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SUBSCRIPTION MATES.

ne statesman has been established for nearly -two pears, and it has some subscribers who re received it nearly that long, and many to have read it for a generation. Some on the object to having the paper discontinued be time of expiration of their subscriptions. the benefit of these, and for other reasons have concluded to discontinue subscriptions we have concluded to discontinue subscriptions only when notified to do so. All persons paying when subscribing, or paying in advance, will have the benefit of the dollar rate. But if they do not pay for six months, the rate will be \$1.20 a year. Hereafter we will send the paper to all responsible persons who order it, though they may not send the money, with the understanding that they are to pay \$1.25 a year, in case they let the subscription account run over six derstanding, we will keep this not at this place in the paper.

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



OVERDONE.

As was pointed out by the editor of the Statesman in a series of letters written from St. Louis in May, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition embodies an undertaking too vast to be accompanied by financial results that will be at all satisfactory to its managers. It includes too much. It is not possible to invest so tremendous a sum as \$50,000,000 in an enterprise of that character and reasonably expect to realize a satisfactory return to the coffers of those who are managing it.

These conclusions are being gradually verified. Last week the government board of managers addressed a letter to President Francis earnestly calling his attention to the surprisingly small attendance, day by day, and suggesting that something be done to further inform the public of the magnitude of the show and the wonderfully attractive features that are to be seen on every hand-and their great educational value.

But this is more of a confession than a complaint that the people at large do not fully understand the nature of the great Exposition. The people do know. Everybody understands that the St. Louis Exposition is in full progress and that it is a magnificent disline of human achievement. It is not through the lack of publicity that the attendance is wholly unsatisfactory and inadequate to promise anything like a financial success—the trouble is occasioned by the overstepping the bounds of reason in the inconceivable magnitude of the undertaking. It is plainly overdone. There is far too much money invested in it.

President Carter, of the government board of managers, calls attention to the fact that three sevenths of the duration of the fair has already passed, and, impliedly, that something must be done, and at once, in the matter of impressing upon the people the necessity of coming to the rescue. As another effort in the same direction, the managers have just completed arrangements with the "Associated Billpost ers of the United States and Canada' for the free use of 1,000,000 miles of billboards during the month of August for the purpose of exploiting the Fair.

It is to be presumed, however, that no Exposition is expected to be a money-making concern. Missouri appropriated \$5,000,000 in support of the Fair, but it was, it is supposed, voted as a gift, outright, as a means of advertising the state. The Lewis and Clark Fair will be under no obligation to return any money to the treasury of Oregon for the \$500,000 voted in support of that undertaking. Expositions are agencies for advertising the fre sources of communities and states and the money contributed is not supposed to be returned dollar for dollar, and in

But the difficulty at St. Louis is that the income from gate receipts is not enough to pay the daily expenses and the installments due the government on the \$5,000,000, or near that sum, which was borrowed last March. The situation is no doubt deplorable to those having the management in charge and

Hair Falls

"I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling. Onehalf a bottle cured me." J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, III.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly the most economical preparation of its kind on the market. A little of it goes a long way.

It doesn't take much of it to stop falling of the hair, make the hair grow. and restore color to gray \$1.00 a bottle. All drugglats.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Disfigured Skin

Wasted muscles and decaying bones, What havoc!

Scrofula, let alone, is capable of all and more.

It is commonly marked by bunches in the neck, inflammations in the eyes, dys-pepsia, estarrh, and general debility. It is always radically and permanently

Hood's Sarsaparilla Which expels all humors, cures all erup-tions, and builds up the whole system, whether young or old.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills: the non-irritati eathartic to take with Hood's Sare,

the result is probably foreshadowed by these urgent appeals for a greater attendance.

Fifty million dollars is too large a

sum to invest in an Exposition. Half

of it would be too much, and it is one

of the safest of prophecies to indulge that it will not be repeated for many a year to come. In the effort to outdo Chicago, St. Louis has overstepped herself. The St. Louis Fair is not lacking publicity. Everybody has heard of it and has heard of it in favorable terms. The fact is that every citizen of this country who can afford to do so, should attend it, and practically every newspaper in the United States has told its readers this truth, but the trouble will be found in the fact that a \$50,000,000 show is too big to be properly handled from a financial point of

These lessons should all be learned and applied by the Lewis and Clark Fair managers-this year,

WHAT NEXT?

Two or three times recently the political parties in the United States Washington and Hamilton as to the powers of the general government as son and Madison.

Notwithstanding all the nonsense indulged by our Democratis friends as to the semi-sacred halo which surrounds those first who reach out for it. the memory of Jefferson as the one statesman of the Revolutionary period number, the only idea tor which he con permitted to drift northward as a mattended that divided him from Hamil- ter of course, when there is a better ton and the Federalist party was aban, and nearer outlet to the west? doned in 1865, because it was on the play of the world's progress in every losing side in the great preeeding four years' contest.

> Whether we should have a "centralsed government" or one held togethe merely at the pleasure of the states, was the only question that divided Hamilton and Jefferson. History has proven Jefferson wrong and the Demo eratic party today dare not publicly contend for the principle which he upheld in his political differences with Washington and Hamilton.

As proof of the abandonment of the life-long contention of Jefferson for the principles set forth in the Kentucky resolutions of 1798 it is but necessary to listen to the present Demoeratic complaint that "a word from lieve the business paralysis prevailing Roosevelt would settle the troubles in

But the trouble in Colorado is a state difficulty, not interfering with the United States mails, and is one that it? And why didn't gold "go into hidthe state authorities have never admitted they could not handle without assistance. The "autocratic tenden-Democratic complaint that the powers you were wrong on this question in of a "centralized government" are not thrust into the domestic affairs of case of assumed hibernation with a a "sovereign state."

Jefferson is long since dead, as has been this pet idea of his, and so completely have interpretations of the federal constitution changed that here we have those who claim to be lineal political descendents of Jetterson criticising a disciple of Hamilton for refusing to step into the boundaries of a sovereign state, uninvited, and interfering with the course of its regularly constituted authorities in the disposition of a question that is purely local in its charac-

And the disciples of Jefferson are asking it! Surely, such "autocratic tendencies" are enough to provoke a cemetery at Monticello.

ACTION.

As the direct result of the constant is over." angging on the part of "department pear so active and effective that they will seem to their superiors as having found some necessity for their official existences, Thomas W. Potter, for nine years the superintendent of the Chemawa Indian Training School ,has volun-

Department at Washington. The report from the inspectors jus. Hanna!" ifies the statement from the Depart-

me 'laxity'' prevailed somewher though never affecting the efficiency of the school in any particular, and Mr. Potter, tired of and disgusted with such continual nagging in the face of his never-ceasing efforts in behalf of the school, has tendered his resigna-

When Mr. Potter took charge at Che maws, there were but two hundred Indians there and not a brick building Now there are 600 Indians and six magnificent brick structures and other arranged for. He has made model superintendent, as the result of his work shows, and he retires, the victim of that species of petty fault-findwearies the patience of the conscienwork here during the past nine years.

BUSINESS TO THE EAST OF US.

Thirty years ago Marion county ap propriated several hundred dollars from its treasury for the purpose of surveying a road from the lower Santiam country across the Cascade Mountains to Eastern Oregon. At that time the Des Chutes valley was little more than a wilderness. Now it is becoming an important section of Eastern Oregon. After having grown as it has during these thirty years, and considering the marvelous development which has taken place directly across the mountains, would it not be well for Marion county to again look toward the proposition of establishing direct communication with that section?

There should be a good county road leading from Mill City or Detroit to Statesman has had occasion to refer to Bend. This is a perfectly "sane" the historical fact that practically all idea and is a good business suggestion. These two sections will be closely conhave come to accept the doctrines of nected some day by a wagon road, and the sooner it is consummated the more rapid will be the settlement of the contrasted with the theories of Jeffer- Eastern portion of Marion county. Afe we going to be awake to any of these propositions? In the future more than in the past, business is going to come to will in no wise be diminished.

Marion and Crook counties lie side by side and the winters on the highest whose conception of the principle of point between them are much milder government among men which should than in Ohio or Indiana. Why should yield the greatest good to the greatest the immense business of that section be

A PROTRACTED SILENCE.

We have been waiting patiently for an answer to the query directed to several, or any, of the Democratic paper of the state as to why gold went into hiding in 1893-4 because-as, they claim there was not sufficient quantity of it to do the business of the country, when it was not in hiding four years before, though there was much less of it and more business doing?

This going-into-hiding act is the trumped up excuse at this time for accepting Judge Parker as a Gold Bug candidate, supplemented by the claim South African gold mines served to reduring Cleveland's administration.

But since relief came before Klondike did, we have repeatedly asked of in the state. our Democratic brothers what caused ing," say, in 1890? Really, what excuse have you for abandoning Bryan's financial doctrines and becoming Gold 1896, and will you say so, or is this a general understanding to break out again when the prospect for success appears more nearly ripe than now?

ELIMINATES ROOSEVELT.

Governor Chamberlain has returned nome full of Democratic enthusiasm, eliminating President Roosevelt from the possibility of an election and easily boosting Parker into the White House on an "unequivocal gold standard basis." Even Massachusetts is bodily swiped from the Republican column, and the border states are made doubtful because of that thinnest of all ineffectual myths, the "race question." However, we are all glad to see the spectral protest from the hallowed Governor back, his harmless enthusiasm ,and all, for it will come in good play Friday night at Portland. In the THE CIRCUMLOCUTION OFFICE IN | meantime, we are assured that Mr. Bryan will take care of Nebraska and Missouri-"after the Chautauqua season

inspectors" whose first duty is to ap- MENACE TO REPUBLICAN SUC-

While undertaking to further the chances of Tom Taggart for the chairmanship of the National committee. an Eastern Democratic paper said last tarily tendered his appointment to the week he was a man who, in that posi-

ment that Mr. Potter "is given credit will the "reorganized" Democrats terrupted attention to this form of infor having contributed so largely to claim next? The Gold Standard has ternal improvement. No matter what make Chemawa the finest Indian school been swiped, absorbed and assimilated, else may engage us in the form of de on the Pacific coast and equal in all the fight for an income tax law was veloping our resources, and in the intbut capacity to any in the country." affirmatively abandoned in the national mediate future we will be doing much But, and if, and although," there has convention, avowedly for the purpose of this sort of work, the good reads been some saxity in the unessential of carrying some of the Eastern states, movement, as we term it, should be red-tape requirements of the circum- and here is Mark Hanna's reputation kept in the front rank.

specific poor and sleep restand sleep restan of the Bitters It tones up the stomach and

come endorsable and endorsed by the ing with unimportant details that Democracy until nothing is proof against their marvelous facility for tious, practical official, but with the acquiring "issues" that promise to respect and confidence of the people cappeal favorarbly to the popular everywhere who know of his superior judgment," to use an expression of a prominent Oregon Democrat last spring when he was outlining a platform that would suit.

However, when everything else is abandoned, Roosevelt's love for war and his general "unsafety" can be made to do a mighty sight of effective service between now and November. There is not a day that every citizen does not feel the growing "menace of Militarism.'' At every turn the peaceful citizen is confronted by the awful specter of Imperialism. And then there is the "Race Question!" "Do you want your daughter to marry a Nigger?" Heaven forbid!

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ROADS.

Everybody would be pleased with the discovery of oil in the Willamette valley in such quantities that a field of gushing oil wells, or even of wells that did not particularly gush, would be the result and there would be general rejoicing to see the construction of several lines of trolley communication between the different sections of the country, but after these are secured, if they shall be, the importance of first class wagon roads everywhere

The necessity ror good roads will never be superceded by any other or all other contrivances for getting from one community to another. After all, the method of transportation that is free to every citizen is the basis for all commercial transactions. And this is illustrated by the renewed interest taken in the construction of good roadsbetter roads--in the oldest states in

great net-work of railroads that char- of the quotation: with its extensive canal system, would be sufficient, the question of the importance of entering upon an extensive campaign, and even an expensive one, for better roads, is onw engaging the attention of the people. The Legislature of that state at its session of 1903, passed an amendment to the state constitution to be submitted to the people, that the discovery of the Klondike and authorizing the issuing of \$50,000,000 of bonds, not more than \$5,000,000 to be issued in any one year, to be used exclusively for the building of good and permanent roads in every county

At a recent meeting of the Board Trade for Cooperstown, resolutions were unanimously passed endersing the proposed constitutional amendment and cies" of the times are embodied in the Bugs? Are you really convinced that urging state aid in the construction of a system of good roads. Among other facts set forth, it was resolved that:

> "We believe that it is more important to maintain the commercial supremacy of the state of New York by the spending of \$50,000,-000 on our highways to develop values in our own farm lands and to bring our farm produce to our own markets than it is to speud \$101,000,000 on the Eric canal to cheapen through transportation of farm produce from the West and so build up greater competition in our home market.

> "Resolved, That we deplore the feet shown by the federal census that the state of New York from the year 1890 to 1900 passed from third rank in the Union in impoctance of agriculture, and that the depreciation of fences and lands in this state during the same period was \$79,993,096. The value in 1890 of all of the land, fences and buildings being \$968,127,286, and in 1900, \$888,134,190, a decrease in farm values in round numbers of \$80,000,000 in ten years.

"Resolved, That we deplore the policy of the state, which appropriates money first for devel quent of internal improvements, which creates values in our already wealthy cities; and continues the policy of starving the interests of the country by denying us ample annual appropriations for road im-improvement."

And this awakened spirit in ravogui tion of the necessity of good roads in he oldest of our states, even after all the railroads are built that will be pertion, would "prove a second Mark haps ever be needed, only serves to show the newer portions of the country gists and Dr. S. C. Stone's Drug Store. Well, in the name of heaven, what the importance of an early and unin-

locution office, where the first regulation is to teach subordinates how not
to do it, and the inspectors have disto do it, and the inspector have disto do it, and the insp covered that though it is one of the One by one, all the cherished feat- tate the cutting down of appropriations finest schools in the . United States, ures of the Republican party have be- in some other direction. Nothing would

When the pay better or cause less opposition on the charmanship of the committee on agueiscoated, the part of the taxpayers. Let us push ways and means to both Howe of Yam-

less, you will find a few doses BOOSEVELT'S CEPTANCE.

In formally accepting the Republican omination for the Presidency yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt dealt in his characteristically terse manner with conditions as they are. There is no temporizing, no apologizing, nor any theorizing.

"We are not constrained to keep silent on any vital question. We are divided on no vital question. Our policy is continuous and is the same for all sections and localities. There is nothing experimental about the government we ask the people to keep in power, for our performance in the past, our prov-ed governmental efficiency, is a guarantee as to our promises for the future. Our opponents, either openly or secretly according to their several temperaments, now ask the people to trust their present promises in consideration of the fact that they intend to treat their past promises as null and We know our minds and have kept of the same mind for a sufficient length of time to give to our policy coherence and sanity."

It would be difficult to outline the difference between the two great parties in clearer or more impressive language than this. It presents the situation in a nutshell and is characteristic of that directness which causes the Democracy to regard President Roosevelt as "dangerous" -as he no doubt will prove, as a candidate against the evasive and uncertain policy of that party as at present constituted.

THE "COURSE OF EMPIRE."

A Clackamas county correspondent writes to know the author of the verse beginning with the line, "Westward the star of empire takes its way." The author of these well known lines was Bishop George Berkeley, a man of

great learning, born in Kilerin, Ireto meet with the support he expected, Parker program. returned home and was appointed Bishop of Clovne in 1734.

respondent inquires it should be said when we contemplate the immense for-Even in New York, which has been that he quotes it incorrectly, though in tune that would now be within the his oratorical batteries forward a gensettled for nearly four centuries, and accordance with the way we usually reach of those who were interested in cration and entertain the people with where it might be assumed that the see it in print. The customary form the raising of Belgian hares a few

> its way; Fime's latest offering is his best." The verse, however, as written by Bishop Berkeley, is as follows:

its way; The four first acts already past, fifth shall close the drama with th

Time's noblest offering is the last.'

"WHILE YOU WAIT."

was more plentiful then than it was in pleasant to contemplate. 1890 when times were good, and if times have been admittedly better since because of the product of Klon- Cleveland should not become a candigiving some very strong reasons for become hard again with all the gold in being a candidate for President in future. How can there be any strin- free and easy General Government, it gency in business matters with all the was a higher honor to be the Governor gold in existence which has made times of a sovereign state than to be the so good that the Democratic brothers President of a mere creature of the have openly announced themselves as states. At least, it will do no harm

gold standard men? The question is respectfully submitted to any one of the recent Demoeratic newspaper converts in Oregon fused to take the gold standard diagto the Roosevelt-Parker Gold Standard nosis from the Republican nurse, but monetary proposition. Which of them has finally admitted the same medwill speak first?

"AN AVOWED SUPPORTER."

At the opening of the last session the Legislature Mr. Brownell, of Clack amas, wanted to be elected President of the Senate and finally won out by one vote. This was effected by promising

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BEAD THIS.

To Whom It May Concern: This is to certify that I was down der trouble, and tried all known remedies to no avail until a neighbor induced me to get a bottle of Texas Won-der, one half of which cured me sound soon. and well; this I would cheerfully swear

hall and Kuvkendall, of Lane.

After his election, he confessed his dilemma and got-out of it by agreeing before witnesses to support Huykendall for President of the Senate in 1905 if he would release him from his obligation. Not knowing Mr. Brownell very well, Kuykendall accepted the promise, and now he and Senators Fulton and Booth and Howe are surprised that the Senator from Clackamas has forgotten

all about the compact. The Oregonian's account of the affair says that Brownell "was an avowed supporter of Mr. Fulton for United States Senator at that time." Wonder if he was? On the day of his election, and after that event had taken place, he "avowed" himself before witnesses as intending to support the then Governor of the state for United States Senator and to make the nominating speech in his behalf. It cannot be therefore, that he was an avowed supporter of another for the same position. There is a mistake somewhere-

Mr. Brownell should not be chided even mildly ,for these trivial matters. Let Mr. Kuykendall take his medicine bravely, being a physician, and hand the position over to Mr. Brownell without a murmer. It's poities.

The engagement of Homer Daven-

ort to make cartoons for several leading Republican papers during the campaign will be accepted with pleasure by his friends everywhere-that is, his Republican friends. Homer is not a Democrat, nor ever was, and when employed in presenting the inconsistencies, not to say stultifications, of the Democratic party as at present ordered, the best illustrations of his great genius may be expected. His latest represents Hill and Belmont in a private apartment engaged in boisterous laughter as, over their beer mugs, they detail how they took Bryan in by first land, on the 12th of March, 1684, and getting Parker nominated on a platwho died at Oxford, England, on Jan- form with no declaration on the "parauary 23, 1753. In 1713 Bishop Berke- mount issue of the gold standard and ley moved to London, soon after which then "sprung" that famous gold bug he served as chaplain to Lord Peter- telegram, which had evidently been borough in Italy, returning to London placed up the Judge's sleeve by Hill in 1721. In 1728 he came to America before leaving for St. Louis. It is a and engaged in an effort to convert splendid portrayal of one of the most the savages in this country, but failing interesting "planks" in the Hill-

A practical lesson as to what virtue As to the verse about which our cor- there is in stick-to-ativeness is shown years ago-now that the meat strike is acterizes it in every direction, together "Westward the star of empire takes on in the East. We distinctly recall seeing at the State Fair about four years ago a few hares on exhibition each with a printed pedigree reaching Westward the course of empire takes back to the middle ages, and that "Lady Suffolk," whose grand-dam was "Lady Smoot"-five generations back, that is, four months-was easily worth *\$500 of any man's money. One of the saddest phases of human life is RAPID FIRE CONVERSION, the discovery of a lost opportunity. looming up so majestically through our we threatened to do four and eight hindsights, where an independent for years ago. We're not 'dangerous.' Try If hard times in 1903-4 were caused tune might have been made. Even us." by the scarcity of gold, although it hare-breadth 'scapes are not always

There is no good reason why Grover dike and South Africa, how can times date for Governor of New Jersey. After existence that made them good? The 1864, Gen. Geo. B. McClellan was elect-Democratic papers are gleefully pre- ed Governor of that state, and, besides, dicting hard times in the immediate under the old Jeffersonian idea of a for Mr. Cleveland to be a candidate.

For eight years the Democracy reicine into its system, hypodermically, from an attendant of its own graduation. It was not the medicine so much, after all, as the source of the prescription, that caused nausea.

It is not a matter of very much importance, but we would enjoy a specific York is still in the enemy's country. mention by some Oregon Democratic paper of an instance where Roosevelt has given any indication of being an "unsafe" man. If the charge is not altogether campaign rot of the poorest quality, why not condescend to indicate wherein his unsafety lies1

In all the investigations as to the probability of oil at Pratum there has been no indication of anything looking toward an attempt to deceive. Certainly the evidences of an oil field there are good enough to justify a further and persistent examination until the matter is fully tested.

The best proof the public has that ex-Senator Davis is going to be married is the indignation with which he. for nine months with kidney and blad- his private secretary and the lady herself have so promptly denied the state-

> There will be a circus in Salem today and one in Portland Friday night. Baby McKee?

J. J. SEALE, Mr. Bryan announces that he will Well, who said Uncle Gassaway was

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souri after the Chautauqua season is over. Are these the only states which, in his judgment, Mr. Parker is entitled

tized - Democracy ' reorganized, way ot shot at the perpetration of the crime of 1904.

The report that Uncle Gassaway Davis, though SI years of age, is going. to get married, explains in a large measure his indifference to the exigencies of party politics. "One-campaign at a time," says he, no doubt.

"Just trust us," says the Demoeratic platform, in substance, "and we'll agree to not do any of the things

Certainly Uncle Gassaway must have a reputation for having a stony heart, else some one of the dozen mentioned would, just love to accept the position of chairman of the National Democratic committee.

The school board did well in increasing Prof. Traver's salary by \$200 a year. Even yet, he is the poorest paid man in the state for his ability and the position he holds.

At any rate, the Breyman fountain can't very well get away. As long as it is safely boxed up it will be free from the ravages of rust. It is a beautiful fountain.

Railroad centers are not only always

busy marts of trade but help the outlying districts they are connected with. Salem should, and will be a railroad

Mr. Bryan declines to be present at the meeting when Judge Parker is to be notified of his nomination. New

Rapid and cheaper transportation is one of the requirements of modern business methods. Let us get Salem within the circle.

This rain just now is very inopportune, and, although the dust has been laid, there is no disposition to eachle about it.

From Cleveland's letter in Collier's one would infer that he favors the gold standard.

A little more foolishness and Russia will find her navy in deeper water than

The prospect for oil in the Pratum district impartially shines for all.

It seems to be Tom Taggart or nobody-possibly both. Who can tell what has become of

Medford, Or, make speeches in Nebraska and Mis- going to be married, anyway?