

"BLOCKS OF FIVE" DUDLEY-STATE MATTERS, ETC., ETC.

(Written for the DEMOCRAT.)

Whilst looking over the first article I penned for your paper, I noticed my remark concerning how well a part the money bags of Morton had played. Recent developments in the "Blocks of Five" Dudley bribery cases in Indiana, coupled with the fact that Duale's presence is much needed in New York for his too ready dispensing of coin to further Mr. Harrison's election, proves to my mind most conclusively that if fairness had been the order of the day on that ever memorable sixth of November, 1888, Grover Cleveland would be the successor of himself. The rapidity with which cases of bribery are coming to the surface in Indiana is astonishing. One individual in the Hoosier state was promised \$15 for his vote, received \$6 on account, and sued for the remaining \$9. That particular acceptor of the bribe will suffer the penalty for not rendering properly the old adage: "Ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." He would have shown his wisdom by concealing his asinine ignorance and saved his very probable residence in the Indiana penitentiary.

Oregon's Governor, Sylvester Penneyer, is truly a fine specimen of rugged honesty, a man thoroughly comprehending the responsibility devolving upon him as Chief Executive of this sovereign state. As a democrat, Gov. Penneyer is conscientious and painstaking, and is a magnificent sample of Jeffersonian simplicity. His messages, vetoes and state documents, all of them, bear the imprint of a close observer and man of the people; hewing squarely to the line, he lets the chips fall where they may, and notably in his recent veto of the Bull Run Water Bill, has he proven himself beyond all doubt a Governor, a Statesman, a man. The republicans who rallied to the Governor's side, when the attempt was made to pass the water bill over his veto, deserve especial praise. To tax the state for Portland's benefit is by no means fair, and whilst the metropolis of Oregon does need a pure and unlimited water supply, if the bill be so amended as to tax the proposed bonds, then the bill will pass and receive the immediate approval and signature of the Governor. This legislature will go down in the history of Oregon, as "The Wagon Road Outfit," for their main business seems to be an ardent desire to increase the state's indebtedness. The consistency of the democratic minority in both houses is worthy of praise and most surely no more true gentlemen than Linn county's able delegation exist. Notably among the democratic Senators is Irvine, whilst the "boy" legislator, Jeff Myers, is thoroughly imbued with democratic principles—take the minority, all in all, they are reliable men, men whose only aim is to be public beneficiaries and whose acts, (since the opening day of the "circus,") have proven them as acting only for the weal of the commonwealth of Oregon. We have found out that the only way to do the right is to violently oppose Joe Simon and his Multnomah clique, so to follow in their past footsteps is but for the democrats to more than ingratiate themselves in the hearts of their constituents.

February 16th, 1889.

YOUNG DEMOCRACY.

A bill introduced by Senator Spooner provides that a system of farmers institutes shall be maintained as part of the Agricultural Department. The annual cost of this system of institutes is not to exceed \$500,000, exclusive of permanent salaries and printing reports of institute meetings.

John D. Rockefeller, the billionaire president of the Standard Oil Company, is believed by all the prominent clergymen in New York to be the person who has promised to give \$200,000,000 for the endowment of a great Baptist University, to be located either in that city or in Chicago.

The Senate passed 41 pension bills in 12 minutes, or at the rate of 1 in every 18 seconds. There has been an effort made for the last ten years to reduce the tariff in the interest of 60 millions of people but the effort has continually failed.

The Walla Walla Statesman speaks of Washington Territory flax creating a sensation in Dundee. We have often heard of hemp creating a "sensation," but had not learned that flax had been substituted for it.

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CIGARETTE SMOKING.

The following dispatches published in the New York World tell their own story: CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 11.—Edward D. Crall, business manager of the *Morning Call*, at Harrisburg, died last evening at his father's house on South Pitt street, of blood poisoning caused by excessive smoking of cigarettes. He was in his twenty-third year.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Johnnie Powers, eleven years old, was taken to the County asylum at Orange Farm to day a raving maniac from the effects of excessive cigarette smoking. Symptoms of mania first developed Saturday and were of a spasmodic nature. Soon the boy became very violent, striking at people, tearing his clothes and trying to injure himself. The doctors think the case is hopeless.

The inroad this frightful practice is making on both the minds and bodies of the boys is fearful to contemplate. In a few years we will be a nation of mental and physical imbeciles.

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L. FLINN, Chairman Board of Directors.
C. G. BURKHART, District Clerk.
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