

G. O. P. now days stands for "Galling Ostentatious Poverty."

Big "P" now spells poverty instead of prosperity according to the latest version by the laboring class of the eastern states.

The name of McKinly is spoken in derision by the cotton mill strikers. They now call him the "advance agent of poverty."

Those republicans who think that the people of this country do not know that a vote against the Teller resolution is the same thing as a vote for the payment of bonds in gold only, are fooling themselves.

The gold press says that "prosperity is scared away by talk." It is not a very substantial prosperity. Had it been any other than that on paper it would have made itself more manifest in spite of talk.

Some of the operatives in the New England mills are moving to England because they can get "steadier work there at higher wages." They should be apprehended at once and put on trial for treason.—N. Y. World.

This is gold-bug prosperity: "Just imagine that everything is prosperous and you will prosper." It is just like the faith or Christian science cure—if you are nearly dead with the consumption say nothing but make posts just as though a man could do such a thing under existing conditions.

Some of the populist papers would like to encourage their "middle-of-the-road" followers by stating that in counties where a union has been perfected that "the democrats and silver republicans 'hogged' all the offices and left pops to hold the bag." This is a gross mis-statement, as we know not of any county in the state where the offices were not fairly and satisfactorily distributed among the different parties forming the union.

LOST!—Some where on the high seas, McHanna Prosperity. This much wished for being supposed to have sailed for this country some 16 months ago, but before arriving he found out there would be heavy duty imposed on him, and that was wanted to stalk over the country on one leg, so he steered for a more pleasant clime. Detective Reciprocity has been set on the track, but Mr. R. thinks he has been put on the case at too late a day.

It was very ungrateful in the Wheeling Iron and Steel Company to post an immediate reduction in wages, running from 10 to 20 per cent, and a demand for more work at the cut rates, on the very day before President McKinley's appearance at the manufacturer's banquet in New York where he bragged on the bettered condition of manufacture and higher wages for the employed. It leaves a loophole for a "fib" somewhere, don't you know. The workmen immediately threw down their tools, and, of course, made some unpleasant remarks about the Dingley tariff and the "advance agent of prosperity."

Oregon will open the campaign of 1908, being the first state to hold an election, and the result here will have no uncertain influence throughout the Union. The issue is practically the same everywhere as it was in 1896—the single gold standard against bimetalism. Let the silver-reform forces do their duty, and they will have set the example for other states and laid the founda-

tion for a victory in 1900. In only one way can this be done, and that is by a compact union in opposition to the trusts, corporations and money power represented in the republican party.

If the majority of the house represented anything else than the will of Czar Reed, its action against the Teller resolution would have had more significance.

The gold power in congress has decreed that no more states that would elect silver senators shall be admitted to the union. Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, all qualified for statehood, will have to wait until next congress, when the house will be controlled by the silver men.

It is more the lack of a foreign market for their goods than the competition of southern mills that has brought about the reduction of wages in the New England cotton mills, and the consequent strikes. With the right kind of tariff there would be a profitable foreign market for all the surplus products of our mill. Foreign countries are bound to retaliate when we have such an antagonistic tariff schedule.

Emperor William proposes to inscribe on the rifles of his soldiers the words—"The King's last argument."

The battleship Maine is having a nice quiet time in Havana harbor, but her position there, nevertheless, is very much like that of a man who stroll through an unfriendly crowd with a chip on his shoulder.

It is now proposed to reach the North Pole by going under instead of over the ice, a submarine boat being used for the purpose. It is probably as good a plan for fooling away money—and life—as any other.

A party of intending Klondike prospectors were banqueted sumptuously at Chicago the other night preparatory to starting north. Champagne and terrapin were on the bill of fare—an excellent introduction to beans and roast dog.

The latest report about Blanco's negotiations with insurgent leaders is that he is gone to confer with two of them, taking along \$380,000. The first thing he knows the Cubans will have that boodle, but not as price of a surrender, though, and Blanco will be in good luck if they don't get him, too.

Ratcliffe, the actor, once a matinee idol and now the inmate of a jail, is said to be on the verge of a mental collapse. Locked up, "dead broke," charged with perjury and bigamy, and with three vengeful wives on his trail—if he hasn't a decent excuse for going crazy, who has?

Two widows, each claiming to be the legitimate and only, weep over the ashes of Mining Engineer Gordon, who perished, with a third woman, in the Spokane fire. It was an awful death he died—still, had he lived, it is more than possible that warmer times yet might have been in store for him.

Press Comment.

The republican press is opprobriously using the word "fusion" and making it a bugaboo with which to frighten the timid. The union proposed in Oregon is not fusion in the general accepted version of the term, i. e., uniting of opposing political parties for the spoils of office; but a coalition of people having the same object in view made for the purpose of overcoming a common enemy. A successful union of the silver-reform forces now depends upon whether unselfish patriotism will prove stronger than party prejudice, and whether they

would rather go down in defeat separately or march to victory under one banner.—Jacksonville Times.

U'REN ROASTED.

Editor Fitch of the Oregon City Industrial Herald publishes W. S. U'Ren's resignation as chairman of the People's party county central committee and then gives him a roast. Fitch has been a staunch supporter of U'ren up to this time. He now says:

In this issue we publish the resignation of Chairman U'Ren with a very long and "rushing" argument to sustain his position, and through which he evidently expects to swing the committee into line and have his resignation declined, and his domineering leadership endorsed. His resignation should be promptly accepted by the committee.

Mr. U'Ren has not been asked to run a fusion campaign. He is simply asked to abide by the principle of direct legislation for which he has done such valiant service in the past. No populist has a right to say what the result of the vote will be, and certainly, every Populist should use his influence in every honorable way until the vote is taken to bring about the result he believes best, but bulldozing and domineering and chicanery are methods which ill become a Populist. There is to be neither a fusion nor an anti-fusion campaign until this question has been decided by the voters themselves.

U'Ren's colic to his resignation is devoted to the Mitchell-Corbett faction in the Republican party. He is very familiar and deeply interested in this "factional fight," but, in our humble judgment, had he and Mr. Young been less familiar with Mr. Simon and taken less interest in the Republican party's ranks and devoted more time to the upbuilding of the People's party and its principles the Populists, at least, would have been better off today.

There are two sides to this question of fusion. While a portion of Mr. U'Ren's argument against it is true, yet much he says is misleading and wholly in-supportable. That the Republican party is divided—hopelessly divided—in Oregon we grant. But what is of more importance to us is the fact that Populists are also divided. To assist one faction of the g. o. p. in this state in its effort to down the other is not our business, but how to everlastingly bury both of them out of sight ought to be our "paramount issue" just now. How are we going to do it; by pulling apart or by pulling together?

Our state committee in its wisdom solved the problem, if it is possible to do so. "We are evidently divided upon the question of union or no union," said the committee. "All together we can win, divided we shall fall. Let us refer this whole matter to the boys in the trenches who must do the voting and then a'vide by their decision. If they say 'middle of the road' let every man of us fall in line; if they say 'union' let us all, as one man, go in to win on that line." But, Mr. U'ren fears the result of direct legislation and proceeds to bolt his party and repudiate his "one-plank platform" for fear the people haven't sense enough to govern themselves. He is perfectly willing to lead his people but not willing to follow. He has builded a machine on which he is now preparing to break his own neck, or else he is insincere in the unfortunate position he has taken. In either case he can be spared as chairman of the Peoples party in Clackamas county.

It is with the deepest regret we have compiled together a number of a man we have always esteemed so highly and have fought for so faithfully, but, forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. A man who will repudiate his own faith and endeavor to destroy his own party, invites the suspicion and compels the resentment of his heretofore most faithful friend.

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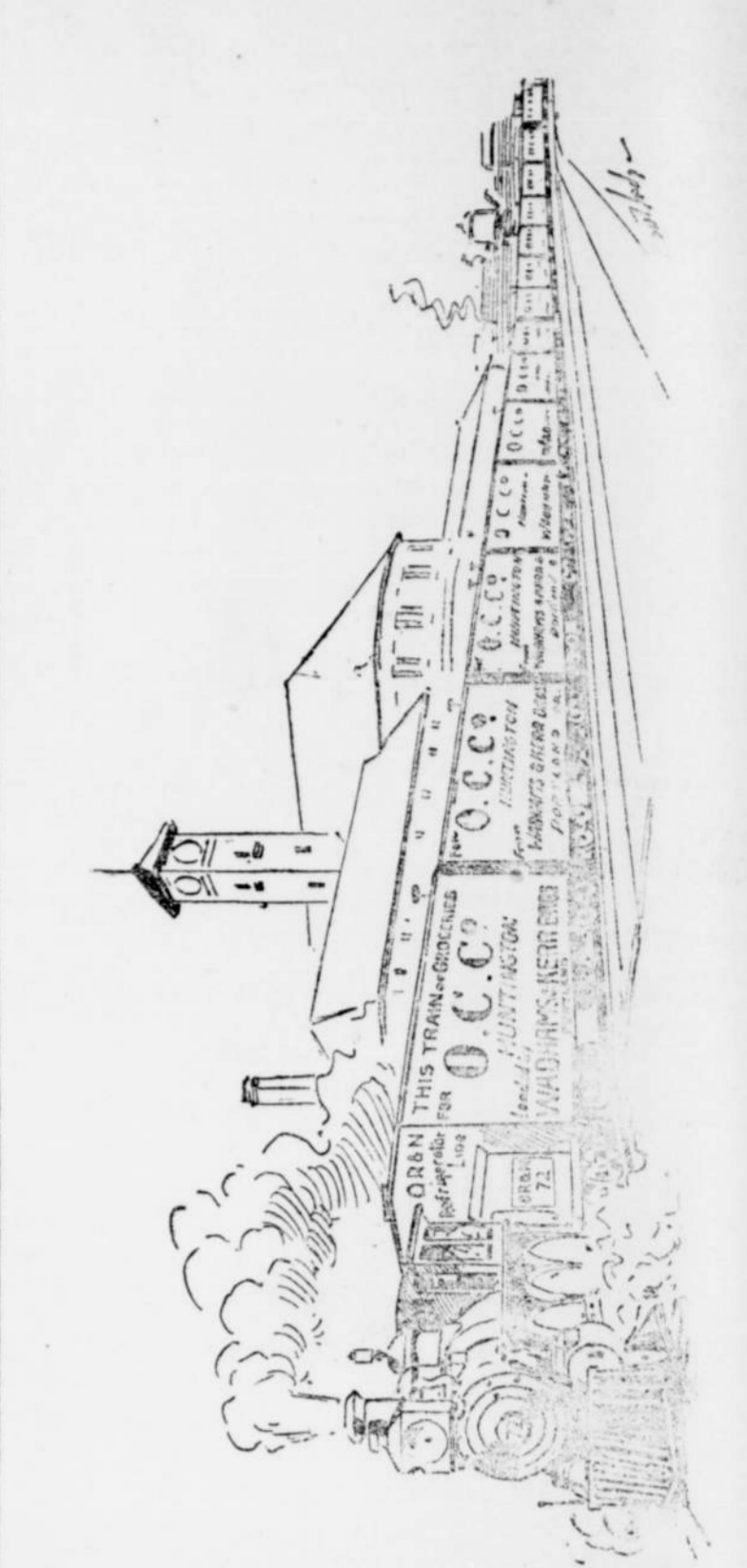
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