

It usually requires a gold key to open a legislative deadlock.

Congress is probably as deeply interested in monetary reform as Mr. McKinley is, but its idea of the meaning of the term is different.

The profits of the senatorial traffic in Ohio have apparently affected some of the republican members of the Maryland legislature.

The disease is catching. Some New York women have formed a society trust, the purpose of which is to freeze undesirable parties out of the swell society of the town.

An Idaho man, it is said, fell into a den of snakes and then drank whisky to cure the bites. Evidently his story was told backward.

We often see in the gold bug press that the silver issue is dead. But these papers that are constantly attending the wake are strangely afraid that the corpse is yet alive.

England has just issued an ultimatum declaring that all the Chinese ports shall be opened. We wonder how she paid "John Chinaman" for the privilege.

It is said that the Virginia legislature proposes to tax bachelors. There is little excuse for a bachelor in Virginia. To tax them will encourage "an infant industry."

Honest bimetalism is very much alive yet. In the last national campaign it was poorly equipped and had a hard fall, but it will be found all right and ready for work in time for the next presidential campaign.

The daughter of Gov. "Blood-to-the-bride" Waite, of Colorado attempted suicide because she failed to get a government position. She has a mania for office holding and became despondent because of her failure.

The poor of the cities who are to be dropped down on those abandoned New England farms are not to be envied. No man with ordinary intelligence is ever likely hanker after anything abandoned by a New Englander.

The combined silver vote is generally admitted to be a majority in this country. Therefore if the next president is not a silver man it will be solely because the silver forces allow themselves to be divided by the gold bugs.

Every time England refuses to arbitrate a disputed question with a nation weak enough to be bulldozed it lengthens the time that will elapse before this country will agree to a general arbitration treaty with England.

On September 2, '97, a U. S. sailor was permitted to go ashore at Japan and was murdered by Japs. Nothing done about it. On December 12 another U. S. sailor was allowed to go ashore and he also was murdered by the Jap boatsman and thrown into the bay. Nothing done about it. Comment is unnecessary.

Senator Teller rang the bell in the center of the bull's-eye of truth when he said: "It is perfectly plain that today the republican party is the party of the gold standard, and it seems equally plain that there is no distinction between the sentiments of the president and the secretary of the treasury upon the financial question."

The republican managers in the N. Y. legislature have decided not to push the anti-cartoon bill. The force of public opinion against such contemplated muzzling of the press was too much for them.

It is pleasant, indeed, to be able to agree with one's neighbor on the matters of public interest, if it can be done without violence to home vitality. Thus is it so with bimetalism. If not possible internationally, then independently.

"Champ" Clark, the breezy Missouri congressman, says of the Gage financial bill: "If that thing should be enacted into a law there wouldn't be enough republicans in the next house to call the axes on, and McKinley would be the last republican president."

The pledge of the republican national convention to promote international bimetalism is the most distinct and unqualified plank in its platform. This pledge was what brought the necessary votes for election. And now the leaders and bosses of that party are taking the lead in trying to promote a currency reform that will make bimetalism impossible forever.

The feeling generally, from county to state and from state to entire nation, is in favor of a combine of silver forces, including democrats, peoples' party and silver republicans. The state and national committeemen of these parties are now working in perfect harmony and union.

The much married Ellsworth Bates of Chicago will go to the penitentiary for at least a year for every wife he had. Seven of his wives have already made their appearance. A man who would attempt to seek peace and joy in the company of seven wives needs to have the strong arm of the law thrown around him to protect him from the numerous arms of his women.

There is a dispatch from Havana to the effect that Gen. Blanco will make an effort soon to meet Gen. Gomez, of the insurgent forces, to have an interview on the probable settlement of the war. Should he meet Gomez it will not be on the basis of lay down your arms, but on a basis of indemnity which the Cubans would accept provided proper terms were offered them. The war, in the opinion of some far seeing eyes, is nearing the end. If it is not on a basis of indemnity it may be war with the United States.

Every day brings to light a new convert to the great popular issue—bimetalism. Amson Phelps Stokes, the many times millionaire of New York, has written an article scoring the gold standard. One would infer from reading this article that the only supporters the single standard has are those who are prompted by selfish motives, their hirelings and a following of such persons who think it smart to be a "gold-bug" because Mr. Big-somebody-else is, never giving the matter any thought or reason.

The common stock of the sugar trust amounts to \$36,000,000. Profits for the year was 30 per cent, aggregate some \$10,000,000. If the stock represents an actual investment of \$36,000,000, a profit of \$2,000,000 would be fair. The other is filched from the American people. The main source of profit to the trust was in its ability to lay hands on the throat of the people and compel them to surrender. It is not much that is taken from any one person, but every individual is made to pay tribute to the organization.

The sugar trust is no worse than others. They are all alike in principle, though some are more successful than others in carrying through their plans for plundering the public.

That little discrepancy of \$7,000,000 in the canal estimates made by the republican officials may result in restoring the state of New York to the democratic column.

Republican congressman are much more intent on doing something that will secure their re-election than they are upon doing anything that would benefit the country.

The Oregonian.
Ontario, Or., Jan.—The examination of Edward Oliver, accused of killing Peter French, was completed at Burns, on the 7th inst. There was no evidence submitted on the part of the defense, and much to the surprise of the defendant and his attorneys, justice of the peace, M. L. Lewis, of Burns, precipitately admitted defendant to bail in the sum of \$10,000. The bond is said to be purely a straw one. Humiliation hardly describes the feeling of the community over the act of Justice Lewis.

Oregonian comment: "This is not very good news from Harney county. Peter French's slayer has been admitted to bail, with inadequate security. And yet perhaps it is not strange. Public sentiment here has been described as friendly to the culprit, and justices of the peace are often as accurate reflectors of public opinion as juries are. Murder trials cost a good deal in this country. And Peter French was a rich man."

The foregoing is taken from the Oregonian of Jan. 10. The first dated at Ontario and the second the Oregonian's comments on same. In the first is stated "humiliation hardly describes the feelings of the community over the act of Justice Lewis." The Oregonian says "public sentiment there has been described as friendly to the culprit and justices of the peace are often as accurate reflectors of public opinion as juries are." If the whole community is shocked because of the bond, then, how can the public sentiment be friendly to the culprit? The Oregonian never fails, when opportunity presents, to give our county and citizens a "dig."

Harney Locals.
Gen. W. Hayer of Burns, a prominent disciple of Blackstone, was doing business in our town Saturday.
Owing to the large and increasing attendance, the school board, at a meeting on Saturday decided that it would be necessary to employ an assistant. The teacher in charge was authorized to secure the services of Mrs. Julia Clark to assist him in the school work.
A sleigh load of Harneyites are making preparations to go out to Steve Woods' Friday night, and "trip the light fantastic toe."

A Venator was in town last week.
M. F. Crawford and son Chas. have gone to the railroad for freight for our merchants.
Mrs. K. J. Tudor has purchased Frank Bennett's interest in the Bennett & Clark band of cattle.
"The noble red man of the forest" is much in evidence this cold weather. While lofty aspirations may be his, yet he is ever ready to ply the "cooperation fiddle" in behalf of the "silver man."

Tom Blain expects to start for the famous Klondike region early in the spring.
The snilling physiognomy of our friend Jas. Morrison is again seen on our streets.
S. S. Williams was looking after the interests of the stage line here Saturday.
Among those reported on the sick list are: Mrs. Bert Bower, Miss Alma Bower and Mrs. H. C. Turner.

Harney is fast acquiring the reputation of being a place where every man is "handy with his props." No doubt some of these embryotic pugilists will some day make their mark in the fist arena.
[Lack of space prevents our publishing some very interesting items which will appear next issue.—Ed.]

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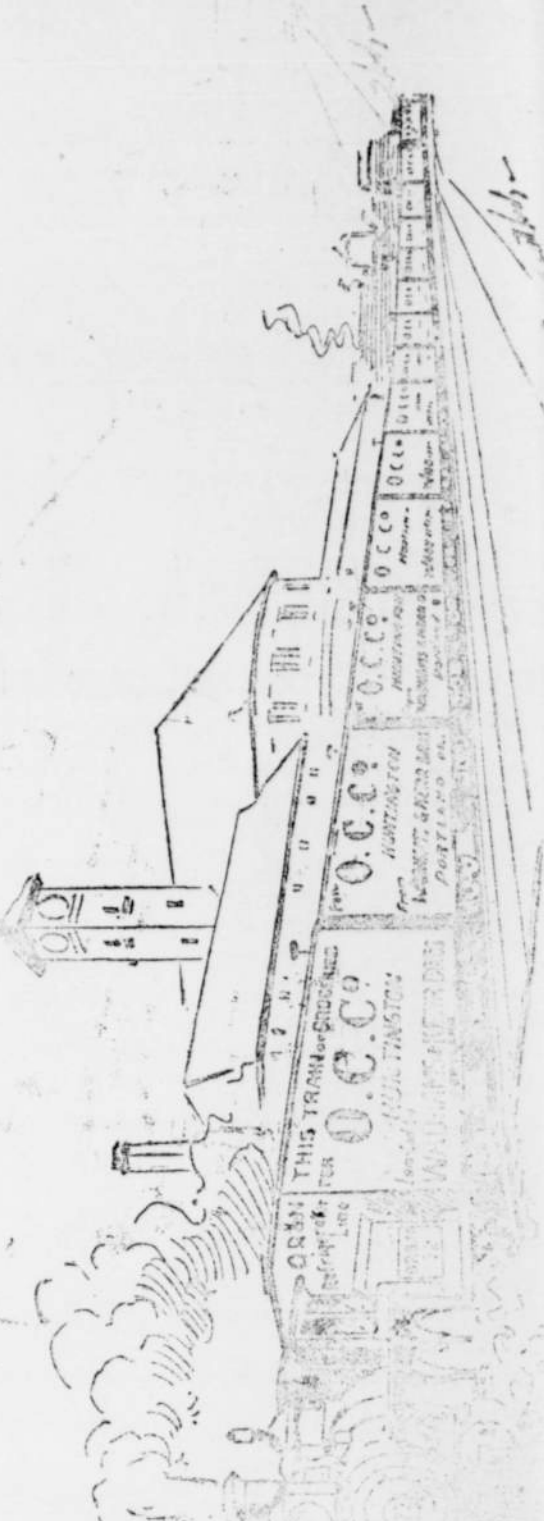
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