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*The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty-two years, and it has some subscribers who have received it nearly that long, and many who have read it for a generation.

DISPLACING BRYAN.

It is quite apparent that Democratic leaders are preparing to relegate Bryan to the rear, while some one of the old guard will be advanced to the head of affairs.

One of the leading Democratic papers of the country is openly advocating the repudiation of Bryan. It says:

"It is better a defeat on old line principles and without Bryan than a defeat on fusion compromises with Bryan, because we will win out in time by sticking to principles, and we will never win out by sticking to Bryan."

While the orator of the Platte is quite dead politically, yet he has a following that the Democracy must have in order to achieve anything like an approach to victory in 1902.

NO RIGHT TO OBSTRUCT.

Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying that the planks of the Democratic party will not be written by those whose loyalty to the party is under suspicion.

Geer will carry every precinct in Marion county without a single exception. The convention will be a unit in his support. But this fact does not make the duty of every Republican to be at the primaries next Friday less obligatory.

MARION FOR GEER.

A survey of the local political field indicates that Governor Geer will carry the county by an overwhelming majority and will have behind him in the next State Convention about twenty-two delegates who will support his candidacy for re-nomination with unflinching loyalty.

The Republicans have established a rule in Marion county of giving an official a re-nomination if his administration has been satisfactory.

The state of Mississippi will soon have a law against trusts, designed especially to reach the operations of the cotton trust.

It now looks as if Uncle Sam was going to have a little difficulty in getting a right of way for his canal across the isthmus.

The report comes from Spain that the young king, Alfonso XIII, will not be permitted to assume royal power on his seventeenth birthday.

Prince Henry's feeling of respect for the Stars and Stripes began in Manila

of the country to the hands of one so young and inexperienced, especially in such turbulent times as now prevail there.

GEER AND FURNISH.

The success of Mr. Furnish at the primaries Friday in Umatilla county removes all doubt, if there was any doubt, that the contest for nomination for Governor lies between Geer and Furnish.

Mr. Furnish will have his own county, as was expected, and will have more votes in Eastern Oregon than any other man, except Governor Geer, can possibly muster.

Governor Geer has served the Republican party for thirty years in defeat, as well as success. It is now up to the Republicans to say at the primaries whether he shall step down and out to make room for Mr. Furnish, who recently embraced the Republican faith.

DEMOCRATIC INCAPACITY.

It is refreshing to find a Democratic newspaper, and one with a national reputation for ability, says the Toledo Blade, willing to take up Philippine matters in a practical way.

The Constitution frankly tells the Democrats in Congress and out of it, that the Philippine problem "is no longer a question of possession and retention, but wholly a question of administration."

The Constitution might well go on and lecture the Democratic leaders for making that party stand merely for negatives. It has no positive policies.

On this Philippine matter, the Democratic attitude is characteristic. It keeps on discussing the status of those islands, as if it were in doubt.

THE FARMER GOVERNOR.

The fight being waged by a few people in Marion county against the re-nomination of Governor Geer reflects no credit on them who are engaged in it.

The United States Government has decided to demand of the Turkish Government the repayment of the \$2,000,000 paid for the ransom of Miss Stone.

NOT THE SAME JOHN P.

Editor Statesman: Please state that the John P. Robertson who signed the roll at the Socialist Convention on the 5th inst., is not the Abolition-Abe Lincoln-Republican-Wm. J. Bryan-Greenback-Jeffersonian-Democratic-Populist.

The Ladies—Of the First Baptist church will please meet on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. F. Seeley, No. 65 Twelfth street.

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administration. These men care nothing about the "Johnson loan" or trumped up irregularities in the Land Department. Every one of them was doing as much to injure his administration two years ago as he is today.

The Statesman predicts that the people of Marion county will not refuse enthusiastic support to this most distinguished of her native sons, who, against the most discouraging circumstances, has won his way from the plow to the highest position in the state.

The Statesman has contended that Eastern Oregon is not interested in the Governorship and has cited as proof the attitude of the Republican press of that section which has persistently avoided giving encouragement or support to any of the aspirants to that position living on their side of the Cascades.

Those European countries that pretended to believe this country was not sincere in the resolution made by Congress at the beginning of the Spanish-American war, declaring if not to be our purpose to gain any of the Cuban territory, will soon be given an instance of the fidelity of the country to its word at the time.

It is the earnest wish of every American that the new regime will be successful and that the people of Cuba may become happy and prosperous under a government of their own making.

Governor Geer is making a brave fight for re-nomination, which, from the standpoint of good political contest, is decidedly interesting. After all is said and done, Mr. Geer has made Oregon a good Governor and it will be a pity if he is turned down for the simple reason that he has incurred the displeasure of certain factions and politicians.

David B. Hill suggests the simple declaration of bimetalism as a basis for Democratic union. What does Mr. Hill aim to convey by the use of the term bi-metalism? If he means anything that would disturb the present financial system of the country he would get into a lot of trouble.

How many have lived on a farm until nearly fifty years of age and then been called to the chief executive office of a great state? Governor Geer is one of the few who have been thus honored and has given the state an administration that has not been successfully assailed from any quarter.

Another man who attacked Governor Geer is Hi Plummer, recently sheriff of Polk county. Mr. Plummer applied for the Superintendency of the Penitentiary, and was told in all candor that he could not have it.

Mr. C. B. Irvine is still another man who sought office under Governor Geer. Mr. Irvine as editor of the Sentinel, has viciously attacked the administration ever since he was informed that Governor Geer could not and would not give him office.

Mr. Irvine seeks to be an acknowledged leader of the Republican party, yet but six years ago, when acting as manager of the Statesman Publishing Company in this city, the Republicans protested against his acting as manager of the only daily Republican paper in this county on the grounds that he was a Democrat, and could not be trusted.

The mean maximum temperature for the 48 hours previous to 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon was 54 degrees Fahrenheit, and the minimum was 42 degrees.

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PLAIN STATEMENTS

A Few Paragraphs About the Quartet of Politicians that Are Opposed to Governor Geer for a Second Term.

Four years ago, when T. T. Geer asked the support of Marion county Republicans to enable him to secure the Republican nomination for Governor of Oregon, he numbered among his supporters several men, who at this time are bitterly opposing his re-nomination and who are, in order to defeat him, invading many election precincts in this county with money, unjust statements, promises of future preferment, and each and all arguments of whatsoever kind that will meet the exigencies of the occasion.

Among good, intelligent citizens there can be but few reasons for opposing the re-election to office of a man who has once secured their support. The policy of good citizenship is to continue in office those who have been mindful of their official obligations, for the reason that continued favors at the hands of a grateful constituency impels officials to higher ideals.

It was idle to say at this time attempt a review of Governor Geer's record. The general opinion, as you hear it expressed by the people, is a fair criterion and the consensus of public opinion is that Governor Geer's administration has been good. Unless we are to lose all faith in popular forms of government, we must allow the presumption that official life is fairly honest, and trust to the effort of interested parties to expose lurking evils.

Among the warm supporters of Governor Geer four years ago, was Dr. J. N. Smith, an excellent gentleman, who enjoys a lucrative practice of medicine in this city. Dr. Smith is an able man, a man of energy and political aspirations.

Dr. Smith, immediately after the election of Governor Geer, asked to be appointed Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum. There are four physicians in office at the Asylum, and a few months prior to Dr. Smith's application the old Asylum Board, consisting of Governor Lord, State Treasurer Metcahan and Secretary of State Kincaid, met and duly re-elected Dr. Griffith and Dr. McNary, both residents of Marion county, to continue as Asylum physicians for a term of four years.

When the Legislature was preparing to dip into the treasury and purchase a mansion for the Governor, "in order to properly maintain the dignity of his office," this farmer "allowed that he could maintain all the dignity necessary in a house that cost him a monthly rental of fifteen dollars." And that he "could pay that rent out of his salary."

We have three organic branches of Government: the Legislative, the Judiciary and the Executive. The Judiciary is necessarily composed of lawyers, the Legislature is always controlled by lawyers, and it is but fair that a member of the agricultural class should represent the producers and laboring elements in the Executive branch.—Oregon Independent.

A PRINTER GREATLY SURPRISED.

"I never was so much surprised in my life, as I was with the results of using Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says Henry T. Crook, pressman of the Asheville, (N. C.) Gazette. "I contracted a severe case of rheumatism early last winter by getting my feet wet. I tried several things for it without benefit. One day while looking over the Gazette, I noticed that Pain Balm was positively guaranteed to cure rheumatism, so I bought a bottle of it and before using two-thirds of it my rheumatism had taken its flight and I have not had a rheumatic pain since." Sold at Dr. Stone's Drug Stores.

PUT TO WORK.—Two men were arrested by Officers Lewis and Murphy early Sunday morning, giving their names as White and Shilling.

They were charged with intoxication and were brought up before City Recorder N. J. Judah yesterday morning, and fined \$5 each, in default of which they were taken back to jail to work out their sentence in carrying ashes out of the basement.

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