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THANK God Congress has adjourned! The expenses of the body are not much less, but the danger of more vicious legislation has passed for sometime. This Republican Congress promised great things, but when the people trusted to their promises and elected them they seem to have forgotten about pledges and did nothing at all in behalf of the people. The time is coming when such men will not disgrace our highest legislative body. The time is near at hand when the tools of corporations will not disgrace by their corrupt presence the seats once occupied by such men as the founders and conservators of our Republic. Patriotism is at a discount largely in Congress at the present day. The worms of earth are now sharpening their teeth for a feast on the corporation pampered bodies of useless members of that body.

THERE can be no division on the proposition that this was one of the dirtiest campaigns ever witnessed in Oregon. If there is a single principle going with a decent regard for the obligations assumed by those bunched on the same ticket that was not violated, what one was it? Political campaigns as a rule are more or less fought out on this plan, but what puzzles honest men is how men can enter into an agreement to stand and fall together, and ten minutes afterward deliberately begin to trade one another off. If politics is not dirty business, will someone kindly show me a clean spot? I ask this because of a desire to keep informed as to new discoveries, and if one of my readers does know of any good points connected with politics and politicians, a suitable reward will be paid for the information.—Portland Tomahawk.

ANY one at all observant of current politics cannot but see that the financial question is the issue this year. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The money question, therefore, will come up in the canvass of 1896 with greater sharpness and clearness than it ever did before. There will be some interest, of course, in the tariff question, but that must be a subordinate issue if the Chicago convention adopts a silver platform and puts up a silver candidate. If silverism comes up in any such portentous shape as it at present threatens to take, it will be practically the only issue of the slavery question did from Texas annexation to the civil war."

PEDDLERS and transient men of all descriptions should receive but little encouragement from the people of the town who are interested in its welfare. Every dollar they receive is taken out of the town or community, never to be returned, while that received by the permanent local business firms is used to build up the industries of the place, pay for local government, the support of schools, etc. This is a fact that should always be borne in mind by people who are disposed to do business with transient dealers, and besides the articles handled by the latter are usually greatly inferior to those kept by your home dealer.

THE destructive freaks of nature which the people of the Mississippi valley have been encountering during the past few weeks should start the tide of emigration towards the Pacific Northwest. Of course this section has its disadvantages but thank fortune it doesn't number cyclones, waterspouts or tornados

among them, and our people should be thankful that their lot is cast in such pleasant places. Low prices for what we produce is the worst objection that this section has, but it is far better to have low prices and a sure crop than to live where there is but little certainty of raising anything to sell.

A "prominent railroad official" is credited in the Oregonian with the statement that Mr. Hill, the railroad magnate, still has his eye turned in the direction of securing control of the Northern Pacific. Mr. Hill at one time had arrangements at that end well completed; but a stock-holder went into court and secured a decision against the scheme. The road is now to be reorganized, and it is to be stated with every probability of correctness that the Great Northern magnates will have a prominent hand in the reorganization.

THE great worth of an individual to any cause is not measured by what he says, but by what he does. Were a man to declare he would perform a certain piece of work and not do it would be evidence of inability to perform. But if another did the work, there would be no cavil about the ability to perform the task. So it is with these great men with their mouths now seeking office; let them do something and they will be entitled to recognition for the performance of greater things.

A CITIZEN of Tacoma has found a new pet, and he is very fond of it. It is a 250-pound shark, which he speared without killing it, and then secured by a tial to a float in front of his residence. The shark soon showed a disposition to cultivate his masters acquaintance and displayed many signs of amiability. Familiarity ripened into friendship, and now while sharing his meals with his new friend the happy Tacoman declared that sharks are very much abused and misunderstood creatures.

THERE is no longer any question that the Chicago convention will declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and there is little doubt but this issue will win at the November election. A majority of voters in the United States believe that free coinage would better their condition, and they will never change their minds until it is tested.

SOME southern newspapers are seriously exercised over what they regard as defects in the law which bestows upon foreigners the rights of American citizenship. That there are flaws in the law may be admitted, but would it not be better for these same critics first to see that all natives in their own sections are given the rights of citizenship, no matter what the color of their skin may be?

If a deadlock in the senatorial contest must occur in the next legislature it is to be hoped that it may result in the hold-up of the customary appropriation bills. If it does the people will generally feel that the lower taxes resulting therefrom will compensate for their being represented at Washington by only one senator.

THE militia is called out and quartered at Astoria. The call for this necessity came from the sheriff and county judge of Clatsop county. Both of these officials presumably did all in their power to preserve order but failed.

A. P. A. IN POLITICS.
[From the Weston Leader.]
The Milton Eagle published in its last week's issue the following editorial paragraph:

"The Eagle hopes its two in fluent friends, the Athena Press, and Weston Leader, are satisfied. They succeeded, with the aid of the East Oregonian, in defeating Dave McDannald, the best man on the democratic ticket. It is most unfortunate that good men should be afflicted with advocates of this character, but often they are and it cannot be helped in any way that we know of."

The above is made the text of an editorial in the East Oregonian, which states that Mr. McDannald's prospects were ruined by a report widely circulated shortly before the election, to the effect that he

was an active member of the A. P. A., and "was at the head of one of their local organizations in the East End." The E. O. thinks that if Mr. McDannald is a member of the A. P. A. he deserved defeat, and if not, he is the victim of an effective lie promulgated by his political enemies.

The Leader also has no friendship for the A. P. A., believing that a secret organization has no place in politics, and should not be countenanced. It particularly has no place in county politics, where it can possibly serve no beneficial ends. The LEADER doubts, however, that Mr. McDannald is a member of the organization.

As to the Eagle's puerile paragraph, it has no weight. The East Oregonian, the Press and the Leader supported Mr. McDannald because none of these papers believed in four-dollars-a-day for eight hours' work, or in allowing fifty-five days in a month. Personal friendship for Dave had something to do with it also, and it is different from the friendship displayed by the Eagle, which seems to be a commodity for barter and sale. This support may not have been of any value, but it was freely given.

THE RUSSIAN CORONATION.
Ingersoll Shows How It Was Paid for in Oppression and Misery.

While reading the accounts of the coronation of the Czar, of the pageants, processions and feats, of the pomp and parade, of the barbaric splendor, of cloth of gold and glittering gems, I could not help thinking of the poor and melancholy peasants, of the sad and ignorant multitudes who belong, body and soul, to this Czar.

I thought of the backs that have been scarred by the knout, of the thousands in prison for having dared to say a whispered word for freedom, of the great multitudes who have been driven like cattle along the weary roads that lead to the hell of Siberia.

The cannon at Moscow were not loud enough, nor the clang of the bells, nor the blare of the trumpets, to drown the groans of the captives.

I thought of the fathers that had been torn from wives and children for the crime of speaking like men. And when the priests spoke of the Czar as the "God-selected man," the "God-adorning man," my blood grew warm.

When I read of the coronation of the Czarina I thought of Siberia. I thought of the girls working in the mines, hauling ore from the pits with chains about their waists; young girls, almost naked, at the mercy of brutal officials; young girls weeping and moaning their lives away because between their pure lips the word liberty had burst into blossom.

Yet laws neglects, forgets them, and crowns the Czarina. The in justice, the agony and horror in this poor world are enough to make mankind insane.

Ignorance and superstition crown imprudence and tyranny. Millions of money squandered for the humiliation of man, to dishonor the people.

Back of the coronation, back of all the ceremonies, back of all the the hypocrisy there is nothing but a lie.

It is not true that God "selected" this Czar to rule and rob a hundred millions of human beings.

It is all an ignorant, barbaric, superstitious lie—a lie that pomp and pageant, and flaunting flags, and robed priests, and swinging censers, cannot change the truth.

Those who are not blinded by the glare and glitter at Moscow see millions of homes on which the shadows fall; see millions of weeping mothers, whose children have been stolen by the Czar; see thousands of villages without schools, millions of houses without books, millions and millions of men, women and children in whose future there is no start and whose only friend is death.

The coronation is an insult to the nineteenth century. Long live the people of Russia!

R. G. INGERSOLL.

Notice of Final Account.
In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon for Umatilla county.
In the matter of the estate of Solomon Wormley, insolvent debtor.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the assignee of the above entitled estate, has filed and presented for settlement in the above entitled court, his final account of his administration of the said estate, and that Monday, the 24th day of June, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day has been appointed for the hearing of objections to said final account and for the settlement thereof.
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