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The agony is over. The great war of words in the senate is at an end, and silver, as far as free coinage is concerned, has received its death knell. Now that the bill has passed in the senate, no doubt business will at once be resurrected from its present financial wreck, and those who have their money hoarded up will now be induced to replace it in the channels of trade, and things generally will take on a much brighter hue. The vote on the passage of the bill as amended (that is, of the Voorhees substitute) was ayes 43, noes 32. The bill was referred to the house and at 2:50 Wednesday afternoon, the house by a vote of 191 to 94 concurred in the senate amendments, and the repeal bill was sent to the president for his signature. The full text of the repeal bill as reported to the senate from the financial committee is:

"That so much of the act approved July 14, 1890, entitled 'An act directing the purchase of silver bullion and the issue of treasury notes and for other purposes,' as directs the secretary of the treasury to purchase from time to time silver bullion to the aggregate amount of 4,500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as may be offered in each month at the market price therefor, not exceeding \$1 for 371.25 grains pure silver, and to issue in payment for such purchases treasury notes of the United States, be and the same is hereby repealed. And it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to continue the use of both gold and silver as standard money, and to coin both gold and silver into money of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, such equality to be secured through international agreement or by such safeguards of legislation as will insure the maintenance of a parity in the value of coins of the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets and in the payment of debts. And it is hereby further declared that the efforts of the government should be steadily directed to the establishment of such a safe system of bimetalism as will maintain at all times the equal power of every dollar coined or issued by the United States in the markets and in the payment of debts."

The Albany Democrat prints the following sensible paragraph editorially: "If the reform papers of this state would use more argument and less billingsgate, they would gain more strength for the party, whose principles they advocate. A good many of these papers appear to vie with each other in the effort to bitterly denounce plutocrats, and we read in one paper that the editor proposes fighting 'this thing until hell freezes over and then fighting it out on the ice.' There is no argument in all this and the effect produced is opposite to that intended. There are others who advocate reform by hinting at dynamite, wading through blood to horses' bridles and other things equally foolish. Their great rage is directed at millionaires, unmindful of the fact that nine men out of ten would do most any thing to become a millionaire. All such violent denunciations and threats are lost on men of sense, although they may please the rabble which, like a band of sheep, unthinkingly follows a leader."

MANY persons who voted against Cleveland a year ago now see that his election was a blessing in disguise. No other president could have done the country the good he has done it. No other democrat could have united his intelligence to know the right thing and his courage to force it upon a reluctant party. There are democrats like Bayard and Carlisle, who are intellectually his superiors, but none of them has his rare power to command. Since the

death of Samuel J. Randall, there has been no democratic leader uniting in one intelligence those endorsements of force and wisdom which have enabled Cleveland to hold the country back from the verge of a financial abyss.

BAKER CITY has an ordinance against variety theaters. Recently a Portland gang has been trying to start a place of that kind there and the Epigram should be commended by the citizens of that place for its efforts in trying to down the proposition. A variety theatre in a town like Baker City is a nuisance and a veritable hell to good society.

LA GRANDE is stricken with a siege of incendiaryism. Last week two attempts were made to destroy property. In one instance an effort was made to burn the district which the Chinese inhabit, and in another, oil had been used to destroy an ice house. The officers over there should apprehend the fiends and a rope and the limb of a tree should be brought into instant use.

It is estimated that it would require from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to deport all the Chinese that have not registered. It would be a good proposition at that price. However, their presence in Umatilla county is not so great a detriment as they are to other sections of the state.

Now that the Sherman law has been repealed, in all probability wheat will take a boom on itself.

THIS AND THAT.

An unofficial statement prepared in the treasury department gives the silver and silver obligations of the government, not in the treasury and redeemable at will, October 1, as follows:
Paper, silver certificates \$24,855,114
Treasury notes 14,822,152
Silver dollars in circulation 28,822,252
Subsidiary silver coin 61,100,415

This substantially is the silver outstanding. Should the repeal bill become a law during the next 10 days the only change will occur in the amount of treasury notes, which will be increased by the October purchase of silver not more than \$2,000,000.

The governor has in effect suspended the laws providing for the jute mill and the Eastern Oregon insane asylum—acts which resemble interference with a coordinate function of government and remind one of the gubernatorial fulminations in connection with the Geary law.

The report of the superintendent of the railway mail service for the past four years shows that the percentage of killed and injured in railway accidents is pretty high among postal clerks. There were 32 killed and 553 injured. The exposed position of the postal cars in the forward part of the train, is chiefly responsible for these results, for in the event of a smash-up the postal car is apt to suffer the greatest shock. It is hardly practicable to place the postal car in a less exposed position on most railway trains, but the safety of the mails as well as of the postal clerks demands that all feasible precautions should be taken. The postal cars are now built, under the requirements of the postal department, in the most substantial manner possible. The superintendent of the service advocates the use of the vestibule pattern, which would diminish the danger from collision by distributing and equalizing the pressure received from the shock. Perhaps the adoption of steel employed in some tubular form of construction would lessen the danger of accident.

In a compilation appears the amount of per capita mortgage in 22 states in the Union. The table shows that in New York a division of the entire mortgage debt of the state by the number of inhabitants given each man's share \$268, while in Oregon it is but \$73. Arkansas has the best showing, the amount being but \$13.

Grand juries are at best of but little avail and when one or two men, who have no regard for their obligations as citizens, and their oaths as officials, unite with a corrupt and corruptible prosecuting attorney to defeat the ends of justice, the people suffer seriously. Such corrupt prosecuting attorneys and men of no moral stamina intentionally and unintentionally deal out justice, not with regard to the merits of the case, but according to social, financial and political standing of the culprit. If charges are preferred before a grand jury and it refuses to investigate at all, although it knows to a moral certainty that a crime has been committed, the members of that jury who refuse to investigate become perjurers and should become social outcasts, ignored by all honest men. The worst feature of this

is, however, the miserable puppet of a prosecuting attorney, who for financial and political considerations forces a bill against the thief who has no friends and breaks the road for the rich and the political tools who helped to elect him.—Salem Independent.

At the Irrigation Congress at Los Angeles last week resolutions were adopted declaring that waters in natural channels and beds are public property, and that when necessary vested rights therein may be condemned public uses under the law of eminent domain. Another section was adopted advising every state in the arid domain to enact laws for the supervision and development of irrigation. Resolutions were also adopted asking for advancement on the supreme court calendar of the case testing the constitutionality of the Wright irrigation law; appointing Emery, of Kansas, national lecturer on irrigation; urging state and government to provide remuneration for irrigation commissions.

The man who never finds time to read, says an exchange, will always be the tool of and beneath the one who does. The habit of reading begets and strengthens the habit of thinking. Thinking men control the world, whether they think for evil or good. The man who never finds time to read is and always will be a miserable being, and is always will be oppressed.

Plunged into the River.

One of the most horrifying accidents in the history of Portland occurred there about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. The electric car from Oregon City plunged off the Madison street bridge into the Willamette river, drowning five men. Two of the bodies have already been recovered, but are not yet identified. The car contained about fifteen passengers, but ten of them escaped by jumping just as the car left the bridge. A heavy fog prevailed at the time of the accident and the draw of the bridge was open for a passing steamboat. James Steel, president of the railway company, has been placed under arrest.

Four bodies have already been recovered and taken to the morgue. They are:

- Charles Breckman, of Sellwood; a bookkeeper; leaves a wife.
- Alexander Campbell, of Milwaukie; saloon keeper; leaves a wife and child.
- John P. Anderson, of Milwaukie; cabinet maker; leaves a wife and five children.
- Joseph Stadler, of Oak Grove; leaves a wife.

Two men, named Benneck and Scott, are missing. Several of the passengers received slight injuries in jumping from the car.

Heppner Gazette: The price of flour at the Heppner mills is only 65c per sack, or \$2.50 a barrel, cash. This flour is guaranteed equal to the best, and there is no reason why the flour trade should not come this way.

The creditors of R. L. Snyder asked him to make an assignment. The claims against Mr. Snyder are proven to be \$82,000, while an inventory of all the assets shows about \$60,000.

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Mass on Mount Blanc.

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Old Holland Fortifications.

With very few exceptions the old cities of Belgium and Holland have leveled the walls which have played such grand parts in the national histories, and they are converted into promenades after the manner of Chester and York. The walls of Antwerp and Malines have been replaced by boulevards. The old bastions of Amsterdam still remain, but the citizens of Arnhem and Utrecht and Hooen and Zwolle and Haarlem and Leyden disport themselves on fine evenings upon the line of fortifications famous in the most stirring pages of what is perhaps the most stirring of European histories.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, October 24, 1893.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge of Umatilla county, at Pendleton, Ore., on Nov. 14, 1893, viz:
NE 1/4, McDonald, N. R. 31 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Anderson, Jesse O. Hale, John O. Price and Alexander McDonald, all of Adams, Oregon.
B. F. W. Lutz, Register.

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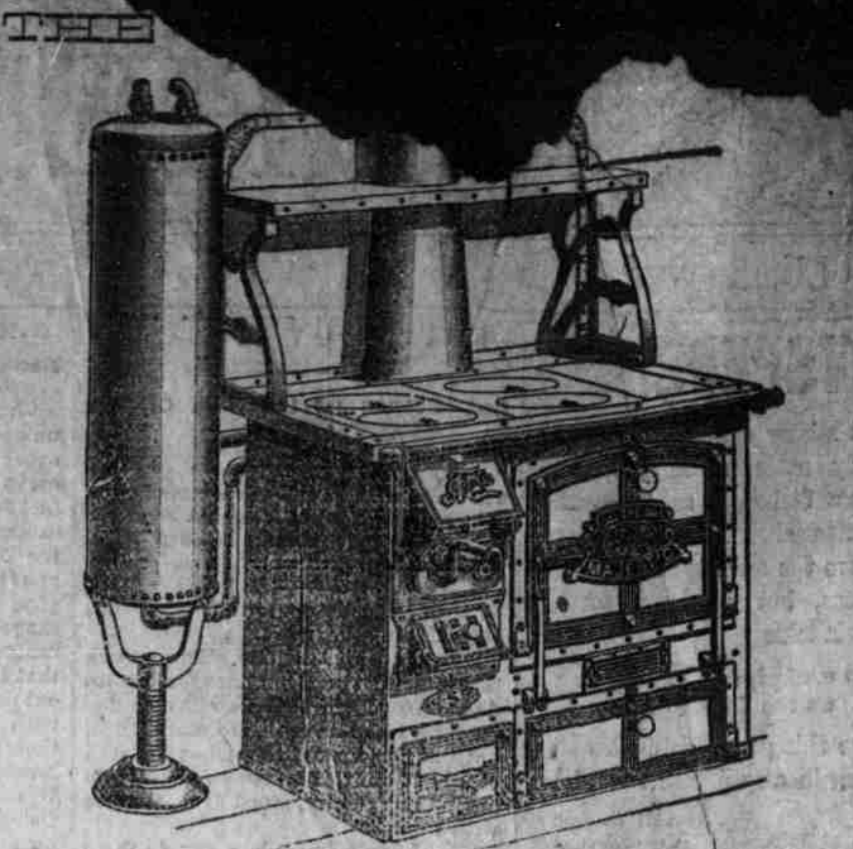
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