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GOVERNOR BUDD, of California, in a speech before the league of the Iroquois club suggested the following plan of raising a revenue for the state. It has much to recommend it, and it might be well for the lawmakers of Oregon to give it due consideration. We understand that the corporation tax has proven highly profitable in New Jersey and other states, and it is a just and easy method of raising money. It is unfair that the whole burden of government should be put on thrift. A good part of the expenses could be justly borne by those who receive great privileges from the public. The following is his plan: I believe there is another way of raising money for the support of the government, and I would suggest that a corporation tax be levied, as it is in some other states, on every corporation except those formed for charitable purposes. A few hundred dollars each on the various corporations would not affect them, considering the benefits which they receive by the law's limitations, and would materially reduce the burden of the laboring classes. Again, I believe as the asylums and the prisons have been filled in a manner through the influence of alcoholic liquor that a uniform tax on the sale of such liquors should be levied in every part of the state, and at least part of it should go to the support of the asylums and prisons. If the people will combine these public institutions, will tax corporations and levy a uniform tax on liquor (of which, of course, part should go to the cities) the shrinkage in the tax rate in this state would be so great that the people who are seeking a place of settlement will select California.

The Portland Oregonian claims that McKinley will be nominated and elected president this year; that the political issue will be the tariff, of which McKinley is saturated; and that, unless the financial question is definitely settled, within two years the republican party will again be overthrown as it was in 1892. It claims that a high tariff alone cannot cause the return of prosperity. This is quite an admission for a paper which has claimed that a protective tariff was a panacea for all national and financial troubles. But in order to have the financial question settled to suit the Oregonian it becomes necessary to have all the advocates of free coinage of silver expelled from congress. This is equivalent to the expulsion of the silver men from the republican party. That party will hardly attempt that. Then the republican victory will be as short lived as the democratic one has been.

The story of the atrocities that are being committed by the Spaniards in Cuba is of such a character that some people may be inclined to doubt it. And yet equally as barbarous as cruel and as uncalled for outrages were perpetrated upon Cubans during the ten year's war, while the past record of Captain General Weyler is an argument in favor of the present accusations against him. It looks as if there were people nearer home than Armenia towards whom we might show sympathy.

SOME of the advocates of the gold standard claim that a majority of the United States senators, who favor free coinage of silver and vote for it, do not believe it would be best for the country; but advocate its adoption because their constituents so command. If such is

the case, there is yet some hopes for our "millionaire club." If members of that body once learn, or are made to understand, that "a public office is a public trust," that they are really the servants of the people, they may possibly be induced to devote a part of their time to the interest of the people.

THE Milton Eagle seems to be considerably aroused because the PRESS suggested that the division question be settled in the county conventions. It says we should learn that the legislature is the only power that can divide the county. We have known that for quite a while. It did not cost us as much to learn that fact as it has cost a number of divisionists to learn that the legislature is not likely to divide a county when it is known that a majority of the voters of said county are opposed to such division. We do not claim to be astute politicians; but we will miss our guess if there is not an anti-division plank in the platforms of both of the old parties.

THE Spaniards continue their demonstrations of patriotic fervor and hostility to the United States. The United States consulates in cities in Spain have to be guarded to prevent rioters from destroying the property and mobbing the officers. This was brought about by the United States senate passing a resolution favoring the granting belligerent rights to the Cubans. It is now claimed that those opposed to the present form of government in Spain, are making demonstrations against the United States with the direct purpose of putting the Spanish government in a hole and possibly causing its overthrow. A revolution in Spain would insure Cuban independence.

If Milton would have each of the parties place a plank in their platforms favoring county division, it would not cost them so much for lobbyists in Salem every time there is a session of the legislature.

THE POLITICAL POT.

The Latest in Political Circles Here and Elsewhere.
The democratic ranks are beginning to close up as it were. In Athena the names of Sam Purdy and Frank Mansfield are mentioned as good material to bank on in a race with any republican who has aspirations to become the next sheriff of Umatilla county. Both are good men, and have behind them an iron-clad record of being out and out democrats.

Nearly every section of the county has its candidates for some office, more or less. Some have several, while other localities have more than several. We think that Milton can scare up more candidates for county offices than any other place in the county, just at present. They represent every color of party, and every office from road supervisor up to joint senator.

The membership pledge of the bi-metallic leagues to be formed in Umatilla county primaries is couched in the following language: Whereas, the money question is indisputably the leading political issue before the people of the United States at this time, with the international single gold standard, interest bearing gold bonds and bank currency—constituting the English financial system—upon the one side; and the restoration of independent free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, of full legal tender, the non-issuance of bonds in times of peace, the abolition of national banks as banks of issue and the issuance of all paper money by the government direct—constituting a distinctly American financial system—upon the other side; therefore

We, the undersigned, hereby pledge our sacred honor to vote only for such men for public office from constable to presidential elector, as are open and avowed supporters of the American financial system herein endorsed and only for such candidates as are the nominees of some political party whose platform pledge in unequivocal terms for the supremacy of the financial independence of the United States as herein indicated; to the end that we may preserve to ourselves and our children the liberty our patriot fathers won from the British crown and bequeathed us.

Portland Tomahawk: As for Sylvester Pennoyer, he remains as silent as a Sphinx. No arguments can induce him to express an opinion, and yet it is suspected that he hopes that the people may call on him in their darkest hour. Perhaps Mr. Pennoyer clings to the superstition that whenever a great emergency arises Providence sends a man to meet it, a man of genius, a man who does not hesitate, in a word, a man who is up-to-date on the proposition. Thus, for instance, Luther abolished the public sale of indulgences, Napoleon feudalism, John Brown slavery, and, perhaps, Pennoyer might abolish political corruption and jobbery as practiced here for years. In the event of his nomination and election, perhaps his bare fist would eradicate the political evils we all complain of, but unfortunately, the records of past experiences precludes this conclusion. Not but that Mr. Pennoyer possesses the proper constituents in his make up to so revolutionize political practices in this community, but rather that the task does appear so Herculean as to almost challenge hope.

It seems from the Alliance Herald that R. M. O'Brien is mentioned by the populists for county judge and not the legislature. For any county office he ought to prove a strong man on the populist ticket. It is heard, however, that Mr. O'Brien is not an aspirant, and would not accept a nomination unless offered unanimously and without solicitation by the convention.

Not much criticism seems to have developed against the county clerk, sheriff, recorder and treasurer. This means that republicans "outside the works" will have no Ashantee picnic in wresting the nomination plums from the grasp of their court-house friends.

Men whose names are frequently heard as republican candidates for assessor are George Bozan and J. B. Mumford of Helix and M. A. Baker of Weston. A Weston republican will no doubt be given a place on the ticket for some position, and Mr. Baker and P. A. Worthington are both prominently considered.

In county politics there seems to be a dearth of news. The Leader would like to see the democrats bestirring themselves a trifle more in the selection of acceptable candidates. Politics is a gamble, and it is by no means certain that the republicans will have a walkover. There promises to be lots of "scratching," which means that men will be voted for instead of parties. Three good tickets in the field will make more room for choice.

Another "East End" man who would serve the people acceptably in a most important office is L. B. Plants, of Milton, and the office for which he is mentioned by his numerous friends in that of county judge. Mr. Plants is a man of strong executive ability, knows the value of a dollar and would see that the taxpayers got the full value of every one expended. He is by far the best man in the county that could be named by the democrats and his lealty to the party and its principles has never been questioned.

Since the meeting of the democratic central committee in Pendleton on last Saturday, that party's stock has considerably advanced in the political market and already slates are being made up for the great June contest. Among those who are mentioned for a place on the democratic ticket is D. W. McDannald, for assessor. His claims will be stoutly urged, we learn from his friends, and if elected he will make a painstaking officer and one who would give the taxpayers a clean and business-like administration. Mr. McDannald has had wide experience in this line, having served as a deputy-assessor for several terms, and we know of no man in the county better qualified for the position than he.

COMING POLITICAL EVENTS.
Umatilla county democratic primaries, March 28.
State democratic convention at Portland, April 9.
National populist convention, St. Louis, July 22.
Democratic national convention meets in Chicago, July 7.

Umatilla county republican primaries, Thursday, March 19.
Republican national convention meets in St. Louis, June 16.
Umatilla county populist convention meets at Pendleton, March 18.

State prohibition convention meets in Salem on Wednesday, March 28.
Umatilla county democratic convention meets in Pendleton, April 4.
State republican convention at Portland, April 9, at 11 a. m., with 257 delegates.

Umatilla county republican convention meets Thursday, April 2, in Pendleton.
First congressional district republican convention at Albany on Tuesday, April 7.
Second congressional district republican convention meets at Portland on Wednesday, April 8.
State populist convention at Salem Thursday, March 26, at 1 o'clock, and Friday, 200 delegates.

NAT BLUM PARDONED.
Cleveland Lets the Notorious Opium Smuggler Go Free.
Nathan Blum, otherwise known as "Nat" Blum, has been pardoned by President Cleveland. Blum is the notorious informer whose testimony was mainly instrumental in securing the conviction of Dunbar, Lotan and Seid Back in the Chinese smuggling and opium cases at Portland.

Here is a case that did not call for executive clemency. All who know Blum know him to be a notorious scoundrel and a robber of children and defenseless old men. He should today be serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for deeds committed at La Grande. While there he worked into the graces of Mr. A. Sommer, a wealthy merchant and pioneer of Eastern Oregon. He married Mr. Sommer's oldest daughter, Lena, and entered the store as an employe. At that time Mr. Sommer was easily worth \$100,000. Blum instituted a systematic robbery and today the old gentleman who gave him employment is practically penniless, his daughter abused and deserted with three little children. This is not the only thing. He shamefully abused his family and his wife was compelled to leave him and secured a divorce not long since.

Pardoning this man has only placed him in a position to do more deviltry. He is a restless character and will bob up serenely in a new role before many months. —Tribune.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$ 80 218 80
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1 467 80
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12 200 00
Furniture on U. S. bonds	1 500 00
Banking-house furniture fixtures (not re-serviced)	1 967 92
Due from State banks and bankers	1 217 67
Due from approved reserve agents	2 082 81
Checks and other cash items	1 063 88
Notes of other National Banks	225 00
Federal reserve currency, nickels and coins	70 00
Red'm'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	649 08
Total	\$ 117 315 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50 000 00
Surplus fund	17 317 11
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11 220 00
National bank notes outstanding	32 71
Due to State banks and bankers	3 780 87
Individual deposits subject to check	2 889 55
Time certificates of deposit	1 159 71
Bills payable	20 350 00
Total	\$ 117 315 27

State of Oregon,
County of Umatilla, ss
I, E. L. Barnett, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. L. BARNETT, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1896.
M. M. JOHNS, Notary public for Oregon.
CONTRACT—Attest
T. J. KIRK, Director.
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Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, Jan. 31, 1896.
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JOHN C. FOX.
Hd. entry No. 724 for the lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, sec. 15, 16, 17, 18, E. W. M.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas P. Page, William Brace, of Athens, Oregon; George W. Bennett, Daniel Briggs, Weston, Oregon.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
B. F. WILSON, Register.

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