

AN ESSAY ON NATIONAL POLITICS.

ED. EXAMINER:

As the time draws near for holding the two great conventions, I want to remind the two principle belligerents that, to use a term of some celebrity, they are confronted by a "condition" that will require more than ordinary "condition" powders for treatment.

The democrats are reduced to the necessity of hunting among the driftwood for their presidential timber. Each of their would-be great leaders riding some hobby to his own finish.

Gorman is working for the vote of the Colombian delegation, Bryan on the "Moral Issue," (Hearst on the immoral), while Hill stands with hands down, and croaks out like the raven "nevermore," but "I am a democrat." That alone is sufficient to plant the grass on his political grave. A democrat of his stamp stands about as much show of being elected president as a bull dog would of taking the blue ribbon at an exhibit of short horn cattle. The times are not ripe enough to justify the nomination of a thoroughbred. He might unfortunately get elected. They elected a thoroughbred a couple of times before the burned child learned to dread the fire. The thoroughbred was Grover Cleveland. The burned child, the democratic party, which is very ungrateful, Cleveland was the most consistent democrat born since the word democrat was coined and brought into use as a cloak for all forms of unrighteousness and other hellish orgies. Cleveland was elected twice from 1885 to 1889. He was hampered by a Republican Senate and House. He could only go the length of his picket rope, and his record was not notoriously bad. Then his friends said he had no show, and after four years of discontent under a republican administration, this God of the democrats was again elected, and, that he might have a good chance to work for the greatest good for the greatest number. Which, as the old slogan of the party, "a democratic senate and house were elected and Cleveland was enabled to carry out to the very letter the promises made by the party."

He called a special session of Congress and at a cost of thirteen million dollars repealed the tariff laws and the Sherman law, which related to the coinage of silver. Thousands of miners were thrown out of employment in the mines and forced to compete with farm laborers, causing a reduction of their wages and forcing them to go through the world like wandering Ishmaelites, so poor they could not afford to wear underclothes. Free soup houses became necessary to the well being of the people who should now pause to enquire "why should I vote for a democrat for president if thereby I lose my own job?" Free trade was a failure, and notwithstanding that, it was the war cry of the party throughout the campaign.

The democrats wanted to shirk the responsibility for the dismal failure of their free trade experiment on to Cleveland. Blamed him for it all. Said he had "sold out to the republicans, was in league with Mary Ellen Lease, and the Devil." The party was demoralized by the disastrous result and gave illegitimate birth to another, the Populist party. But fortunately it was born before its time and was unable to survive the pain and colic incident to its childhood. What was left of the wreck then found a "boy orator," in the person of W. J. Bryan, who promised to be their Moses and lead them up 16 to 1 out of the mire through political fields into pastures good. Mr. Bryan was a willing warrior. Armed with a weapon, a mate to the one used by Sampson,

with such deadly effect upon the Philistines. He expected surely to win but he lost control of his terrible weapon, and did irreparable damage to his cause. He said in a speech last fall that Cleveland was a "bunco steerer," that he "lead 7,000,000 voters into Wall street and betrayed them." Sit down Mr. Bryan, don't you think the party better disband?

FELIX ALLEN.

Canby, Cal.

Additional Local

Sheriff Dunlap informs The Examiner that the law does not allow the 3 per cent rebate on taxes that are paid one-half at a time.

Marion Barnes came in from Drews valley Saturday and is preparing to go into the blacksmith business with Eldon Woodcock.

Oliver Charlton came up from New Pine Creek Tuesday, and will start today for W. Z. Moss' Alkali spring ranch north of Abert Lake. Oliver thinks he is immune from further sickness or accidents.

The Ashland Tidings of last week says that John Herndon and Harry Beach went to San Francisco to enlist as apprentices in the U S Navy. The latter returned to his home having failed to pass the physical examination.

Leo Hasel, the new shoemaker in the Jammertial building, is now prepared to do all kinds of repairing. Makes to order all kinds of boots and shoes. Sheepmen's shoes and cowboy boots a specialty. Prices reasonable.

Says the Silver Lake Oregonian:—J. M. Welch came up from Summer Lake Tuesday, he was sent here by the ZX company to take charge of their ranch near town. Mr. Welch will make his home here for a time and is a competent man to fill the position.

C. J. Martin, County Treasurer of Grant county, was found dead at his office at Canyon City, on the 20th, in the County Courthouse with a bullet hole in his head. On his desk Martin left a note stating that he was unable to account for a number of drafts drawn on the county treasury.

The recent heavy rain and thaw induced numerous geese and swan up from the south. They received a mighty cold reception, however, as a freeze turned the water into ice. The lakes have not yet broken up, but are not expected to remain intact long if the creeks continue to pour in a deluge of water on top.

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S. T. Colvin, who is at Lincoln, Cal., with a bunch of horses he took down to sell, writes from Anderson that the price of beef cattle has greatly advanced, a sale of 40 steers having been made the day previous at 8 1/2 cents per pound on foot. This is by far the best price heard of, and the prediction there is that beef will be higher this year than ever before.

Walter Duke of Davis Creek, and Sam Duke of Alturas have been at the bedside of their father, who has been critically ill at his daughter, Mrs. Cogburn's home at Crane Creek. His sons Frank and James, who live south of Lakeview, have also been almost constant visitors. Another daughter, Mrs. Walter Sherlock came up from San Francisco last night, expecting to see her father for the last time. Mr. Duke rallied since our last report, and looks much better, but is quite feeble yet.

Messrs Yadin and Idol of the Western stage company have not purchased the steamboat on Klamath river that plys between Klamath Falls and Keno, but have made arrangements with the steamboat people to carry passengers. When the railroad is extended to Keno from its present terminus this boat will become quite popular.

The driver of the Lakeview stage, with his team, narrowly escaped being drowned while crossing Paradise creek near Bly, Tuesday morning says the Express. The stream was swollen from recent rains and melting snow. John Wells, who happened to witness the overturned stage and floundering horses in the stream, arrived in time to avert pending danger to the driver and horses.

Dave Edler, one of Lake County's largest sheep owners, arrived in town from his sheep camp east of Warner Valley, last Thursday. Dave reports all sheep in his section wintering in fine shape. The greatest thing the sheepmen have to contend with this winter is the ravenous coyote, which infest the range in countless numbers. Since the bounty was removed enough sheep have been killed to pay it.

A young man recently went to church with his best girl and he was happy. Both were quite good looking and modest. When the collection was taken the young man explored his pockets and whispered to his young lady: "I haven't a cent; I changed my pants." In the meantime the young lady had been searching her pockets and finding nothing, blushed a rosy red and stammered: "I'm in the same predicament."

An Ashland man has come out into the open with a new discovery in the shape of a divining rod that will detect the presence of gold or silver, no matter how deep either may be buried. No other metal will attract this rod. What a great thing that would be to collect old bills with. When a man claimed to have no money just pull the rod on him, and the coin would be forthcoming if the man had it.

The Northern stage met with an accident as it came into town last Monday night that made some of the passengers think that a cold bath is not all that is claimed for it. There were three passengers and the driver: W. K. McCormack of Summer Lake, and L. F. Walker and Geo. Colvin of Paisley. A deep washout at the foot of the hill in front of Geo. Nickerson's was not observed by the driver and the open stage dashed over the precipice of a few feet, with the result that passengers and mail were spilled promiscuously. Geo. Colvin was the most unfortunate, as he fell on his back in the water with his head down stream, and as his pants legs were large at the bottom, he accumulated a surplus of water in a hurry. But as Geo. was pinned down by the seat and a few sacks of mail, he got more than he wanted. No one was hurt seriously.

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