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MR. MOODY TALKS.

Representative Moody recognizes the merit of Governor Geer's administration and the debt the party owes him for past services. Discussing the action of the recent convention he said:

"I regret that Governor Geer was not renominated. He is an old-line Republican of exceptional ability. He made a vigorous and most successful campaign four years ago, carrying the party to victory when it appeared there was imminent danger of defeat on account of the silver craze which was then sweeping over the country, and carrying, not only the great body of the Democrats, but many Republicans, off their feet. He gave the state a sound, conservative and economical administration. He is deservedly very popular among the people, especially the farmers of Oregon, being himself a farmer by occupation. His own campaign was by no means his only service to the party in that line, for he was often called upon to address the people of Oregon and of other states upon political and party issues. He earned recognition of a renomination by faithfulness and efficiency in the trust reposed in him by his party and the people.

"I do not wish to be understood as reflecting upon the candidate nominated. This is simply the expression of my sentiment concerning the defeat of one who, with the other state officers, has well earned his party's commendation."

HOW ONE CHURCH WAS BUILT.

A very interesting case of church building by neighborhood sacrifice is reported from that rude and frigid outpost of civilization, Nome, Alaska. This church is credited to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, but people of all sects and creeds and no sect or creed joined in building it.

The thermometer was 10 to 20 below zero when the foundation was put in and the snow was deep on the ground. But in the winter season many of the miners are idle, and there was no trouble getting help to push the work, so that the church was all finished in a month. It cost $10,000 and seats 500 people.

When the church was dedicated a collection was taken up and all but $200 was secured. At this point, says the Outlook two men in the congregation chipped in and made up this balance, thus leaving the church clear. A remarkable thing about this was that one of the men was a Catholic and the other a saloon-keeper—showing that hard and fast church lines are not drawn in these rugged regions, and that even the less religious half of society in such places believe in encouraging the establishment of churches as conservative institutions.

SCRAPPING DEMOCRATS.

The Democratic brethren positively refuse to be good, says the Toledo Blade. Whenever one of them proclaims "let us have peace," "let us get together," "let us have no more dissensions," some other Democrat will swat him and remind him that he has no right to be heard and that he was a traitor in 1896 and 1900.

Henry Watterson raved against President Roosevelt the other day and denounced him as a despot. "Brother Democrats," yelled Henry, "let us have done with dissensions; let us stand together," and now what happens? The Columbus Free Post, the Democratic organ of Central Ohio, comes back at Mr. Watterson in this way:

"Watterson tearfully whines, 'Friends, brothers, Democrats, let us have done with dissension.' Well, Watterson was one of the first to begin dissension six years ago and he has never admitted that he is sorry for it, because he isn't. But for such traitors as Watterson, Hill and men of their ilk the Democratic party would today be in control at Washington, because Bryan would have been elected in 1896 and reelected in 1900 had it not been for the traitors who are now pleading so piteously for the 6,000,000 of loyal Democrats to return to them. Had the men who turned traitor been loyal they would be in a position today to counsel and advise the 6,000,000 Democrats who were true; but as it now stands, the traitors should heed the wishes of the great mass that was faithful instead of trying to persuade the 6,000,000 to also become traitors to themselves and true Democratic principles. We are always willing to admit that we are Democrats, but will never plead guilty to being either friend or brother to anything like Henri Watterson."

The brethren refuse to dwell together in harmony. The dove of peace keeps far out of reach of the Democratic camp. There is blood on the moon and discordant Democratic elements are only waiting for the opportunity to get at each other's throats.

The revolution against the Castro Government in Venezuela is gaining ground rapidly and the rebels are getting so many recruits that it looks as if their side would win. In Colombia also the rebels are making progress against the Government forces. It should be borne in mind, however, that the rebels in the two sister countries do not sympathize with each other; on the contrary, the Colombian rebels belong to the Liberal party, which is a party of progress and reform common to a number of the Spanish-American countries, while in Venezuela it is the Government which is liberal. This explains why President Castro did what he could to encourage the Colombian rebels until he had his own hands full with his own troubles. The fact that the people of each country are rebelling against exactly the sort of government the other one has, appears to indicate that constitutional discontent and love of turmoil, rather than love of real liberty, is at the bottom of these chronic Spanish-American eruptions.

Berlin, with a population of 1,901,567, according to a census just taken, stands high on the list of the world's cities in point of population. There is a strong probability, however, that she is beaten by Chicago by this time. In 1900 Berlin stood fourth—London, New York and Paris being ahead of her—on the roll of cities, and Chicago fifth. Berlin then had 1,843,600 inhabitants and Chicago 1,698,000. Berlin since then has grown to 1,901,000, but Chicago has probably passed that mark or if she has not she undoubtedly will soon. The United States is the only country in the world which has more than one city of over 1,000,000 people. She has three now—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia—and she will have another by 1910, if Boston's annexation plans are carried out. Moreover, even without any appropriation of outlying territory, St. Louis will not be very far below the 1,000,000 line ten or fifteen years hence. The United States is a highly expansive country.

The insular department of the War Department has issued a review of the work of the army in putting Cuba and especially Havana on a sanitary basis. During the last 45 years there have been an average of 751 deaths from yellow fever alone in Havana, whereas in the last year there have been but 5; and the American experts have demonstrated the invaluable fact that to get at the root of the yellow fever infection the mosquitoes that carry the germs must be fought. When the army took charge there was a total of 21,252 deaths in Havana in the year, and this record has been reduced to 5,720. There was not a single smallpox case last year. It is feared that the Cubans may underestimate the necessity of continuing this good work, but the American suzerainty will put them under obligations to maintain a clean bill of health, now that the way has been pointed out to them.

The Oregonian took a column of space the other day to tell the difference between the bolters of the present and those of two years ago. It was a hair splitting proposition, but the Oregonian made it clear as mud that the Mitchellites are pure and disinterested patriots, striving for the welfare of the party. The fact is they are as corrupt and tyrannical in their methods as Simon ever dared be, and while the Statesman has nothing but contempt for the political methods of Simon it is supremely disgusted to see the other crowd, claiming to be fair, employing Simon methods. The Republican mess in Multnomah is the result of unfairness of the majority toward the minority. The Republicans there will never get together until they can be fair.

There is not a man on the Republican county ticket who is not worthy of the hearty support of every Republican, and he should have it. Enemies of some of the men are circulating reports that certain ones will be "scratched," but there is no foundation for such a statement, as the ticket in every respect is the strongest ever named in the county, and there will be less scratching this year than ever before. Reports to the contrary are merely for effect, but it is pretty early to begin such work as this because it will be exploded long before election day comes. So far as the Statesman has been able to learn after diligent inquiry, there is no man on the ticket who is not entirely satisfactory.

Marion county will give its usual Republican majority this year. The county ticket is unusually strong, and the State ticket is probably as satisfactory as it is possible to get one. The Republicans of Marion county believe in the rule of the majority and will come to the polls and vote the ticket, although they might have had it a little different had they had their own way. It is a pity that all the Republicans are not as quick to acquiesce in the will of the majority as are the Republicans of this county. Then there would be no danger but the Republican State ticket would win by a large majority.

A bill has been reported favorably in Congress to reorganize the militia. It provides for equipping the National Guard in the same way as the regular army and give the national Government such control over it as to make it available for use in any part of the country at any time. It will be a splendid auxiliary force to the regular army and will do away with the necessity of a large force in that branch of the military service. This is a good measure and should become a law. Our National Guard is organized under a law over 100 years old and does not nearly meet the requirements of the present time.

Bryan celebrated his 42nd birthday March 19th, by moving out to his farm which he purchased before the last Presidential election. His family is living in a new barn on the place, while his handsome residence is being constructed. Bryan has surely got the Presidential bee again, if indeed he was ever without it, for it will be remembered that the first sign of his desire for the nomination the last time was his frequent visits to his oat field. His recent move is a bad one for Hill and Gorman.

The Senate finally passed the oleomargarine bill. The result should have been reached without hesitation. It is right to oblige this substitute for real butter to be sold for what it is, or pay a high tax. This is honest and fair. Oleomargarine as such bears only a nominal tax, under the provisions of the new law. So those who want oleomargarine and prefer to use it, on account of its cheapness, will be able to buy it cheaply.

New York is having a little unpleasant experience with the beef trust, and the vigorous way in which the people's cause is being fought for by some of the leading journals indicates that the trust has on its hands a condition of affairs it did not anticipate when it arbitrarily raised the price of meats. The people are in no moood to be oppressed by the trust, and such organizations of capital must use their power with moderation or trouble will follow.

The Oregonian is worrying very much about Geer's alleged candidacy for the Senate. If Geer wanted to be Senator there would be some occasion for the Oregonian fretting over the matter. So far as the Statesman is informed not a single word has been uttered by Governor Geer bearing on this subject, and until some intimation has been made of his desires the editor of the Oregonian need lose no sleep.

The rest of the state should be quarantined against the political methods of Multnomah county. When one side gets whipped down there it bolts and goes over to the Democrats. Multnomah's mess should be a warning to all who did not get what they wished in the recent convention. A bolt or failure to support the ticket means disaster to the party. There is only one thing for Republicans to do, and that is to vote the ticket that has been nominated.

Mr. Furnish has determined to establish headquarters in Portland and make Multnomah the battle ground. He is a good organizer, but his ability will be put to test in uniting the shattered phalanxes of the Republican party there. If he can do this his election is placed beyond doubt, and the result will be for the good of the party in the future. Portland is a good place to do missionary work, and Mr. Furnish is shrewd enough to see it.

Our war with Spain seems to have very greatly increased our trade with that country. They found out more about this country than they ever knew before in that little brush with us, and they are taking advantage of the knowledge gained. Our imports from Spain in 1901 were about $7,000,000 and our exports there nearly $17,000,000, of which cotton alone formed about two-thirds. Our main imports from Spain are fruits, nuts, wines and cork.

According to the census there are 1600 boot and shoe factories in this country, employing 143,000 men, using $170,000,000 worth of materials a year and turning out products worth at wholesale $261,000,000. On the average the wholesale price of a pair of shoes represents about 22 per cent in wages, 65 per cent materials, and 13 per cent minor expenses and profits.

The next thing to do is to register if you have not already done so this year. The registration books close May 15, after which time it will be impossible to get your name on the register of voters. Every voter must register before every general election. You must register before May 15, if you expect to vote in June.

A few Democrats are rejoicing in the hope of getting something in the coming election. They will be doomed to disappointment as usual after the votes are counted, but they should not be disturbed in their hope, for they are entitled to a little satisfaction (if they can get it from that source), if not any of the offices.

The big battleship Retvisan, or Redbird, built for the Russian navy by the Cramps at Philadelphia, was formally turned over to Russia last Sunday. The crew of 750 men had been sent on from Russia and she will sail for Cronstadt in a few days.

The St. Louis Fair authorities have offered $200,000 for the most successful operation of an air ship. Santos-Dumont, the aeronaut, has accepted an invitation to take charge of the arrangements for the contest.

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, has refused to come to the assistance of the poor dumb brutes by refusing to sign a bill against the docking of horses' tails.

Hanna doesn't want to be a candidate for the Presidency, but if his enemies don't quit talking about him he may decide to show them a thing or two.

Senator Hanna continues adjusting disputes between capital and labor. And yet some people say the Senator will not be a Presidential possibility in 1904.

Laborers to the number of 2000 are being hired in Norway for railroad work in Canada by an American Congressman.

The author of "Ben Bolt" has passed away. And so will generations, but old "Ben Bolt" will endure.

ANNEXATION AND POLITICS.

The New York Evening Post thinks the Democrats are going to make a great deal of partisan capital out of the Cuban question. According to that journal, the Democrats will "make the annexation of Cuba a party issue as soon as the Cubans shall signify their desire for a union with us, a petition for which is already circulating in Cuba. The Democrats being at a loss for an issue, will eagerly seize this." It adds that "such an issue, if squarely made, would be most dangerous to the supremacy of the Republican party."

In all of this the Post is astray. The party which will take the lead in making Cuban annexation an issue is the Republican party. That party will do this just as soon as it can be done legitimately—that is, just as soon as the annexation feeling in Cuba begins to take concrete shape. Probably this will be within a few months after the transfer which is booked to take place on May 20. It is known that there is a strong annexation feeling among the business element of Cuba, and among all the foreigners on the island, including Spaniards. This sentiment is bound to grow. It will probably grow faster under the sway of the Cuban republic than it has done under that of the American military regime. It may or may not become obvious enough in the next six months to figure in the Congressional canvass this year, but it is morally certain to assert itself before 1904, and to get recognition in that year's Republican platform and Republican canvass.

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EDITORIALS OF THE POEPLE

Ex-Governor Fletcher Discusses Executions.

HE BELIEVES IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR INSTEAD OF THE HANGMAN'S ROPE—A GRIM SUBJECT FOR A JOKE—A RECENT HANGING.

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Electricity the Proper Method.

Editor Statesman:

Ever since the hanging of Wade and Dalton, the papers have had a good deal to say about it. One paper said hanging is a barbarous way of taking a life, anyhow. Another said a murderer should be hanged in private. And still another, who was present to see the murderers hanged, said, if hanging is such a good thing, a gallows should be erected on a flat car, and the car sent over the track, where all could see it.

Hanging a man by the neck until he is dead, is scarcely consistent with our higher civilization. But so far it is the favorite mode of closing the career of man-slayers who do not die of old age before the lawyers have exhausted all their resources. It is extremely trying for a modest man, unaccustomed to public speaking, to appear on a platform before a large congregation, and make extended remarks without notes. It must be very trying for a man who has been well "raised" to appear before total strangers without either a collar or a necktie. I have known men who couldn't bear to have anything drawn tightly around their necks; even a newly starched shirt annoyed them terribly.

I am surprised to learn that there are persons with a scientific turn of mind, who believe that hanging is the most agreeable way of dispatching a culprit that has as yet been discovered. They argue that after the first jar to the nervous system, and the first few seconds of annoyance, that the sensations are decidedly pleasant and delightful. A few persons who have been hanged by the neck and yet survived have talked with their friends after the trouble was over. They say that after the first little surprise and momentary period of discomfort, they "heard the plash of fountains, saw the most exquisite pictures and listened to the tinkling of silver bells, and the melody of music, soft and sweet." And they were delighted with the experience. They felt as if they could listen to the concert a thousand years. When they were cut down, and their friends began to resuscitate them, they scolded for interfering; but after thinking the situation over for some time, they seemed to be more reconciled to their fate.

In spite of the testimony in behalf of the pleasures of hanging, those who were invited to end their lives in this manner tried in every imaginable way to avoid it—to shirk out of it by "hook or by crook." And even those who had been raised to this prominent position, and were afterward cut down, and owned up that they enjoyed the performance, were strangely unwilling to be called out again. They always asked for a postponement, a stay of proceedings, or even imprisonment for life, rather than enjoy the exhilirating delights of suspension.

Then there is the plain, old-fashioned method of beheading. This method is entirely effective. No way has yet been discovered of resuscitating a man whose head has been severed from the balance of his anatomy, so we are in doubt as to the feelings one enjoys during the amputation of his head. If he sees beautiful things and hears delightful music he never mentions it to anybody. For one, I am glad I didn't live when the squint-eyed executioner enjoyed a monopoly of the killing business. I do not believe I could enjoy the thought of having my head cut off on a block before a lot of observers and total strangers.

A French gentleman of discernment saw that the old-fashioned method of chopping off heads was slow and tedious and without a particle of style, so he invented a labor-saving machine called the guillotine. This machine did its work with neatness and dispatch. A new hired man could work it as well as an old, experienced hand. The inventor contended that cutting a head off with it didn't hurt as bad as pulling a tooth. One thing about it, however, was clear, a victim was never known to speak an unkind word of the machine after the services were over.

I believe that something higher toned and less shocking to the spinal column than hanging should be introduced. There is the electric chair, for example. The defunct-elect is simply invited to be seated in an easy chair, and he soon begins to dream of green fields, the hum of bees and the singing of birds, when the gentlemanly executioner, attired in evening dress, and wearing a button-hole boquet, goes softly by, humming the popular air of "There's a land that is fairer than this," in a low, soothing tone of voice; touches a button and the gentleman in the chair closes his eyes and awakes elsewhere. The corpse is not only unmutilated, but actually wears a smile, and usually looks more peaceful than when alive and kicking. The reporters miss the "dull thud" and the convulsive shudder, and the defunct gentleman has missed the opportunity to invite the congregation to reform their habits and meet him at Philippi. And thus the ends of justice have been satisfied. I believe the method is entirely consistent with the twentieth century civilization, and am, therefore, heartily in favor of the electric chair. In the case of Wade and Dalton, and many others I could name, hanging is altogether too pleasant a sensation for them, but in the case of electricity the pleasure is so short-lived that he must be hard-hearted, indeed, who would begrudge it to the gentleman in the chair.

J. H. FLETCHER.

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