

Cuba has succeeded in pushing Hawaii into a lack seat, for the time.

Mr. McKinley's opportunity is great, if taken in time, but if he lets it go by his place in history will be envied by none.

Those who are so woefully counting the money cost of whipping Spain are the same chaps who favor accepting an indemnity for the loss of the Maine and its men.

Nebraska people have been given an object lesson in corrupt jury practices by the verdict of a jury, against explicit instructions from the court, that the bondsmen of Bartley, the defaulting treasurer, were not liable for his shortage.

The passengers on the crippled French Steamer La Champagne were more fortunate than were the crew of the battleship Maine.

Value is the estimation of man. It never is in a thing. This is proved by the fact that if value were in a thing it would always be there and it would have the same value to-day, to-morrow, next year and until time out of mind.

Wallace McClamant, a prominent lawyer and politician of Portland, was in the city yesterday and left on an afternoon train for Salt Lake.

The Governor is opposed to an extra session, which would likely result in the election of Mr. Mitchell, but on account of the uncertainty of the coming election in that state the national committee will, it is thought, bring such powerful pressure to bear on the governor that he cannot resist calling the legislature together to insure the election of a republican senator.

Mr. McClamant is of the opinion that T. T. Geer will be the republican nominee for governor of Oregon and he considers Governor Lord's nomination hopeless.

By the way, speaking of tax-dodgers, how does Ben Harrison size up with the Indianapolis assessors?

If Mr. McKinley is not supported by the entire country in the policy that he adopts in dealing with the distraction of the Maine it will be entirely his own fault.

If a democrat or a populist had made that speech of Ben Harrison's, charging the rich with systematic tax-dodging, he would have been held up as an anarchist long before this.

One thing can be set down as absolutely certain. The American people will never consent to the idea advanced by the administration of accepting money from Spain as satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine.

If Nicaragua and Costa Rica wish the little war, they are said to be preparing to engage in, to attract any attention, they had better pull it off before the big show begins.

Wall Street would gladly pay the entire cost of the war with Spain if thereby it could secure legislation making all U. S. indebtedness, bonds or otherwise, payable in gold.

The peace-at-any-price preacher has been meddling with the Maine affair. His name is Johnson, and he is Mr. McKinley's pastor, but we are glad to add that he was born in Canada.

Becoming a U. S. Senator does not abridge a man's right to travel as far as he can pay his way, or get a pass, but must strike most persons that Senator Proctor's duty at this critical time is in Washington, and not in either Florida or Cuba.

Patriotic Americans want no blood-money from Spain; they want nothing short of an opportunity to give Spain such a thrashing as will for a hundred years to come cause the nations of the world to beware of an act of treachery towards the American flag or towards an American citizen.

The silver men in Congress are too wide awake to allow advantage to be taken of the existing situation to get authority for a war loan in gold bonds. They will vote for the issue of as many "coin" bonds, such as the government now has outstanding, as may be needed to conduct a war in defense of our national honor, but they will not vote for the issue of a single "gold" bond for any purpose.

W. R. KING ON THE SITUATION.

By request of a number of leading populists of this county, who are in favor of a union of forces in the coming election, and who have been misrepresented by the masses of the road press, we publish the following from the Oregon City Herald:

At the request of many friends in our party I will say a few words through your paper on the question of union of reform forces at the coming election. I think I receive all of the middle of the road papers in the state and as yet I fail to find one that states our position as it really is. They, and all middle of the roaders seem to be constantly "borrowing trouble" and fighting against something that no one is advocating, with the exception of possibly a very few individuals. They set up an imaginary object and then waste their energies fighting it. They oppose the abandonment of the people's party organization and the organization of a new party; they oppose office seeking and abandoning principle, while as a matter of fact I don't think there are half a dozen populists in the state of Oregon who would either of these propositions which for union or against it. They want is the effect of such positions, as taken by the middle of the road papers and agitators?

It is to prejudice the minds of many against the union movement which is advocating nothing of the kind. It brings before the

of the primaries something to vote for or against which no "unionist" is advocating. The position we all occupy, who favor an alliance of all reform forces, whether populist, democratic, or other republican parties, is that we shall in our own party organizations have agreed upon a platform embracing the financial, banking and direct legislation questions and nominate, but one and the same set of candidates, each party to be apportioned such representation upon the ticket as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the voting strength of such parties. This can be done by a conference committee appointed by each convention reporting the apportionment of candidates to the respective parties and reporting a platform acceptable to the three parties on the question of office suggested, such reports to be accepted by each convention—the conditions to be as follows: Each party will make the nominations awarded to, and accepted by them, and report same to other conventions for their approval. If the proper platform is not adopted we can refuse to occur. If men acceptable to the populist convention are not nominated by the other two conventions we can refuse to accept them.

The fact that each nomination must be acceptable to the other two forces insures the nomination of the best men in all three parties. When the entire ticket is nominated by the three conventions, then they can appear on the ticket as they did during the last presidential election. The plan suggested I find in the mode of procedure favored by nearly who now advocate a union of reform forces. Why any populist should oppose it is difficult to understand; but a matter of fact few do oppose such a course, but the opposition as strong is made by middle-of-the-road populists against the "borrowed trouble" I have first referred to—something that does not exist, except as a "night mare" in the minds of a few who oppose our position and, in order to be able to fight us with something that might appear as argument, formulate a dangerous theory, allege (wrongfully) that such theory is ours, and then fight it.

In the days of Cleveland Democracy and before the silver wing of the Republican party broke away from the national organization, such fears of the middle-of-the-road forces would have some foundation. But since the national conventions of 1892 we find these forces with us on the financial and banking questions; and find they are willing to go still farther with us and adopt direct legislation as one of their planks and help us to obtain it. They are with us on the financial question and willing to adopt direct legislation; and does not "direct legislation" include all our other theories and propositions which it shall be put into operation. Then where is the difference between the three forces, as they stand? We are assuming they will be a union of the theory and above the lines above suggested, of course, for if that cannot be agreed upon it is generally conceded that there will be no union.

The democrats and silver republican forces offer to assist us to obtain our principal demands. Shall we accept their services and succeed, or shall we refuse and fail? But you say that you cannot trust them. If you cannot do so then why waste time and expenses of a campaign. We cannot succeed without getting recruits from one force or the other, and if we cannot trust them so long as they are calling themselves democrats and silver republicans, can you trust them after they discard their titles? Are you any more honest and faithful now than you were when you waded under other party names? If so, why is it that your party has always contended that there is "nothing in a name." You cared nothing for a "name" when you left the old parties, then why become a slave to party names at this stage of the fight, when nothing but party names stands between us and the success of our principles? We do not surrender our party organization, nor do we surrender our party names. Then if we should differ from the other forces in opinion as to how we can best get populists to avail in single issues why would we "steal the lead" by being first to drop our party names and go to work?

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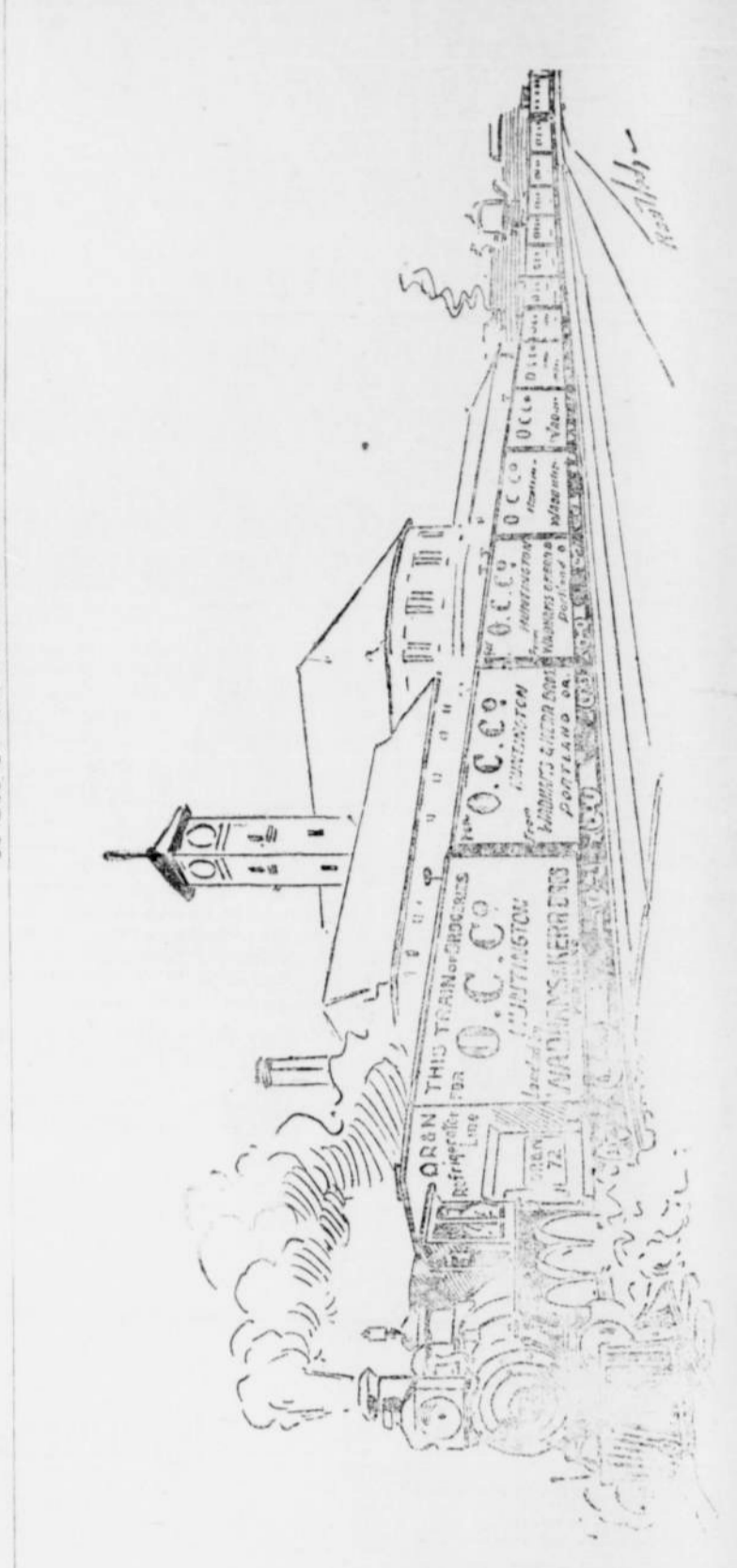
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