

We are urged along with the balance of newspapers to use our little influence and exertion to get the next legislature to appropriate \$250,000 to erect buildings to make a display of our State at the World's Fair. All this excitement and enthusiastic appeal to the people of Oregon to carry a measure through the legislature, which will be, of course, a great benefit to the State, or at least a part of it, we cannot certainly say that it will materially benefit our part of the State, neither are we prepared to say it will profit the State \$250,000 worth.

The most of the matter we have read on the subject and the address by the board of commerce to the State, assume the position that it is more a matter of pride than the good we are likely to derive from it.

The reforms sought for in our government and recommended by the Farmer's Alliance, are wholesome and necessary. To their platform there can be no reasonable objections made by thinking and unprejudiced minds. That the government should have control of our railroad system we believe is favored by every one not directly interested in the business.

Equal taxation upon all kinds of property, is another feature to which there can be made no objection; no fair minded individual can say there is anything wrong in that. Free coinage of silver and making it a legal tender for all debts, is another very important plank in their platform. If silver is money it should be taken as such and at par; and if it isn't money quit coining it.

This deficiency in the value of silver and paper money making gold the standard is nothing more or less than the enactment of laws by congress to favor the moneyed monopoly.

The forfeiture of all unearned land grants, is another plank that every one should hail with delight. Thousands of acres, which are claimed by corporations, have never been earned. We believe we can safely say that three-fourths of the land given to railroad and wagon-road corporations, and approved as swamp land and held by States, and claimants as such, should now belong to actual settlers or the government.

Another good thing the Farmer's Alliance advocates is no more tax than is necessary to carry on the expenses of the government.

Stringent laws to prevent gambling in farm products, is another good clause.

The Australian ballot system, and a preventive of Alien non-resident ownership of land, etc.

But believing these reforms reforms necessary. Is it policy for the Alliance to try and bring about this reformation through a third party? or would it be better for all citizens concerned and advocating these measures of safety, equity and justice, to, if possible, compel one or both of the old parties to adopt the measures of reform, so earnestly desired by the Alliance and laboring men of our nation? Are there not danger in a hasty organization of a third party that it will meet with the same fate of the True American party, the prohibition and Greenback parties? If such should be the result, it would be hoisted out of existence making the old parties more bold in lending aid to monopolies, and legislating more favorably than ever to the interest of these corporations and syndicates that the people oppose so bitterly.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Senator Gorham, who provided himself such an able and capable leader during the last session of Congress, was by general consent recognized as commander-in-chief of the democratic Senatorial army as soon as it became evident that Mr. Harrison and the radical republican leaders had succeeded in whipping the weak-kneed republican Senators into voting to take up the Force bill, and this spontaneous was efficiently ratified by the democratic caucus which met the 3d inst. The policy of the democrats in the fight over this infamous partisan measure, which is likely to become one of the most famous in congressional annals, is to reserve their strength until the republicans attempt to change the rules of the Senate, which is a necessary prelude to the passage of the bill. Unless revolutionary tactics are adopted this change cannot be accomplished, because it must otherwise be accomplished under those very rules. When the attempt is made, as it is certain to be, the democratic watch-words will be eternal vigilance and war to the death, and the people of the country may rest assured that nothing will be left undone to defeat the intentions of the desperate and despairing republican leaders.

By a curious coincidence Mr. Blaine chanced to be a visitor to the diplomatic gallery of the Senate in company with the Brazilian naval officers who have been visiting us, just at the time when the Force bill was being read, and it must have required all his self-possession to prevent the contempt he feels for that measure from showing itself in his countenance.

Mr. Harrison has caused it to be semi-officially hinted that he would veto a free silver coinage bill should Congress pass one, but that fact has not prevented a dozen or more Senators and Representatives, at least half of them republicans, from introducing bills providing for free coinage, and Senator Teller has stated that he has positive assurances that such a bill will pass the Senate, and that he believes it will also pass the House.

Mr. Harrison seems to learn nothing but experience. He has introduced a bill at the last session in regard to the River and Harbor bill, which he afterward signed notwithstanding it carried one of the largest appropriations ever carried by a similar measure. He made no suggestion in his political harangue to the republican party, called by courtesy his annual message to Congress, for the financial relief of the people, and he compelled his Secretary of the Treasury to cut out of his annual report a recommendation for the issue of an incontrovertible 14 or 2 per cent bond, which might have afforded some relief by increasing the volume of our currency; therefore he should not be surprised if the Senators and Representatives fresh from personal contact with the people and conversant with their needs should attempt to supply them.

One bill has been introduced in the Senate by a republican—Senator Cullom—which most of the democrats would gladly vote for, if they could get a chance. It provides for one cent letter postage, which Mr. Harrison, in his anxiety to talk partisan politics, forgot to even mention in his message.

Quite a number of bills have been introduced in the House and Senate to repeal certain sections of the McKinley tariff act, one of the most notable of which is that introduced by Representative McCreary of Kentucky to put what he very aptly calls the seven blessings of mankind, tin and tin plate, cotton ties, agricultural implements and edged tools, binders twine, blankets, worsted for men and women's clothing and salt, upon the free list. If Boss Reed and his benches would allow this bill to get before the House it will go through the House "quicker than a streak of greased lightning" as the saying is, but you may be sure that they will not do it. It would hurt some of the wealthy men for whose "protection" the republican party exists.

The Pension appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1891, has been reported to the House. It appropriates \$135,099,785, and those well informed say that it is less by from thirty to seventy millions of dollars than will be required to pay the pensions during the year. Look out for mischief when this bill is discussed in the House. Some peculiar republican pension methods are to be shown up by the democrats.

Communication From Drewsey.

I saw, a short time ago, in the Grant County News, reference made to some of our citizens having expressed a desire to get back into Grant county.

Now let us reflect a little on this subject. Would it be of any benefit to any one in our section of country? Or did this expression come from any of our heavy taxpayers? We are told not.

Now compare these two counties. Which county is run on the most economical basis? Look at the tax levies, they show for themselves; Grant county's tax levy is 28 mills on the dollar, and our tax levy is 20 mills. We have one case in this county where the witness fees on record amount to \$1000, still the county board expects to make both ends meet and properly balance. It is true we have no court house, but Grant county stands a very good show to build one at Long creek; and how would Grant county then be for high. Our people taking into consideration the snow between us and what would then be our county seat, we think our people should be satisfied, or if any dissatisfaction at all expressed it should be a prayer for a straight line in Silver valley which would give Harney county more territory.

But we demand nothing only to be let alone by our body of lawmakers; and we think the idea of getting back into Grant county originated in the minds of a few sore-heads, who have been officially disappointed, or would like very much to become prominent in order to get office.

Resolutions of the Teacher's Institute.

Resolutions passed at the second session of the Harney county Teachers' Institute, held at Burns, Nov. 24, 25 and 26, followed by a list of names of teachers who were in attendance:

1st. Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute be tendered to Supt. Newell for the very able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations and for the great interest he has taken to make it a success.

2d. Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to Prof. McCoy, Miss Young and others, for the excellent music furnished during the session of the Institute.

3d. Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute be extended to the Burns Band for the music rendered at our evening sessions.

4th. Resolved, That Mr. W. E. Grace and J. T. Silman have our thanks for material furnished by them in aid of the Institute.

5th. Resolved, That our thanks be given to the trustees of the Burns church for the use of their building.

6th. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the hotels of Burns for the reduction of rates made in board and lodging to the teachers.

7th. Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute be extended to the people of Burns and vicinity for the interest they have taken in making our deliberations pleasant and successful.

8th. Resolved, That we thank all who have so willingly come forward and aided us in our evening entertainments.

9th. Resolved, That Teachers' Institutes are highly beneficial in promoting the cause of education, and that the daily and punctual attendance of all teachers is absolutely necessary to make their profession a success.

10th. Resolved, That the non-attendance of any teacher at the annual Institute of the county without a valid excuse, is deserving of the severest censure and that such teachers should be reprimanded by County Superintendent.

11th. Resolved, That we earnestly request Supt. Newell to exert his utmost endeavors to secure a two week's Institute next year, and to procure an instructor from abroad specially qualified for Institute work.

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