

Pendleton has a great "round-up" of cattle—men.

What's the good of an apology from those whose words cannot be accepted under oath?

A sucker may be born every minute, says an exchange; but if this rush to the Klondike keeps on the chances are the tables will turn and one die about as often.

It may be that Mr. McKinley has done something in connection with the de Lome letter incident for which he deserves credit, but if he has, the fact has not reached us.

The gold press objects to the establishment of bimetalism on the grounds that it would not treat our creditors right. The question is whether we are treating ourselves right. Charity begins at home.

In the waters of Havana Harbor the bodies of nearly 300 American sailors now bear dread witness to the folly of a "vigorous foreign policy" begun to late.—Ex.

The populists of Baker county, the home of John C. Young, have turned him down in no uncertain manner. At the meeting of the county central committee last week the resolution for a union of forces with the democrats and silver republicans was adopted by a vote of 14 to 6.

Even Ben Harrison and Grover Cleveland could upon occasion make the American eagle scream, but since the bird has been in the custody of Mr. McKinley he has to be able to find it for him.

After telling that story about Lincoln's anxiety to obtain a steamer in order that he might visit McClellan's headquarters and try to persuade him not to surrender his army to Lee, Lew Wallace ought to admit that the sense of humor was left out of his make-up.

The ill wind which is blowing on Chinese shores is already bringing good to American trade. The English government has placed an order in Kansas City for 200 tons of beef to be forwarded to the fleet in China; 1200 tons have been ordered by Russia, and big orders for canned goods for both nations have been received by Chicago houses. We wonder if Dingley will not make a speech in congress vowing it was his tariff that done this?

"The News" of last Saturday published a long letter from Will R. King, one of the fusion leaders of the populist party, and then proceeded to "pick" his arguments to pieces in a masterly manner. The "News" is fighting for principle in trying to prevent a fusion, and indications are, that success is about to crown his efforts.—Items.

Yes, indeed! The postal card vote counted last Saturday at the meeting of the populist central committee shows how successful the scheme is. More than two to one in favor of fusion.

Isn't it possible that under guise of the ostentatious friendly relations that existed between the officers of the Maine and Spanish subjects at Havana that a treacherous Spaniard could have prepared an "infernal machine" and set near to the magazine of the vessel and timed to make the explosion? If such should be, the fault of the vessel will indicate that the explosion occurred from the inside and our government would be the wiser. Let's fight.

New York democrats and democratic newspapers are taking courage of the gains and victories of their party in the town elections.

Ex-Senator Hill says they indicate democratic activity, and that "with prudent counsels and the avoidance of party mistakes in New York, the democrats have a good opportunity for carrying the state this fall." Senator Cantor thinks "it shows things are coming our way." The World, calls the elections a straw that shows which way the wind blows.

Last week A. M. Peery, of McMinnville, Oregon, bumped up against the Dingley bill, says the Telephone-Register. A window light in his house was broken and he took it to a glazier to have a new one put in. Upon paying for it he found the price of the glass was one dollar. The year before the same sash had been filled for seventy-five cents. Upon Mr. Peery inquiring as to the increased cost he was informed that the Dingley bill was the cause of it. Upon further inquiry he learned that the profit to the dealer was less when sold for a dollar than when sold at 75 cents. The man employed in setting the glass received no more for his labor than formerly.

At a trial before Justice Huntington, in Sherman county last week, a woman who was testifying against the defense became "rattled," and in answer as to how the scrapping was done, grabbed Mr. Hoskinson, attorney for the defense, by the lapels of his coat and literally mopped the floor with him before order could be restored, says the Observer. The illustration was much more forceful than dignified. The proceeding raised a question in the lobby as to whether it was Mr. Hoskinson's examination of the witness or Horsford's wing of the eye that caused the demonstration.

A little town of Newcastle, on the brink of starvation. Newcastle has 6,000 inhabitants, nearly three-fourths of whom depend on the Delaware iron mills for a living. Two weeks previous to Christmas the works shut down, leaving the families of 800 men without employment. The situation is becoming alarming, as the idle men are becoming desperate.

In selecting a new Minister to represent Spain at Washington, the Madrid authorities announce that they will choose a man of standing and who is acquainted with the English language and the condition of things existing between the United States and Cuba. Incidentally they might see to it that he has another qualification which his predecessor rather conspicuously lacked—a little common, ordinary "horse" sense.

People are willing to accept a good many tall stories from Dawson without wincing, but when they are told of men sitting on stoves and freezing fast to them in spite of the fire burning within, one begins to get just a little dubious.

A fool and a gun always constitute a dangerous combination. Minister de Lome's case makes it evident that a fool and a pen is also a risky conjunction.

Wife Murderer Lugert of Chicago laughed when sentenced to life imprisonment instead of the gallows. No one can blame him. It certainly does seem like a joke on justice.

A late dispatch from Madrid is to the effect that "Spain is fast losing his temper." She ought not to do this. She is in a fair way to lose Cuba, but she ought to try and keep something.

It is now assured that enough counties in the state will unite their silver forces to measure a state union, which virtually means victory and will put more silver men in congress.

The way the gold press is trying to keep the "middle-of-the-roads" whipped into line is queer and bears great significance.

The question of silver and gold is whether we are going to be honest with our constitution and independence, or allow the cold heartless creditors to "option" us into absolute slavery.

Political Notes.

The Wasco county Democratic central committee met the other day and adopted a resolution favoring free coinage and a union of forces opposed to the gold standard. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The date for the primaries was set for March 12 and the county convention March 19.

At the meeting of the Populist central committee of Benton county, held the other day, a resolution favoring a union of Populists, Democrats and Silver Republicans was adopted. A referendum election is to be held March 12, when the union in the state is to be voted on. Also declaring in favor of free coinage.

Mr. U'Ren rests his political hopes on discord and division among the Populists. They may fool him.

John C. Young claims to be an advocate of the "referendum," but refuses to abide by the will of a majority of the Populists in case it is in favor of the Union.—Jacksonville Times.

Musical Notes.

The brass band is a leveler of the people, yet it levels up—not down. True democracy finds its best illustration and advocate in this music, which does not, cannot speak for anarchism—though anarchists try, never so desperately, to make it. It is too honest, too patriotic. It does, and must, speak of patriotism, of home, of those public and private virtues, confidence, or adopted country,—respecting values. It fits as little the anarchical spirit as it does that of the aristocrat, who toadies to fortune rollers and buys one for his daughter. The aristocrat's patriotism is at a zero mark, much though he may sniff at the common people's love for, and enjoyment of, band music.

Put the musically unclean anarchist and aristocrat—as the physically unclean are sometimes put under a pump—under the band's music and pump Yankee Doodle, Hail Columbia, The Star Spangled Banner over them and into their ears till they are cleansed and fitted for the fellowship of clean, wholesome patriots.

There is an immense large country in the south-eastern part of this state including Grant, Lake, Harney, Klamath, and Malheur counties, that have no railroad communication with the outside world. This region has been settled for more than 25 years, has great wealth and illimitable resources of soil and mines, yet no railroad touches it, save on the extreme edge of Malheur county. This is perhaps the largest region in the United States in which and through which no railroad runs.—Baker City Epigram.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Democratic central committee, of Harney county, Oregon, that a meeting of said committee will be held in Burns, on Saturday, March 5, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of setting the date for holding the primary election, naming time and place for holding the county convention and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the committee for its consideration. Dated at Burns, Or., Feb. 12 '98 H. E. THOMPSON, Chairman.

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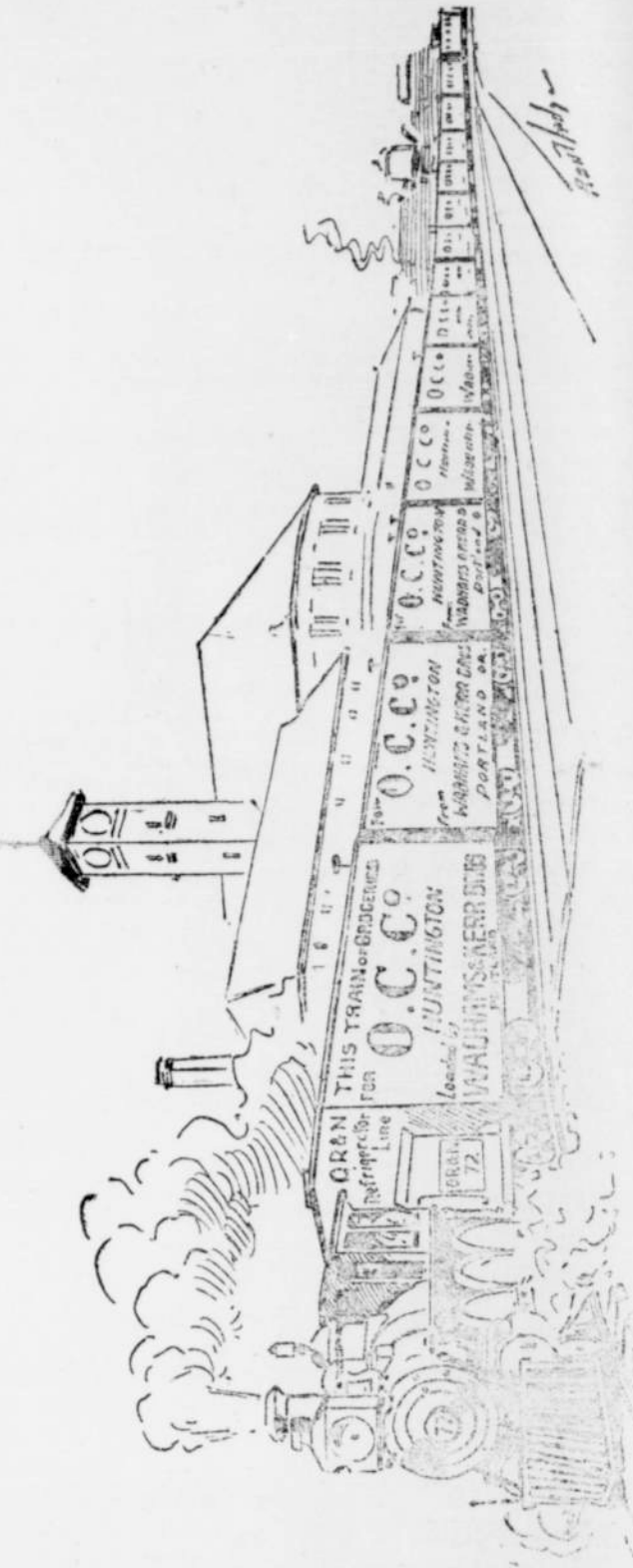
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