

SILVER CLUB.

The union or silver club organized on last Saturday night is talked of on the street as being a move on the part of populists or democrats or both together to force fusion in this county. This is a mistake. The purpose of the club is just simply a union of the silver element of this county, regardless of party, to give and receive information on the subject of finance and other political reforms now desired by the people, and the methods through which the object may be attained.

Fusion in the county does not enter into the matter, still a union of forces will naturally be a part of the discussion but not with the idea of forming a fusion ticket in our county. Fusion in the state is a foregone conclusion and advocated by a big majority of the silver element of the three parties, and no one who advocates this move, is, presumably, of the opinion that he has debased himself or his party by the step taken.

It is not the intention of the club to dictate a course to be pursued by its members; no man should be ashamed of his political convictions and to express his views in a gentlemanly manner when occasion requires, but we have some men, and aspirants for political honors, who strive to carry water on both shoulders and are only sorry they have but the two to help support this burden of currying favor with all political shades.

Those who are working that little scheme to replace \$300,000,000 of Spanish bonds, now held by European bankers, with Cuban bonds endorsed by the United States are wasting their time. They might catch the present administration—some say they have already done so—but it could not be put through without congressional action, and congress is directly responsible to the people. These bankers, seeing that Cuba is bound to be lost to Spain, are nicely trying to make money out of the inevitable. Spain deserves no compensation for the loss of Cuba, nor do those bankers deserve any assistance from us.

Another bit of Spanish trickery was the failure to notify this government that Lieut. Sobral had been relieved as naval attaché to the Spanish legation, until after Secretary Long had complained to the State Department of language used by Sobral in connection with the Maine disaster.

Unless Rev. Sam Jones has fully committed himself to entering politics as a candidate for governor of Georgia, we should like to say one word to him—don't. It may be possible for a preacher to take an active part in politics without injuring his usefulness as a preacher, but we have never known of an instance.

Hon. J. Sterling Morton is struggling hard to prevent the cold waves of oblivion engulfing him, but we can scarcely credit the report that he is desperate enough to throw his money into such a rat hole as running a gold standard paper in Nebraska would be.

It will be easy enough for the United States to give Spain a drubbing, but we confess to a little shivering when we think of another pension roll as long as the one we now have.

Those poor cotton mill strikers would have been glad to have had the money spent for that \$100-a-plate dinner given in New York Sunday night, to Attorney General Clegg.

The nation that has no higher patriotism than that of the pocket cannot remain a nation long.

Even the colored brother has caught the fever and wants to fight Spain.

We have about arrived at the conclusion that a Spaniard never tells the truth intentionally.

National honor is far beyond any fluctuation of the stock market that may be caused by maintaining it at all hazards.

There is a movement in France in favor of increasing the duty on American horses. Another effect of the Dingley tariff.

The Washington Post says Secretary Sherman is ill and unable to attend to his work. Didn't know he had any since Day took charge of the State Department.

The reader of our history cannot fail to note that whenever any scraping is done there is some more or less prominent member of the Lee family in the vicinity.

Free Cuba should not fail to erect a monument to the memory of those killed by the Maine explosion. That explosion hurried events as nothing else could have done.

Fusion has won in Minnesota. The union of forces opposed to the single gold standard and reform of the currency on the lines of the Gage plan is natural and practical and likely will prove resultful.—East Oregonian.

There are persons who make a wide distinction between the "National honor" that demands the payment of bonds in gold which on their faces are payable in "coin", and that which resents a slap in the face administered by a foreign nation.

In stead of sending a single warship to Havana the administration should have sent a fleet; they may be needed to protect Americans, when the truth about the destruction of the Maine is so fully established by the naval officers now investigating that even the Spaniards cannot deny it.

W. S. U'Ren, the populist leader, stopped off in Grants Pass on last Tuesday and spent most of the day talking politics. Among others, Mr. U'Ren honored our sanctum with his presence, and from him we gathered that he was taking a complacent view of the political situation. On the union question he claimed that he had been misrepresented by the opposition press. He is for fusion, or union, whatever it may be called, provided a majority of the party should favor it, and he would vote for it himself. He was and is opposed, however, to any coalition brought about by committees or conventions in advance of ascertaining the will of the rank and file of the party.—Oregon Mining Journal.

The Portland Oregonian keeps continually at work driving from the ranks of the republican party those who will not stand squarely on the single gold standard plank, and swallow that system of finance which the party has bitterly opposed since its birth, until recently, when it fell under the spell of the glitter of gold. The East Oregonian quotes from the Portland Oregonian the following interesting paragraph: "Whether the candidate is a supporter of the gold standard or an advocate of free coinage of silver is a question that will be forced in every congressional district of the United States this year. It is an issue that cannot be avoided. It is the only important question before the country. It has been pushed to a point where it can't be dodged any longer. It was, in fact, the issue in 1896; but the decision

then obtained, unfortunately, did not settle it. It will be the main question of our political life till the presidential election of the year 1900, if not for a still longer period.

Governor Bushnell wants to build a monument to the Maine sailors on the ruins of Moro Castle, but Mr. Hanna has decreed that there shall be no war with Spain. If the nation is really bloodthirsty the opportunity seems ripe for a renewal of hostilities in the Ohio Republican camp, which will give us all the entertainment of the war's spectacular features.—Republic.

Some one has remarked that we live in a grand country. We do. We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes; low valleys and low wages; big crooked rivers and big crooked statesmen; big lakes, big strikes, big pumpkins, big men with pumpkin heads, silver streams that gambol in the mountains and pious politicians who gamble in the night; roaring cataracts and roaring orators; fast trains, fast horses, fast young men, and girls fast faster fastest; sharp lawyers, sharp financiers, sharp-toed shoes, noisy children, fertile plains that lie like a sheet of water; and a thousand newspapers that lie like thunder.—Ex.

How to Kill Your Home Band.

Never interest yourself in its character of work. When you hear foreign bands in our town, applaud them, be they good or bad. Many people seem to think that all a band needs or wants is "the drinks" so when you are serenaded just set 'em up, our rent and other bills still come due with beautiful regularity regardless of all well meant efforts in "irrigation."

Bands are like unto Governments, it takes cash to run 'em.

Never have a kindly word for our home musicians, criticize them harshly, find fault with the music, compare it with that of the highest professionals, forget that a kind word counts for a great deal for those who are doing their best.

Growl deeply when you are asked, perhaps, to give a dime towards the band's support. Tell 'em to pay their own bills, and not be continually begging. Forget all about the pleasure that the band gives to thousands who love music. Kick, growl, and place your patronage with outside bands, and your home band will in a short time be dealer's n' a herring.

Our next sermonette will be on "How to make our home band prosper."

Ed. Calwell of Burns came over a few days ago on a visit to his foster parents Mr. and Mrs. Livingston.—Canyon News.

Wm. Atlow, Jr., and Donald McDonald sold their saloon at Drewsy to the Johnson brothers of that place last week, and passed through here on their way to Klondike.—Vale Advocate.

W. C. McClain proprietor of the Burns hotel, has been at Mr. Armstrong's warm spring near Mount Vernon for some time taking baths for rheumatism. Mr. McClain is so far improved that he was in town yesterday on his way home.—Canyon News.

E. H. Test returned from the east Thursday. He says he had a pleasant time and a good visit to his old home in Pennsylvania. The weather is nice everywhere except in Chicago. Mr. Test bought a large and fine line of goods for the O. F. Co store and will open the campaign for the summer trade with prices that will beat everything on record.—Ontario News.

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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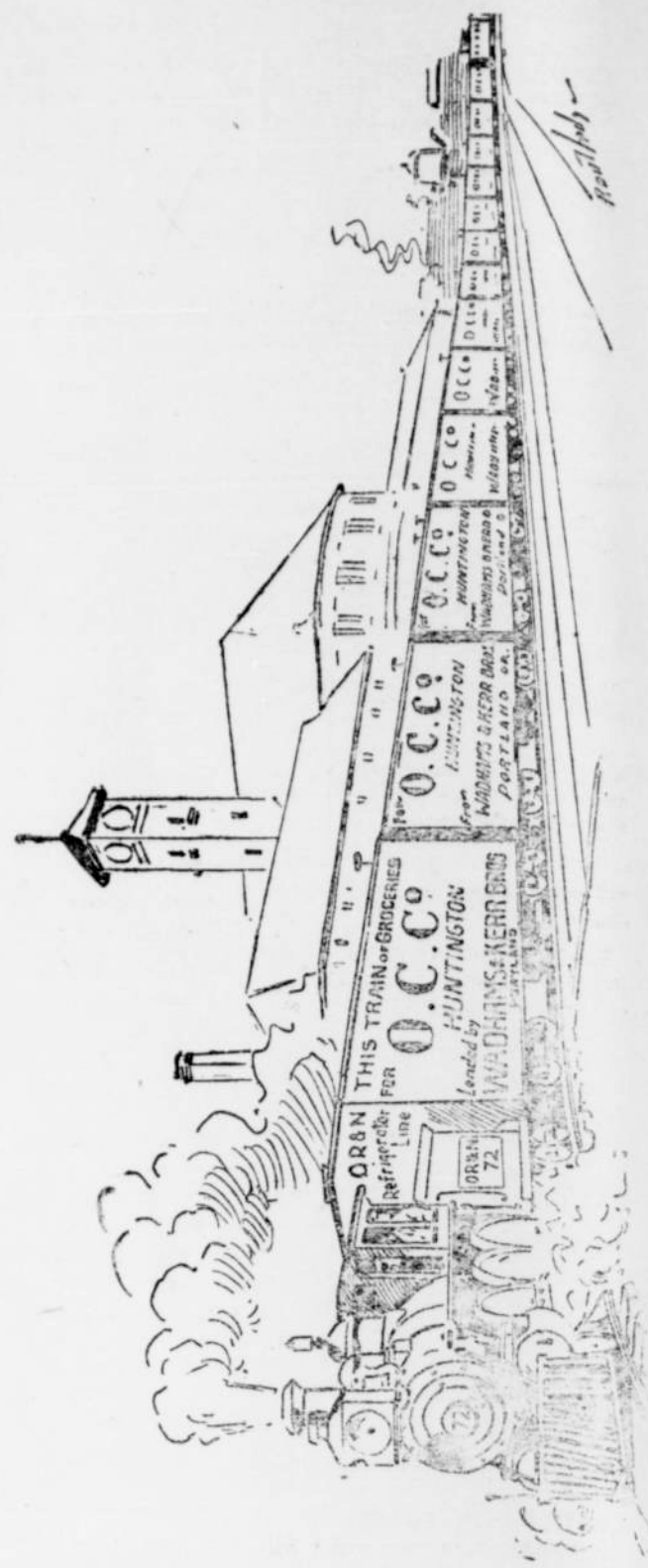
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