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### WARNING.

Some swindlers in Portland are still selling lots in Tillamook Park "addition," and occasionally a deed comes to the county clerk's office to be recorded. The lots are not worth enough to pay for recording the deed, in fact the whole "addition" isn't worth ten cents. The latest victims are Fred A. Rutledge, and three brothers, who exchanged some Portland property for several lots in the paper town-site. The name signed to the deed is "Geo. M. Johnson" of Portland, and the deed is acknowledged before Notary Public Petram.

The lots referred to are on a rugged, barren mountain side, no wagon road in twenty miles, no trail anywhere near, and the owner never saw the property, and no surveyor has ever been on it. It consists of 40 acres of absolutely worthless school land, and it is about as near Portland as Tillamook. It is doubtful if it is in this county, as there is some question as to the exact location of the line. It isn't fit for a goat pasture, and the unfortunate suckers who bought lots there will never see them. The authorities of Portland should arrest this "Geo. M. Johnson" next time he appears before Petram to acknowledge a deed, and Rutledge Bros. should at once prosecute the rogue and bring suit for the recovery of their property. Those who bought lots are foolish to pay taxes on them. This has been exposed before, and it is about time people quit biting at this swindle.

The populist party, under its present form, is likely to disappear at the next presidential campaign, though the party's vote has increased regularly until it had 1,600,000 votes at the last election. There is a big effort being made to form a free silver party, with a silver and protection platform, and if this is carried out, the new party will be very strong in the west and south, virtually swallowing the republican, democratic and populist parties in these sections. If this project fails it is probable that there will be a fusion party of populists and democrats at the next election.

The Sheridan Sun says: "The accumulation of large, valuable tracts of timber land by Michigan lumber sharks in Tillamook county through fraud, should be inquired

into by Congress. Thousands of men have perjured themselves by swearing that the land taken up was for themselves, when they had a distinct understanding that upon acquiring title they were to turn the land over to the lumber thieves for a certain consideration. The men who bought the land, did so with money furnished by the Eastern lumber hogs. Thousands of acres of valuable timber lands have thus gone into the hands of soulless corporations, while the "things" who perjured themselves for four or five hundred dollars a head have probably spent their ill-gotten gains in saloons and brothels. The needy settler with his large family is compelled to take a claim of burned timber or nothing. Of all the contemptible transactions under the U. S. land laws, the timber grabbing swindle was the boldest, most flagrant evasion of plain law ever attempted since the birth of the Republic."

When the Oregonian attempts to drive the free silver republicans out of the party it should remember the free trade proclivities of that sheet on former occasions. The Oregonian has bolted against republican principles more frequently than any other republican newspaper on the coast, and it never has a good word to say for the old soldiers. When it succeeds in bouncing the free silver votes and old soldiers from the party the republican vote in Oregon will be rather slim. There will be only two or three newspapers left to support the party, and at least three of our representatives in congress will not be in it. If the Oregonian's financial policy is adopted in the next state convention, defeat is certain for the party.

Of the many banks that failed last year, it is safe to say that not one of the cashiers, managers, or principal owners are suffering from want today. The depositors may have been ruined, and many are now starving, but the principal stockholders are better off than they were before.

It is downright mean of the depositors of the Portland Savings bank to want their money and try to draw it out. They ought to be forced to take only 50 cents on the dollar. Such banks are very much abused.

### GLOBE-DEMOCRAT OPINIONS.

For President and Vice President in 1896—Thomas B. Reed, and a good Western man.

So long as Japan buys her corned beef in this country, we need not care who makes her laws or writes her songs.

The Illinois Republicans have so much excellent Senatorial timber that they are not at all likely to make a selection from the underbrush.

The President's recommendations on currency reform are awaited with interest by the country. Currency reform, and not the tariff, is the great issue now.

It is a fact worth thinking about that the Republican members of the next Congress chosen in the South were elected by the votes of white men, while the votes of the colored element were mainly cast for the Democratic candidates.

We hope it is not true that the Republicans of Illinois are looking for "some Chicago man of wealth" with whom to beat Mr. Cullom for Senator. The Democrats of Illinois put forth "a Chicago man of wealth" in the person of Mr. McVeagh for Senator, and see what happened.

Talk about calamity howlers and cranks—the populists are not in it with Harvey Scott and H. W. Corbett. These men send up a continuous wail against high taxes, when their taxes are really low, comparatively speaking, and they want to lessen them by taxing passengers on the free bridges.

Multnomah county is assessed twice as low in proportion as the rest of the state, yet the big property owners of Portland are making every effort in the world to lower their assessments. That county now owes the state about \$130,000 in taxes which are long past due.

For every one thousand dollars illegally or doubly assessed, and for every one thousand dollars assessed upon which this county fails to collect the taxes, about ten dollars is paid to the state. In this way this county loses from one thousand to two thousand dollars in cash every year.

A Portland bank was robbed of \$2500, all there was in it, last week. R-a-t-s!