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For Joint Senator.
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SQUIRE FARRAR, of Salem.
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THOS. B. KAY, of Salem.
A. M. LAFOLLETT, of Brooks.
J. D. SIMMONS, of Monitor.
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JOHN F. STEINER, of Jefferson.
Clerk.
JOHN W. ROLAND, of Salem.
Recorder.
JOHN C. SIEGMUND, of Gervais.
Treasurer.
W. Y. RICHARDSON, of Stayton.
Commissioner.
WM. MILEY, of Aurora.
Assessor.
CHARLES LEMBECKE, of Butteville.
Surveyor.
BYRON B. HERRICK JR., of Turner.
Coroner.
A. M. CLOUGH, of Salem.
Justice of the Peace.
(Salem District)
E. D. HORGAN, of Salem No. 1.
Constable.
GEORGE H. IRWIN, of Salem No. 2.

Republicans would rally around the nominees they made by their own votes directly more enthusiastically than they would about candidates named by bosses and machines. The Republican party needs a direct primary for its own protection and owes it to itself to provide for one at the next session of the Legislature.

BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA.

The Mobile, Alabama Register, one of the staunch Democratic papers of the South, takes a very gloomy view of the future of the party it has so long supported. Its view, however, is about the only reasonable one to take at this time, and its predictions are in line with what Republicans have before pointed out. The Register's statement of the situation is an acknowledgment of what the Republicans have said and is of much interest since coming from this source. The Register says:

"Mr. Bryan shows that he retains his standing with the Populists of the country. He has commanded fusion in his state and it exists. He was the idol of the Third party men in convention in Louisville a few days ago. In a trade for the Democratic nomination he has the 'goods,' so to speak. He can stipulate that the Democratic nominee shall be a Bryan man, endorsing the Kansas City platform, the penalty of non-acceptance of his dictation being Mr. Bryan's own nomination as independent candidate by the Populists, and the drawing off of thousands of men who voted for the Democratic ticket in 1896 and 1900. The Democratic party must accept Mr. Bryan for guide for 1904 or cut loose from him entirely, and without any great hope of winning on an anti-Bryan platform and program. It would appear to be suicidal, therefore, to reject Bryan and Bryanism. On the other hand, the united forces of Populism and Democracy did not elect Bryan in 1896 or 1900, and it is a sure thing that the union cannot elect Bryan or a Bryan man in 1904. Either way one regards the situation it is bad for Democracy; but of the two policies offered that of cutting loose has the most to commend it. There is no future in Bryanism. That is really out-of-date, buried with the last century. If Democracy is ever to win it must make progress. Tied to a dead issue, it cannot progress. Freed, it will gather strength with time, and win some day, if not immediately; and if the wise leader is found, it may win now."

WANTED A LEADER.

The Democratic party is making a diligent search for a new man to assume the leadership of the party who gives promise of bringing it through successfully. The New Orleans Pica-

une speaks in despairing tones of the efforts in this direction and sees failure and defeat in the future. It says: "The impassioned Democratic orator calls on the people to stand together against the aggressions of arbitrary power, and for national expansion under the gospel of the Constitution. Upon this, he thinks, the Democrats can unite, and for this he calls on them to fight. But, unfortunately, these words of fire, as if they were from the lips of another Peter the Hermit, preaching a great uprising for truth and right and liberty and the Constitution, fall upon ears dull of hearing and upon hearts encased in selfishness, and a desire for self-aggrandizement. The men who claim the leadership of the party are concerned only for their own personal advancement. The voice of true Democracy may cry out of the wilderness, but no great, inspired, heroic leader has come forth to be animated by public confidence and admiration. Possibly he may appear in time, but it is to be feared that the party will be chastened by further defeat before a grand Democratic deliverer shall come to redeem it from its sins."

COMMON SENSE POLICY.

The party of high moral ideas has a perplexing problem in hand. The meeting of the objections of the Democrats to the maintenance of slavery in the territory of our pet sultan, his majesty of Jolo. It is really Gilbertian, this ownership of a sultan by a republic; and the protection of the institution of slavery in his dominions. If it were not a real thing it would be a tremendous joke, over which we would be the first to laugh. The Democrats want to know why the Republicans do not abolish slavery; and the Republicans reply that it cannot be done at once, because of the radical changes that would result. No such reply was of value in the early sixties. The Republicans then held that slavery had to go, even if half the people of this country slaughtered the other half. And slavery went. We are glad of it. We gained the idea from that historical incident that the republic and slavery would henceforth be like fire and water—utterly at variance; but the Republicans see a way to let the antagonistic elements exist in the same atmosphere. Possibly, this is because there are no Congressional districts involved; in other words, there being no prospect of partisan profit, the Republicans have lessened their devotion to high moral ideas.—Mobile (Ala.) Register.

This argument is not well founded. The South had reached a stage of enlightenment in the sixties far beyond that of the inhabitants of the Jolo. The abolition of slavery in the South had been discussed for fifty years. The people knew the evil of the institution if they were capable of being convinced. The steps toward its abolition were not taken in a day; they had been in progress for more than half a century, and the Republicans did not go into power with the idea of stamping out the evil in a day or a decade. They only advocated restraint upon the spread of the institution, and no one ever dreamed of Lincoln's emancipation being issued when he was elected in 1860. Even after the war began Lincoln said he would save the Union with or without slavery if possible. The South brought on the abolition of slavery in the sixties, and if the sultan of Jolo is not satisfied with the restraints this country is putting upon his slaves and rebels the Government will free his slaves. It prefers, if possible, to do it peaceably, but that cannot be done by hasty action. Our authority would better be firmly established there and the confidence of the people gained before radical measures be taken to stamp out the evil. That was the policy of the Republican party toward slavery in the sixties, and common sense dictates it as the course to pursue at the present time.

LOOKING FOR SCANDAL.

The Democrats in their desperation for an issue are discovering a good many more nests. Their diligent search for some irregularity in the Republican party's administration of affairs and the failure that has attended their efforts so far confirms all who may have had doubt in the matter that every thing is about all right, or the continued and exhaustive ransacking of affairs high and low would have brought something to light. The vague rumor of bribery connected with the purchase of the Danish West Indies was seized upon by Mr. Richardson, the leader of the Democrats in Congress, with the hope that it might prove a sweet morsel to nourish the flagging courage of his followers and cause them to keep up a vigorous fight on Republican policies. But this proved to be but a bubble that vanished in thin air. Mr. Richardson could produce no witness but Nels Gron, and that individual not only gave no testimony in support of the Christian charges, but had much to say against their truth. Now comes the Danish Government, with a sweeping official denial of the story so far as it is concerned. It denies that it ever employed Christmas, and declares that his so-called "secret report" was never received. Hence it is plain that the whole story was one cooked up in Denmark by those who oppose the cession of the islands to the United States, and that Christmas was their tool in exploiting a baseless sensation. The Democratic leader bit at the enticing bait and became a willing tool in the hands of Christmas, all with the hope of developing a scandal that would involve the Republican leaders. The

Democrats have not heard the last of the affair, even if the incident is apparently closed; it will in all probability become a boomerang.

THE HERITAGE OF DEMOCRACY.

Says an Exchange: Will some one kindly name a measure which has been championed by the Democratic Party during the past quarter of a century that is not dead and buried beyond the hope of resurrection? It can't be done, but, on the other hand, the Republican Party has to its credit the reconstruction measures which followed the ending of the Civil War, the resumption of specie payments, the establishment for all time of the theory of Protection to American industries, the adoption of the gold standard coupled with a resounding era of prosperity unequalled in the world's history. True, there is the scarecrow of "Imperialism," but while a pair of old pants in a cornfield may scare the black winged birds of prey, in the broader field of national politics bugbears have had their day. Dead sea apples is all that's left for Democratic feasts. Hecatombs and other toms constitute the heritage of Democracy.

It would be well for the rabid Imperialists who are making such a great ado about the cruelties of the American soldiers toward the Filipinos on mere charges such as in the past have proven groundless, to await patiently the result of court martial inquiry into the conduct of various officers and men who it is alleged have been guilty of conduct toward the natives not authorized by the rules of war. This class of "patriots" who stay at home and encourage the natives to continue their hostilities to the Americans are of course very apt to see things from a biased standpoint. Their sympathy is with the natives with their bolos sneaking into the quarters of our soldiers in Samar under the guise of friendship and then beginning a wholesale slaughter of the men who represent the Government authority there. Such an act they look upon as the work of heroes and entirely justifiable. They look with delight upon the scene of carnage where the unarmed Americans are slaughtered and their bodies cut into bits by their bloodthirsty enemies whom they had supposed to be their friends. They enjoy such a scene and applaud the barbarous treachery as a deed of patriotism. But let an American soldier kill a Filipino except in open battle and under dress parade tactics, and it is murder from their point of view. There is no question but soldiers have been guilty of crimes against innocent natives there. There never has been a war among the most civilized nations without examples of depravity. It would be a miracle if among the 150,000 or more men who have served in the army and navy in those islands, none was found who had not always maintained scrupulous regards for the natives' rights, and would at no time step beyond the boundaries of rectitude and justice.

Those men have been brought to justice and have paid the penalty for their crimes, just as men age at home. That the army should not contain such individuals is beyond reason to expect. Every large organization of men and women has criminals in it, from the church and lodges down to a gang of robbers, and, of course, the army is not exempt from such dangers.

But this does not establish the fact that the soldiers as a rule are bloodthirsty and inhuman in their relations with the Filipinos, and that the Government has a settled policy of massacre and slaughter in its campaigns. If individuals have been guilty they will be punished in accordance with their crimes, but the body of soldiers is not to be held responsible for the crime of one of its number, any more than a church is to be held responsible for the wrong action of one of its members.

Mark Twain, who failed for a large sum of money about nine years ago, has paid off his indebtedness, which amounted to over \$100,000, and is now regarded as on the highway to wealth again. Like Scott, the failure of his publishing house left him at an advanced age without a dollar. Scott, as will be remembered, took up his pen, and, denying himself all comforts and pleasures of life, worked without ceasing until he had paid the \$150,000 which he might have avoided by taking advantage of the bankrupt law. When Mark Twain failed he started out on a trip around the world, and upon his return wrote up an account of his experiences that brought him in a large income from which he has satisfied all claims against him. He was 58 years old when he started out upon this undertaking, which would have discouraged most men. He is now well-to-do again, as recent transactions indicate. One day last week he paid \$47,500 for a summer home on the Hudson not far from New York, which shows with his other property that he is in very comfortable circumstances. His admirers the world over will be glad to learn of his success in freeing himself of debt and providing himself with plenty for his declining years.

Since the Democrats have been unable to make anything out of the charge of bribery in the sale of the Danish West Indies the old story of cruelty of American soldiers toward

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anarchistic conference for the third week in May. The place of the conference is not named, but the circular says this will be designated later by letter, in order to avoid police interference. If the nations of Europe and America don't take steps to restrain these political maniacs, great calamity is bound to follow their open and unrestricted teaching of murder as a remedy for supposed political evils. Anarchy is political insanity, and a man who preaches its doctrine is an enemy of the state and as dangerous to society as the man who has lost his reason. He should be restrained and kept away from the associations of other people. The safety of the state demands it.

A general primary in which each voter could express his choice of men for candidates from Governor to constable. If honestly conducted, would do away with professional politicians and insure the election of the best men to office. The Republican delegation from Marion county to the next Legislature is pledged to bring about the enactment of such a law, if elected, and it can be relied upon to fulfill its promise.

The Mobile Register remarks: "It is a dull day when a political sheet can't find food for excitement. Hardly has the Danish Islands scandal evaporated than the Port Chalmette 'violation of international law' demands attention. Some of the papers are using their largest adjectives. We consider it a great waste of words."

A federation of revolutionary laborers, which is working in the name of the German anarchists, is distributing a mysterious circular calling for an