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THE wrath of the Germans against England is futile for the simple reason that on the seas England has no enemy for whom she need entertain any great fear.

WITH goats selling at \$5.00 per head in Benton county, and sheep \$5.50 per head, the farmers are beginning to find out how profitable stockraising is.

MISSOURI may have a place on the next republican national ticket. Web Davis, ex-mayor of Kansas City, is spoken of as a likely candidate for vice president, on the ticket with Wm. McKinley.

A MAN may not escape the war-stamp even after death, if he would have his soul released from purgatory. According to the revenue laws bequests made to priests for saying masses for the repose of the soul are liable to a legacy tax.

THE Tillamook Headlight reports that the cheese made in Tillamook county last year brought in from the outside \$74,000; butter, \$100,000; beef cattle, \$50,000. No wonder the Tillamook farmers are among the most prosperous in the state.

SOUTHERN expansion sentiment has grown to such an extent, says the Globe-Democrat, that Mr. Bryan thinks it advisable to begin trimming. But a southerner who looks for a real, expansive policy in that quarter is not familiar with the Bryan record on the Philippines.

ROBERTS, the polygamist senator from Utah, has gone home posing as a martyr. But the people of America rejoice that his statesmanship will never illuminate the pages of history, and, while he may fondly believe himself a martyr, his name will not be praised by coming generations.

Who paid \$4,000 to cable Senator Hoar's speech to the Tagal camps in Luzon last winter? This was the match that ignited the dry tinder of insurrection, but the person who, besides the copperhead senator, is responsible, is as reluctant to reveal his identity as the person who committed the celebrated "crime of '73."

It has come to such a pass over in South Africa that it is a distinguishing mark of bravery and good generalship for a British officer to be able to retreat out of reach of the Boers with half of his command. Unless our cousins get hold of a new lot of officers they will be badly whipped before the 4th of July.

SINCE the close of the war with Spain the foreign sneer against everything American has disappeared. At a recent consular dinner in Chicago, at which the representatives of all countries were in attendance, every one—even the Spanish consul—testified that the United States was "the greatest country on earth."

THE announcement of the opening of additional Philippine ports to commerce is to be regarded with sincere satisfaction, for more reasons than one. Perhaps the most obvious consideration is that it indicates subsidence of rebellion and brigandage and the return of peace under the lawful authority of the United States.

EX-KING Malietoa writes from Samoa to The London Times his opinion of the partition of his island kingdom, and says it was a crime against the law of nations. Allowing for his point of view, there is a color of plausibility in his contention positive enough to shine through quite a thick coat of whitewash. But there is a law of deeper foundation than the code of nations, distributing the tools of authority to those who best know how to use them, and that is happening all over the world all the time.

TEXAS populists openly announce that W. J. Bryan will accept the nomination of that party for president if it is offered him. In making this statement the Texas populists have not surprised the world. It has been an open secret for some time, that Mr. Bryan would gladly accept a nomination from any old party, for fear he could not get it from another.

SCALP bounties are causing much discussion. Multnomah county will ignore the law requiring a levy of 1 of a mill prescribed by the legislature for scalp bounty purposes, and in that county no tax for the bounty will be collected. If the law should be declared contrary to the constitution the counties which have levied the tax will ask to be reimbursed.

In Guayama, Porto Rico, a short time ago, they held an election and the newly-made freemen stuffed the ballot boxes with an energy and eagerness worthy of Kentuckians. As one result of the election there have been 59 indictments for illegal voting and one man, Dr. Vozquez, has been convicted. He announces that he will appeal to the United States supreme court.

SALEM will hold a "Farmers' Congress" on the 7th and 8th inst. There is no reason why a congress of farmers should not be made a meeting of mutual benefit to those who participate. Farming is progressive, and new methods are constantly being added, therefore wide-awake farmers can lose nothing by keeping in sympathy with the plans of their co-workers.

BEFORE congress and the administration have settled on the details for the government of the savages we have annexed, equal suffragists have begun to bombard congress with petitions to give the poor, half-clad women in these colonies equal suffrage. The equal suffragists are not taken seriously, however, here in Oregon. No one takes a suffragist seriously but her poor husband, and he is afraid to do anything else.

THE proposed amendment to the state constitution granting equal suffrage to the fair sex will be voted down next June because the said f. s. does not seem to be willing to have the burden of statesmanship thrust upon her weak shoulders. A number of the leading ladies of Oregon, representing no creed or class, have organized a non-partisan movement, whose aim is to keep woman out of politics.

THE proposition to elect U. S. senators by popular vote means the possibility of eliminating from the upper house of congress those members whose constituents would not elect them to the office of road supervisor, much less choose them as lawmakers for the nation. As this class appears to be in the majority at Washington, the proposed constitutional amendment, after passing the house, will meet its death in the senate.

THE meeting of republican clubs at Portland next Tuesday will to all practical purposes mark the opening of the campaign of 1900, so far as the republican party is concerned. The republicans will enter upon the campaign with a reasonable promise of success, therefore every atom of discord should be kept out of the body, and "ring" methods should not be allowed to gain a foothold. A legislature is to be elected this year, which will choose a U. S. senator, and the leaders of the republican party in the various counties should begin thus early in the campaign to guard against placing in nomination for legislative honors, men who will sacrifice everything to elect their favorite candidate. Party platform pledges are but ropes of sand, whether they are formulated by republicans, democrats, populists or independents. The burden of inaugurating reforms rests with the lowest nominating bodies. Let the republican clubs admonish the primaries to send their best timber to the county conventions, and these be careful to select good men to represent them in the state convention, and there will be little need of the party making apologies for place-hunters and hirelings of men seeking political glory.

DOCTORS in Salt Lake City are going about vaccinating the Mormon children, whereat the saints are kicking. If the doctors charge for their professional services at so much per head instead of by the

dozen, the fathers of the Mormon families have sufficient cause for complaint.

A FUTURE problem likely to arise for solution is what would we do with the Filipinos should they come over to this country in large numbers to become residents of the United States and cheapen labor for the white man, as does the Chinaman? We couldn't legislate against them as we do against the Chinaman. They are lazier than the Chinese however, and the probability is will not seek residence so far from the land of their nativity, especially when they learn that it is necessary to hustle and wear a full suit of clothes in America.

HOP men are holding out patiently against the buyers, and if there is benefit to accrue from the hop growers' association it will soon manifest itself. The stiff upper lip which it is maintaining seems to be having a good effect, according to an officer of the association, who says that hop-dealers are beginning to "knuckle under." Several offers, he states, have been made by dealers for pooled hops in the hands of the combine. In fact, it is claimed there will soon be a general "caving" of the dealers on all sides, and that the association will realize its efforts in striving for higher prices than now quoted.

THE Independent at Hillsboro is in receipt of a letter from gentlemen who propose to establish at that place a condensed-milk factory, provided the farmers in that vicinity furnish at a central depot the milk of 50 cows at the beginning and increase the number to 1000 by the end of the first year. The offers for a site and building to be deeded after the factory runs three years have been received by the promoters of this proposed industry. Yamhill, Tillamook and Washington counties comprise in the order named the best dairying section in the United States, and it is only a question of enterprise and rustling ability, to secure the development of the industry.

FACTS are accumulating which must give substantial encouragement to weakened republicans. They point to coming events with as much force as do straws tell the direction of the wind. In a late interview Governor George K. Nash of Ohio, speaking of the approaching national political campaign, said: "There are no factions in the republican party of Ohio today. The party is absolutely united, and I look to see Senator Foraker re-elected two years hence without opposition. Ohio, always strongly republican in presidential years, will this year give William McKinley the largest majority in the history of the state. The state is in a wonderfully prosperous condition, and the people are not going to turn to the party which stands for a reversal of present conditions."

AGAIN the ghost of Grover Cleveland looms up in the horizon of Bryan's candidacy for the presidency while Gorman is training in the same direction. Cleveland would, if this ghost were made to walk, be a formidable rival to Bryan's nomination. Four years ago this would have been out of consideration, but times have changed with them. In 1893 the national question was whether we should pass to the silver basis under existing legislation. Grover Cleveland met the crisis almost alone, and but for him we should have been on the silver basis before the people had a chance to vote on the question. During the last presidential campaign the force of Cleveland's well-known opinions and example on finance caused hundreds of thousands of democrats to unite with the republicans for the defeat of Bryan, and it is no idle dream to believe that at the November election Cleveland would have superior strength to Bryan.

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THE people expect the present republican congress to legislate against the trust evil, and as soon as that body can get down to business it is confidently believed that such legislation will be enacted as will hold in check the combinations of capital. One step has already been taken in this direction by the introduction of a resolution by Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, chairman of the subcommittee of the house committee on judiciary, charged with the consideration of trust measures, and his action is, in a way, a reply to a challenge from the democratic members of the committee. It is somewhat doubtful under the limitations of the constitution, which have reserved to the states certain sovereign rights, whether an effective national measure can be enacted. But the people may rest assured that the effort will be made and to insure the success of the plans which may be inaugurated, the democrats in congress, if they are sincere in their protestations against the trust evil, will join in the fight.


AMONG the disagreeable features of Oregon's registration law is that part which it was thought would work so great a hardship on naturalized voters whose papers had been lost. Some of this class of voters have exercised the right of suffrage for a great many years, but under this law they were barred from having their names written in the county's book of voters by reason of their inability to produce evidence that they had ever been naturalized, or that while under age the father of the family had been similarly endowed. But now there has been a plan evolved whereby some of them can be able to vote in all the majesty of sovereign American citizenship. It is stated that they can, if they landed in the United States before the age of 18, and have since resided continuously therein, declare their intention to become a citizen and be admitted to citizenship at the same term of county court. When that is done, they can walk with their papers into the county clerk's office, and proceed to register without molestation or question.

THE stock men of the great ranges in eastern Oregon are opposed to the bill now before congress which provides for the leasing of the ranges on those vast plains to herdsmen. Their objection is that the system will prohibit individual ownership of land and destroy the small farmer and stockgrower. The lands if leaseable will be controlled by rich corporations and when the small stockman comes in contact with them he will go to the wall or rather to the sand plains of the Columbia. How the system works is illustrated by the condition of the range in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. A small man stays away and has reason for doing so. The country is unsettled, industries are neglected, schools and churches and society are unknown. A better plan, and one that would give equal justice to the large or small stockgrower, would be to impose a tax of so much per head on all stock grazing on public lands, the stock to be counted in January when it is about the hay stacks. Thus every man, rich or poor, possessing many cattle or few, would be treated equally.

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