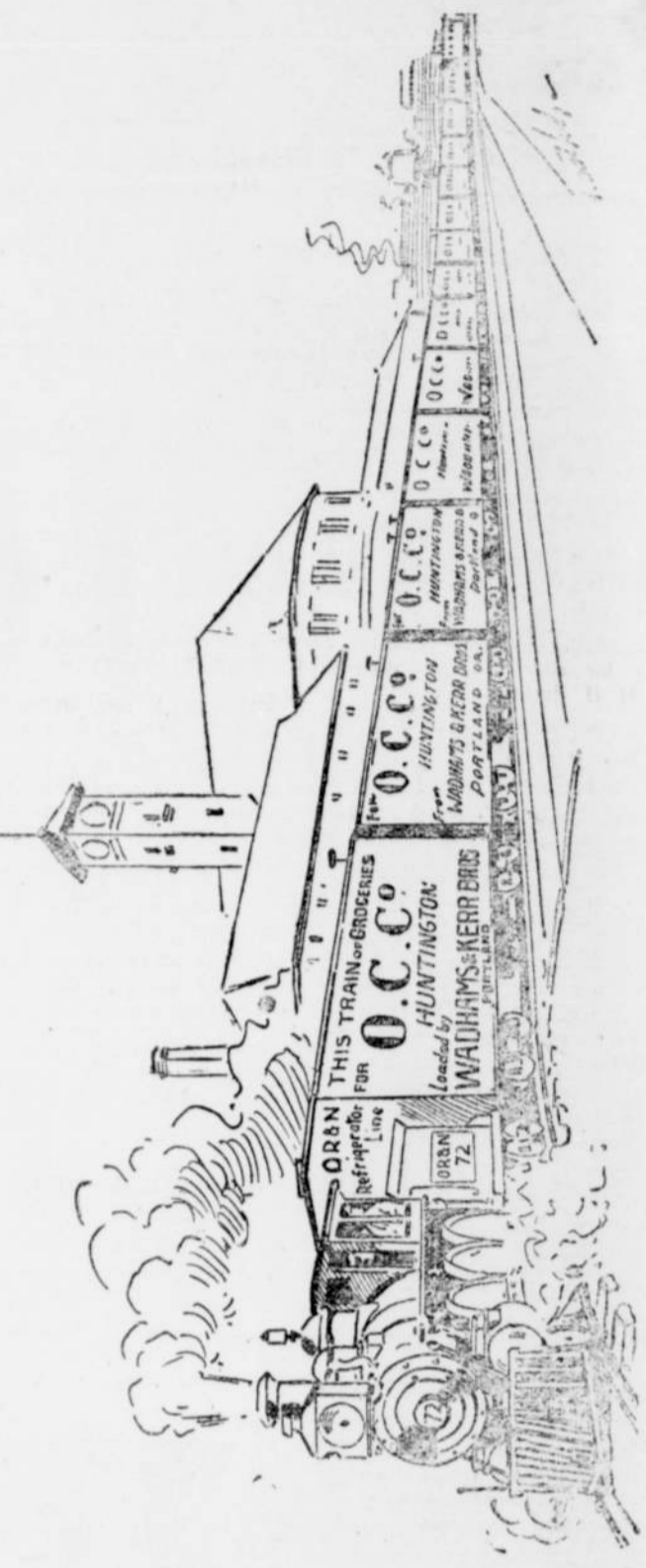
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