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CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE. (Speech by Abraham Lincoln at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Feb. 12, 1861, while en route to Washington.)

THE SEARCH FOR AN ISSUE.

An exchange says "some people are evincing an anxiety to know what issues the Democratic party will take up in the coming campaign."

Mr. Bryan, seeing the necessity for some new issue that had not been already ridden as a hobby, no doubt made his trip to Europe in search of some raw material out of which to construct a brand new war cry.

Hair Falls. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling. One-half a bottle cured me. J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, Ill. Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly the most economical preparation of its kind on the market.

Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales! Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

positively removes them, has radically and permanently cured the worst cases, and is without an equal for all cutaneous eruptions.

The Democratic party of Oregon, of course, is in the Bryan ranks to stay. They recognize that the ark of the covenant has at all times been in the hands of the Nebraska man and, consequently, have no use for those who have strayed from "the house of the faithful."

THE UMPQUA RIVER.

And now comes the disappointing intelligence that Government assistance is not to be expected in aid of the harbor at the mouth of the Umpqua river.

WELL, THE REPUBLICANS CAN STAND IT.

Kenton (O) Press-Grover Cleveland has grabbed his bootstraps and lifted himself out of the Presidential game. He says: "My determination not to be a candidate is unalterable and conclusive."

DANGER OF FIRE IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

An unexpected result of the terrible loss of life in the fire at the Iniquity Theatre in Chicago is the announcement that probably many of the theatres in that city will never open again.

Every traveller who occupies a room at a hotel takes his life in his hand and never knows but that he will be cremated before morning. Not one traveller out of a thousand, when he goes to bed in his hotel ever thinks to ascertain the location of the fire escape before retiring.

in case of a fire, would be the means of saving some lives, but it does not change the fact that people are always taking chances when they enter large buildings in great numbers, whether in theatres or hotels.

The only fire escapes that are in a measure really effective are those similar in arrangement to the ones in use at the State Asylum in this city.

But buildings constructed for the particular purposes of a theatre could not always be provided with escapes of this character.

Meanwhile, people will continue to take risks. They are built that way. But, after all, considering that hundreds of thousands of people attend the theatres in the United States every evening, the percentage of loss of life by being cremated in the play houses is no larger than that of farmers who lose their lives every year by their teams running away.

GEN. LONGSTREET.

The death of General James Longstreet removes from earth the last of the Southern heroes in the Civil War who gained military distinction in the Confederate army.

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THE "CROWD" IN WASHINGTON.

An esteemed contemporary which professes to believe that a national appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair "is what all Oregon is pulling for now," also says that "if Jeff Myers and the balance of the crowd in Washington tell the Congressional committee all they don't know about Oregon and the Lewis and Clark Fair, a large appropriation will be assured."

But why this slur at the "crowd" now in Washington assisting the Congressional delegation from Oregon in the matter of the appropriation? Besides Mr. Myers, there are W. L. Boise and H. W. Scott. The first two are natives of Oregon and Mr. Scott has spent fifty years here and probably knows more about the state in detail than any other man.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

The supporters and admirers of W. J. Bryan, in his home town, are making arrangements to give him a magnificent reception and banquet upon his return from Europe.

"OLD PROBABILITIES" FIFTY YEARS AGO.

As an indisputable proof that the climate of Oregon has materially changed for the better since its settlement by the whites, the Statesman republishes from its issue of January 31, 1854, the following article showing how the "oldest inhabitant" will sometimes forget his own experiences.

"THE WEATHER AND THE MAILS."

The Columbia is reported frozen from the Cascades to the Cowitz. Heavy teams cross at Fort Vancouver with safety.

A TEXAS WONDER

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY. One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys.

READ THIS

To Whom It May Concern. This is to certify that I was down for nine months with kidney and bladder trouble, and tried all known remedies to no avail until a neighbor induced me to get a bottle of Texas Wonder, one half of which cured me sound and well.

trayers of the household." This is an invitation whose cordiality will surely bring in recruits in overwhelming numbers.

But the reason for it is contained in the concluding paragraph of the "invitation," (1) as follows:

"While it is true that the departing ten tribes of Israel marched forth with the gaudiest banners and the loudest sounds of timbrel and lyre, it is equally true that the ark of the covenant remained with the tribe of Judah. The ark of the Democratic covenant remains in the household of the faithful, and they are cordially invited to gather on the evening of January 18 to again renew their faith in Democratic principles and gain strength for the forthcoming struggle for control of this republic's affairs."

Translated into plain, every-day English, this means that when Cleveland, Hill, Olney, Carlisle, Palmer and several hundred thousand other Democrats refused to accept the new departure of those who controlled the Democratic party in '96, they "marched forth with the gaudiest banners and loudest trumpets," but that the Democratic ark of the covenant remained with Bryan and his followers.

But here is the beginning of the mistake. The fact that Bryan was entirely acceptable to the populist party and advocated the wildest of their demands, only goes to show that the ark he was hugging to his bosom was really the ark of Jerry Simpson and Peffer. It was the ark of cheap money and a debased currency. It was a covenant with all the elements that would promise to unite, no matter what they favored or opposed, in one grand combination to put Mr. Bryan in the Presidency.

This was not the Democratic ark. The ark of the covenant, in which Moses placed the two tables of stone containing the ten commandments, really contained what it purported to. The ark with which Bryan and his followers made away contained nothing that Jefferson contended for nor that stimulated Jackson in his long and strenuous public career. It was an instance when the particular historical fact referred to did not repeat itself. In the very experience of his enthusiasm Mr. Bryan mistook himself to be the head of the tribe of Judah, when, in fact, for eight years he has been aimlessly leading the lost tribes of the house of Israel in a hopelessly entangled wilderness.

If the "ark of the covenant" which contains the real, old-fashioned Democratic creed shall ever again be found, its resting place will be found further east than Lincoln, Nebraska.

The familiarity with the business affairs of Greater Salem, together with his recommendations of economy as far as it can be practiced in the administration of the city's affairs, as shown by Mayor Waters in his inaugural address, lends encouragement to the hope that Salem will progress in a satisfactory manner under the new regime.

The death of Mrs. Ann Eliza Hartley, of Macleay, marks the departure from this life of a woman who has been an honor to the vicinity in which she has lived for forty years.

All the same, the latest joke is "Several guards and others step down and out—new men gathered up from different parts of the state to improve the service."

Saved From Terrible Death. The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Hargetton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life.

The Railroads run on ELGIN TIME. The Elgin Watch is the watch for those who use railroads as well as for those who run them. Every Elgin Watch is fully guaranteed. All jewelers have Elgin Watches. Timemakers and Timekeepers, an illustrated history of the watch, sent free upon request to ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO., ELGIN, ILL.

though the 'thaw' should continue. We think it hardly probable that we shall get a mail here until the middle of February. The Willamette above the falls has not yet been frozen over.

The editor of the Statesman is very severe on the gamblers just now. He ought to remember that it is not so long since he opened a senatorial jack-pot himself. Capital Journal. The editor of this paper did open a Senatorial jack-pot at the polls last year and won all the cards in the deck that had any value, but he was not familiar, and is not yet, with the tricks of the trade by which through a shuffle that preceded the delivery of the winnings, the result of his efforts went the way of the anti-gambling bill of the late extra session.

At the banquet given by the Democracy of New York on Monday night, Mr. Olney said that "in matters domestic, the Democrats will repudiate the 'stand pat' policy." Certainly in this determination the Democratic party will meet with the encouragement of every Republican in the land.

Our good brother of the evening paper occupies a lot of valuable space in an editorial expressing his disapproval of the subjects discussed by the editor of this paper. If an apology will fight the wrong, it is hereby acknowledged that the matter of exonerating our esteemed contemporary as to what questions is it proper for the Statesman to discuss, and in what manner, has been stupidly overlooked.

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manitiated. Instances of this character are reported by the hundreds every day from every quarter of the country, and it is certainly not the conclusion of a fanatic or extremist that the cases cited should result in lessons learned. The world is full of opportunities for living useful lives with the resultant peace and exemption from asylums and prisons.

It is a singular coincidence, and a matter of some interest to know, that Grover Cleveland has lived through more administrations than any other citizen of the United States who has been President. He was born while Martin Van Buren was President and has lived through eighteen administrations, not counting his own two.

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