

## Lebanon Express.

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### SENATOR TELLER'S VIEWS.

Senator Teller in an interview at Denver since the election said: "I do not think the republican party will do anything for silver the coming four years. The declaration of the St. Louis platform amounts to nothing with a limitation put upon it. Besides that, the men who dictated the St. Louis platform are opposed to bimetalism, international or otherwise. McKinley, it seems to me, has shown by his speeches, that he would be the advocate and supporter of the gold standard on the ground that it is a better standard than bimetalism. During the four years to come I expect to see the republican party abandon all pretense to a desire to secure international bimetalism, and the contest will be between the gold standard supporters and the organized hosts of bimetalism. I think that four years from now the people will be sufficiently educated to understand the danger of a gold standard, and the party that stands for bimetalism in 1900 by the United States alone, will be successful. There is no reason why we should not feel encouraged. Our candidate was all we could desire, and performed his part. We must not look backward, but forward."

The Oregonian has a spite against California and lets no chance slip to give her people a dig. It even suggests that the people are wrong in their heroic struggle against the Southern Pacific and Huntington. It deems the good people of California on all occasions, suggesting that there is a strain of low, corrupt and even criminal blood flowing through the veins of her people. It thinks that San Francisco is a big den of infamy. If this estimate is correct, then Mr. Scott ought forthwith to move the Oregonian to the Chinese quarter of that city, as his surroundings would then be congenial. His abusive insults to the silver element of that state stamps his paper as a blackguard sheet.

The timely arrival of thousands of tons of California wheat at Calcutta has had the effect of reducing the price of breadstuffs in India and has stayed the march of famine. To deal with destitution arising from a lack of food in a country with a population more than three times as great as that of the United States is a herculean undertaking which tasks not only the resources, but the administrative ability of the Indian government to the utmost. The Calcutta dispatches say that 53,800 persons have been employed upon public works set on foot purposely for the alleviation of suffering laborers.

The Oregonian generally has much to say on the election of senator. Why is it so strikingly silent now? A senator will be elected in a few months. Was Senator Mitchell's support of McKinley the price of Mr. Scott's silence now? The great paper dearly wished for McKinley to carry Oregon. He could not carry it without Mitchell's help. Mitchell would not help unless the senatorship was assured to him. Therefore the Oregonian had to swallow Mitchell again and will let his election go by default.

There is a republican club in this city which is just dying for a registry law. If this club will apply to Mr. Simon its members may be informed why we have not had such a law years ago. Had there been a registry law the republican majority in Multnomah county would have been two thousand less and in the counties of Clatsop, Clackamas, Marion and Washington another two thousand. A registry law is one of the things for which the republican managers have no use.—Portland Dispatch

Ripans Tabules cure liver troubles.

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, has made a contract with the Ladies' Home Journal, by which he will conduct in that Magazine a series of popular Bible studies in the form of a great National Bible Class. It will be made into a regular and permanent department of the Journal, and is to be known as "Mr. Moody's Bible Class." The evangelist will personally lead his unique "Bible Class" each month in the exposition of some of the vital Bible truths, and will naturally appeal to a large circle of readers.

Lord Salisbury, in a recent speech in London, said the Venezuelan controversy was now at an end, it having been settled in a satisfactory manner to all countries concerned. The fact that an arbitration board, headed by King Oscar of Sweden, and others named by each country interested, has been agreed upon by treaty between the United States and Great Britain, takes the matter out of the hands of these two countries and places it entirely in the hands of the board.

The mills and manufactories are starting up by scores throughout the country, but it is to be noticed that the trusts are also actively preparing to get in their work of plundering their consumers. And it is presumed that Mr. McKinley will do nothing to interfere with them. His tariff policy is a breeder of trusts, and it was the trust-men who insisted on his nomination.—Welcome.

The decision of the supreme court in the famous branch asylum case must be accepted as good law, but it is an unfortunate one nevertheless. For many good reasons a new asylum in Eastern Oregon would have been desirable. Perhaps it will be in order now to try to remove the agricultural college, soldiers' home, etc., to Salem.—Welcome.

Mrs. Julia Bradley, an aged lady of Peoria, Ill., has bestowed the whole of her fortune, estimated at \$2,000,000, for the building of a school in the town where she has lived for 80 years. The donor has been planning the erection of the school for the last 14 years, which is to be named the "Bradley Polytechnic Institute," and is to be affiliated with the University of Chicago.

A vigorous campaign in the interest of free silver has already begun. Mr. Bryan is bled for several speeches. The campaign of 1900 has already commenced. A vast deal of education can and will be done in four years. Mr. Bryan will be the leader of his party and he will be elected in 1900.

Russia has a submarine boat, driven by electricity, that can make 10 knots an hour. It is 19 feet long, weighs a ton, and the machinery is so simple that one man can manage it without special training. It does not sink more than seven feet, and can stay two hours under water.

The Oregonian heads a dispatch, "Hanna announces McKinley's policy." It would be in better taste to have Mr. McKinley announce his own policy. But the people recognize the fact that the latter is only proxy for the former.—Ex.

In the United States the per capita cost of living is given at \$170 per annum, while in Canada it is \$120, and in the United Kingdom about \$100. New South Wales is the highest in the world, being \$200.

According to the telegraphic news in the Oregonian, Mark Hanna is aspiring to the U. S. senate.

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## A CAPTIVE PASHA.

Inhuman Treatment of an Explorer by African Mahdists.

The Prisoner Was Loaded Down with Chains Which He Was Compelled to Wear for Eight Months—Gen. Gordon's Death.

I was kept for eight months in chains by the mahdi. The chains were of the thickness of my wrist, one round my neck and two about my arms and legs. In addition to this, I was tied to a pole like a dog or a bear. This treatment did not begin immediately upon my capture. The mahdists never, of course, treated me very cordially, but considering their fanaticism toward all unbelievers, I had really not very much to complain of before I was cast into chains. To the mahdists, all non-mahdists are infidels, whether Mohammedan, Christian, Jew, or anything else, and all infidels are deemed worthy only to be slain. I was taken in the mahdi's suite to Khartum, and when we arrived at the walls the mahdi asked me to write a letter to Gen. Gordon calling upon him to surrender. Accordingly I wrote a letter in German, which no one in the mahdi's camp could control in any way, and it was duly dispatched. No answer, however, was returned, and from that, as well as from other indications, the mahdi concluded that I had not carried out his wishes. Therefore he cast me into chains.

For the next eight months I was very badly treated. The chains were so heavy that I could scarcely rise up at all. When we moved from place to place I was put on a donkey, and two men walked by my side to prop me up. The object of this was to prevent my escaping into Khartum, which they suspected I intended to do. When Khartum fell, the mahdists found certain documents which they considered incriminating, so they increased my irons and their severity toward me. Within an hour of Gordon's death his head was brought to me in my prison wrapped up in a cloth, which they unfolded before me. I had no difficulty in recognizing it at once. For some reason or other they had taken it into their heads that I was Gordon's nephew, and no amount of arguing could disabuse them of that notion. They thought they recognized a likeness, and they kept repeating that we both had fair hair and blue eyes, as if that were conclusive. After all, one European seems very like another to them, just as one negro seems like another to us. I heard full details of Gordon's death afterward. Gordon defended Khartum as well as it was possible for him to do under the circumstances. I think Gordon might have escaped from Khartum, had he wished to do so, at the last moment. He was killed on the top of the steps of the palace during the first rush of the invaders. One of the foremost men plunged a spear into his body; he was dragged down the steps in a wild tumult, and pierced through and through by countless spears.

For three months my diet consisted only of various kinds of corn, chiefly doumra, not ground, but in its hard, indigestible state. Afterward I was given beans and a kind of potatoes. They would no doubt have killed me, but that they considered me too valuable a prisoner. I had been governor general of the province of Darfur, and it added to their prestige to take me about with them to make use of the influence I possessed in the district. I suffered a good deal in health during my confinement, being attacked by fever and dysentery. No one made any attempt at nursing me, or provided me with any remedies. I had to lie on the bare ground with a stone for my pillow, and was afforded no comfort or relaxation of any kind. I was released a couple of months or so before the mahdists fell, but the strictest watch was kept over me.

On the death of the mahdi I was made one of the khalifa's bodyguard, which meant that I was immediately at his hand. I was generally to be stationed outside his door, and was liable to be called in to do his bidding at any moment. Of the two, I preferred the mahdi to the khalifa. Until he threw me into chains, the mahdi was comparatively amiable to me. He was a man of some education, knew how to read and write, and possessed an intimate acquaintance with the Mohammedan religion. The khalifa has not the religious prestige of his predecessor, and is alienating many of his supporters by an attempt to found a dynasty. This he has no earthly right to do, either by law or tradition. Before his son could succeed him, other khalifas, appointed by the late mahdi would have a prior claim. Very strict rules are in force against either drinking spirituous liquors or smoking tobacco. Nor do the mahdists use opium or hashish—for one reason, because they are not procurable. Anyone caught smoking tobacco is liable to a punishment of one hundred lashes, and the confiscation of all his property. In spite of that, there are still a good many persons who venture to do it secretly. All these regulations are simply a cloak for the most monstrous immorality. The khalifa has a harem of four hundred or five hundred women, and devotes a large part of his time to his amusements.

The khalifa maintains his influence by tyranny and despotism, and the inhabitants—other than his own tribe—look forward, anxiously, to the time when Egypt will once again claim her lost provinces. But that is not a project to be undertaken too lightly, and when we do set about it we must be sure that we are able to carry it out to a successful issue.—Slatin Pasha, in London Saturday Review.

### FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

—Splendid Doughnuts.—Two cups of granulated sugar, one-half cup of lard, a pinch of salt, one-half cup sour cream; one teaspoon of soda, flour enough to make a soft dough, flavor.—Womansland.

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