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Dispatches from Olympia indicate that the populists are "feeling their oats" and nothing but a straight out populist will suffice for U.S. senator.

Think of the Oregonian, Jonathan Bourne and Jo Simon united to beat the state out of needed legislation for no purpose than to gratify personal political spleen.

When you consider that about nine persons out of ten never take advice, you feel like letting the political obstructionists run the full length of their rope.

Don Carlos the Spanish pretender, intimates that while Spain is bankrupt in money she has an exhaustless wealth of pride. That is what got her into this trouble.

It is almost as common this winter to be mentioned for a cabinet place as it used to be to have the grip. The number of eminent gentlemen who don't know whether or not they are going to be cabinet officers is steadily increasing.

There can be no permanent union of democracy and populism and National committee man Washburn of Boston tells the plain truth when he says that free coinage of silver is but a secondary issue with the people's party.

"Mrs. O'Rourke," said the Rev. Fr. McMurphy, "why do I never see Patrick at church now?" Mrs. O'Rourke shook her head sadly. "Is it anarchy?" "Worse than that, your reverence." "Is it atheism?" "Worse, your reverence." "What is it, then?" "Rheumatism."

The famous evangelist Dwight L. Moody, is having a painful experience in cultured, analytical Boston. The revivalist is viciously attacked by various preachers of the city. His methods are caustically criticized with apparent show of envy on the part of those ministers who have a long list of degrees attached to their names, but with very abbreviated congregations.

Gov. Lord has been appealed to by Californians to help raise a shipment of wheat for the famine sufferers of India. The governor gives the matter favorable consideration and hopes the people will contribute a reasonable amount. We have seen nothing equal to T. Dart Walker's sketches, in the N. Y. Journal, from actual photos, telling the terrible story of the famine in India.

In his expiring gasp, David B. Hill the "I am a democrat" lusher, says: "The demagogues, by their violent doctrines, have driven every man of property out of the democratic party and it is now on the rocks of populism." He adds, "there is no gloom without its tallow dip," but acknowledges that in the present instance the light is a very feeble and doubtful one.

Suicide of bank officers seems to be somewhat epidemic. Bank officers with suicidal tendencies should discover their weakness in time to seek some less responsible occupation. It seriously complicates the situation to have the only man who can throw light on a badly tangled bank failure sneak off and drown, shoot or hang himself.

Senator Mitchell criticizes a paragraph in THE OBSERVER last week. Referring to the caucus we used the word "informal." It appears from a copy of the call now at hand, which we did not have at the time of penning the paragraph, that never, in the history of politics, was there anything more formal than that caucus. It was signed by 45 republicans who supported McKinley and Hobart as the polls in November. Jo Simon and Jonathan Bourne did not sign it.

Senator Sherman gives in the following pretty good tip on the situation which now confronts the country "What we need to do is to revive our drooping industries and raise more revenue. One will logically follow the other. A tariff bill, such as I trust the incoming congress will enact, will not compel this government to shin along, as it has for four years past."

D. C. Corbin of the Spokane Falls and Northern railway, is a pioneer in the building of what may properly be termed state railroads. He has been paying the pioneers penalty for enterprise until now, when the development of tributary mining regions promise to make his property profitable and return some benefit for his undertaking which pernicious legislation threatens to deprive him of. It is not surprising that he should regard the Olympia assembly with disfavor.

THE DALLES PORTAGE.

The sum provided for in Senator Mitchell's dalles portage bill, \$195,000, is a large amount of state funds to be appropriated for a single purpose when people are already overburdened with taxation, still in view of the fact that the improvement authorized to be constructed would be of great and lasting benefit to a large section of country, perhaps one-sixth the population of the entire state, it appears to be justifiable.

The savings in freights that resulted through the building of the portage road at cascades during the few years it was operated, furnishes abundant proof of what benefit would be derived from the building of the dalles portage, for a larger scope of country would be tributary to this than that affected by the cascade portage. The vast wheat growing country of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties, that now have an outlet only by railway would have the advantage of river transportation, which to them would mean lower freight rates. This is an unanswerable argument in favor of the bill, hence the only feature to be considered in opposition is, can the state afford at this time to make such an extensive appropriation?

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer believes that if proper economy is observed by the legislature, and the different appropriations that have ordinarily been made for the different agricultural societies, the railroad commissions and other boards and commissions, the numerous charitable institutions and the normal schools and institutions of higher education are cut off, as they should be, the state can afford this seeming extravagance.

This is taking very strong grounds but as Eastern Oregon has been the burial ground of many legislative hopes the past 20 years and eaten crop while other parts feasted on turkey, the position is all right in this instance. The construction of this road would do more to build up the industries of the state and increase its wealth than do all the beneficiaries above enumerated, and since it will benefit a vastly greater number than do any of the institutions referred to, it would be a commendable act on the part of the legislature to abolish all needless offices and appropriate the state's money for a purpose that would benefit a greater number of those who help pay the taxes.

This is what must be known as a wide-open winter. Mrs. Leese's friends say, in extension of her career, that "she has to support the family." The plague in India is not the only trouble in the world. Just observe the plague of politicians in Salem.

The split in Tammany is said to be as broad as a barn door and as deep as a well. That ought to suffice. The inauguration of President McKinley will be the 100th anniversary of the retirement from public life of George Washington.

Major McKinley finds plenty of timber for his cabinet, but does not seem to be quite sure how to put the pieces together.

When he learns that John Sherman is to be secretary of state there is only one thing left for Weyler to do—give up the contest and resign.

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Don't you admire the genius of the United States fish commission? Years ago it insisted upon the imported sucker (carp) for Oregon waters. Now that the carp have destroyed trout and wapatotes and duck shooting, it is proposed to send out striped bass to destroy the carp; and whatever may have escaped the carp, perhaps will have escaped the carp, perhaps will have escaped the carp, perhaps will have escaped the carp.

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