

THE RAILROAD.

The signs point pretty definitely toward the early construction of a railroad through Harney valley, and on to some eastern terminus. One thing certain, whenever the railroad is built across the Cascade mountains, there need not be any doubt about it being extended through this valley to the eastern border of the state.

Hon. Nathan Pierce, populist candidate for governor four years ago, is an advocate of union at the polls. In correcting some mis-statements regarding the county central committee of Umatilla, he writes to the Pendleton Republican as follows: "As an officer authorized to represent the people in this county and desiring a hearty co-operation of all reform forces in our next election, I will say that it may be taken for granted, without argument, that the candidates formerly advanced by the people of the democratic and silver republican parties for such offices as may be agreed upon in conference will be supported by the people's party organization with the same firmness which has characterized this party in the past."

The Southwest Oregon Reporter, published in Curry county and edited by Hon. J. H. Upton, the well known populist leader, says: "It is probable that the program in Curry will be, that the democrats will call a convention, also the populists, both on the same date and at the same time and place. Then, a people's democratic, silver republican ticket can be nominated, which would be entitled to a place on the Australian ballot, because that was the designation of the party in the Bryan campaign."

The gold press in dealing with the silver president of the Brown University, Mr. Andrews, are now trying to convince the board of regents that he is undoubtedly insane. Can it be that history will repeat itself and another era of Dark Age is about to fall upon us, when men will be relegated to various places of torture for freedom of speech and action?

Hon. William J. Bryan, in a letter to the N. Y. World, states that he found the Mexican cotton mills paying 16 per cent dividends and real estate on the raise. Many U. S. citizens have gone there to enjoy greater prosperity than could be found here.

"Through fluctuations in money," says Harper's Weekly, "the producer and the small capitalist suffer, while the banker and the large capitalist make money."

Louis McComas, sound money man, has been elected senator from Maryland.

David M. Dunne has been appointed collector of eternal revenue to succeed Henry Blackman at Portland.

Whew! The employes of the Wheeling, W. Va., Iron and Steel Co. have been notified of another cut in wages of from 15 to 40 per cent, the second since the Dingley tariff bill has been in force. Further comment is useless.

There are 83,000 more women than men in Massachusetts, and if the rush to the Klondike keeps up, it may be worth the while for some of the young men in the West to go East and grow up with the country.

In speaking of the proposed home in France for poor authors and writers, the Chicago Times-Herald says "it should be remembered that some of the poorest authors in this country are immensely rich."

Yes, the authors of gold-bug literature, for instance.

The Des Moines Register, a republican paper, says: "The republican party cannot compete with the opposition of a solid silver vote. The silver votes, too, are beyond reach. Baiting with something international and high-sounding cannot catch them now."

Harvey Scott, in answering the argument of free silver letters to Oregonian, plunges headlong into confusion with about as much meaning in his sentences as this: "This is a pitiful sight to see, and would recommend that the hearers either stand behind the curtain and read promptly or furnish him a gold-bug lexicon with a primer translation."

The dispatch of the battle-ship, Maine, to Havana is interpreted as one of the many indications that a war cloud may at no very distant date darken our political sky, says an exchange. Nor is this popular suspicion unreasonable, for the recent speech of Mr. Pitt was significant by its admissions of the Cuban situation was one of increasing gravity. Pitt is at the head of house committee on foreign affairs; he enjoys the president's full confidence, and his affirmation that Mr. McKinley would "not disappoint the expectations of his countrymen" can fairly mean one thing, viz., that the president contemplates forcible intervention, if need be, in Cuban affairs.

The London Times already begins to raise objections to the United States buying the Danish West Indian islands. The one unforgivable thing in certain quarters in Britain is the prospect of some other country acquiring a little extra territory.

A Missouri court has decided, in settling an accident insurance case, that death resulting from the inadvertent taking of poison instead of medicine is not, legally speaking, an accident. It would be interesting to know what the court considers it to be, then.

George Gould, several times a millionaire, made \$2 lately by serving on a jury, and he expects to clear at least \$10 before the court closes. Every one will congratulate Mr. Gould on his auspicious entry into the ranks of those who earn their living by hard work.

Captain-General Blanco proposes, it is said, to visit a certain Cuban chief with a view to causing him to desert the insurgent cause. The General perhaps knows his own business best—but the muskets that killed poor Ruiz for attempting the very same thing are probably still in working order.

Gov. Pingree, republican governor of Michigan, has the following to say as to the condition of his party:

"Many birds of ill-omen flocked to the republican party during the time of its power; undesirable tenants that are driving out the rightful owners. All trusts, all monopolies, every agency which is bleeding the country, have taken refuge under the wing of the republican party. King Boodle cries, 'I am the party and there is none besides me!'"

That Indiana man who hypnotizes his wife and, while she is unconscious, disjoins her bones and neck at will for the entertainment of the people who pay to see the disgusting exhibition, will some time kill her, perhaps, and then another audience will gather, without paying for the privilege, to see the bone of his own neck unjointed with no hypnotism in the case.

The strike question is much more simple at the Chilkoot pass than it is in older communities. A little difference as to the wage question having arisen there lately, the workmen quietly informed the offending contractor that he could give in or be killed, just as he chose. He gave in and all is now lovely.

The chance of the daughter of Crown Prince Rudolph, who has just been betrothed to the twelve-year-old King of Spain, to ever become queen of Spain is uncertain at best. It will be seven years before the young king will be allowed to mount the throne, and who knows that there will be a Spanish throne seven years hence.

It is evident that Veyler's corps of expert liars are now working for us, but they piled up entirely on such victory for the Spanish fool intelligent Americans, even for the short period that had to elapse before authentic denials could be received from Cubans.

The Teller resolution for paying bonds in silver as well as gold passed the senate with a rousing majority of 15, but it struck an Arctic chilling breeze in the house. The next congress will have a house that will concur with the senate.

Boss Hanna seems to have used cash instead of checks, and avoided writing anything incriminating by talking either face to face or over a telephone wire with the man he did business with.

All the money appropriated by congress for the relief of the Klondike gold-seekers will certainly be spent, but whether the gold-seekers will get any relief out of it is yet to be seen.

The house committee on banking and currency refused to hear the American Bimetallic Union, but they will be compelled to hear the American bimetallic voter, next November.

Secretary Gage may contemplate at leisure the check given him and his gold standard ideas by the senate, but he will find no way to get around it.

Bre'r Talmage wants all the free publicity he can get for his pulpit affairs, but when it came to marrying wife number three he preferred privacy.

The second assembling of the Indianapolis monetary convention, alias gold-bug bankers' linceys, can hardly be called a congratulatory affair.

Senator Hanna always tenses his political business and fear of the unwritten commandment—"Thou shalt not get caught."

Where is the woman who would rather be right than have the last word?

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