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THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN OREGON.

Oregon is an agricultural state and while it is reasonable to expect that Oregon shall go Republican in June next, it is by no means certain the state will go Republican. It has always been an uncertain state politically. Like New York it has reversed its verdict in succeeding elections. It is a hard state to prognosticate results in. There is an uncertainty of vote of all proportion to the total vote, compared with other states. The independent voter is numerous and his vote has cut down many a blooming political prospect. It is more uncertain since agricultural voters have been organized into the Alliance in nearly every county in the state. Oregon was always a Grange state, but now it is an Alliance state also. It has had since five years a Granger Democratic governor, who has in all his messages emphasized the important articles of faith enunciated by the Grange, and who has given Grangers and Granger Democrats the preference in nearly all his appointments. Most of Governor Penoyer's appointees have been of this class and their influence in the state for Granger politics is not inconsiderable. From entirely reliable Democratic information, there is no doubt but that an effort will be made to fuse the Alliance, Grange, prohibition and Penoyer vote at the polls in 1892 in the interests of Democracy. If Congress pass a free silver bill, and Hill be the Democratic nominee there will be a Democratic platform drawn in this state with the sole view of unifying the above quartet of elements against the Republican ticket, no matter who composes it, or upon what platform it runs. It is best to consider the worst possible, when preparing to face an enemy in politics. The success of Governor Penoyer will be justification to more Democrats to support such a plan. Against this kind of combination the Republicans must gear the state in June. To lose Oregon in June would be to give the Harrison administration a black eye at the outset. Defeat in the first state to vote and that an agricultural state in the Northwest, would mean for the Republican party to row against the stream during the whole race. The turning point in the political tide of 1892 is in Oregon in June. The Republican party to win in the first round is a pivotal, uncertain, agricultural state like Oregon. A certificate of endorsement from a state like Oregon means victory from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

THE BLIND FREE SILVER BILL. Tacoma News, Dem: The first result of this will be to absolutely fix the minimum price of silver in this country at 125. This is considerably above the price in any other part of the world, (the price in this country is 90), and it is difficult to see how we can prevent the surplus silver stock of Europe being shipped here, melted and sold to the government as long as we have gold to pay for it. Apart from the merits of the bill itself it is extremely bad politics to force the issue at the present time. It cannot become a law, and therefore its only effect can be to place the Democratic party on record as in favor of the most radical silver legislation. What is to be gained by this? The silver producing states are hopelessly Republican; they cannot be won over by any measure, however radical. On the other hand the Democrats cannot carry New York hampered by this issue. The other doubtful states of the East will on this issue become certainly Republican.

MR. HILL. Senator Hill has alienated a considerable number of friends by forcing the New York convention so early. It was a bold move and alarmed the timid and conservative. But no doubt Hill foresaw much or all of the opposition the move would excite and deliberately counted the cost. His candidity is necessarily of a rather desperate character and he must make his strength as he goes; and nothing could start him so well as the solid vote of New York, which is expected and still intends to secure. Mr. Cleveland was fortunate enough to draw "first blood" in the contest for delegates, and may divide the delegation, but the chances are that Hill will get most or all of it. That will give him prestige, the irritation will wear away, and the result may finally be Hill's nomination. Most persons, however, believe that Hill cannot do more than defeat Cleveland; that he cannot get the nomination for himself.—Exchange.

Liberty. In that case, I think the property holders opposite would contribute something for that purpose, and the city and public would be more benefited by it. But for the city council to require this almost useless expenditure, to plunk that part of the ditch least in the way of any of it, are making an unjust exaction of a friendly company, who have invested so heavily in the improvement of our city. It seems that the city authorities act on the principal that "might makes right," but if I am not in possession of all the facts, excuse this imputation.

The Front Street Race Question. EDITOR JOURNAL: Sir:—As I own a house and lot on the east side of Front street, opposite the mill race, I wish to say, that I can see but little use in covering that part of it as it is located near the west side of said street, and but three residences on that side, the Mill Co. owning (I believe), the balance of the land. There is about sixty feet of street east of the ditch that is clear of travel; ample for teams to pass, repass, turn, etc. without molesting each other. Beside, this part of the ditch is off the line of travel from the bridge on North Mill creek, southeast, so that travel would have to make a dodge to get onto it if covered. I cannot see how the city or public would derive much benefit from it, when completed. But if the city wants some of it covered, would it not be better to have that part planked over between Front and Commercial streets, and probably to

ENGLAND ENVIES AMERICA.

A Leading Paper Enlarges the American System.

(From the Belfast (Ireland) News-Letter, Jan. 17, 1892.) There can be but little doubt as to the result of the discussion precipitated in the American house of Representatives on Monday by one of the leaders of the Democratic party on the subject of reciprocity to be embodied in the McKinley act. The resolution submitted to the house was discussed again last evening. It recites the letters that Mr. Blaine wrote, by the direction of President Harrison, to the representatives of Venezuela, Nicaragua and Columbia, and of other nations, warning them that unless a reciprocity arrangement were made, the president would issue a proclamation on March 15th next, suspending the free admission of certain products from those countries. The resolution then says that such an action on the part of the president would be unconstitutional, onerous and unjust, and instructs the ways and means committee to report before February 25th a bill repealing the reciprocity section, and authorizing the president to declare the ports of the United States free for all products of the nations of North and South America, on which no export duties are imposed, so long as such nations shall admit, free of taxes, flour, corn, meal, and other breadstuffs, preserved meats, and such other products as may be agreed upon. One can scarcely doubt what will be the issue of the debate. The action of the president will assuredly be upheld, for it will be remembered that one clause of the McKinley act empowers the president to adopt whatever course he believes to be discreet, and for the benefit of the states in regard to the alteration of existing protective tariffs. If he believes that it would be to the advantage of any considerable class of the people who have elected him as their president to make special impositions in certain cases or to remove others already existing, the president is practically free to do so, for whatever restrictions are placed upon him are of an unimportant character.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Twelve inches of snow fell Thursday in Boston, knocking down all the telegraph and electric light wires. George Frys, a Walla Walla private detective, who was on his way to Europe, was buccined in New York city out of \$1680. Gilbert Henford was Thursday sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary at Kalama, Wash., for the murder of his brother. Hemp Biscoe and his wife and son were murdered at England, Ark., Thursday, by masked men wearing women's clothes. Russian General Von Haffard shot himself through the head, in Paris. He was 72 years of age, and was suffering from disease. The Grand Central hotel, at El Paso, Tex., was destroyed by fire Thursday night. All of the 200 guests escaped, but lost their personal effects. The loss was \$300,000. President Jim Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, delivered an address to the citizens of Spokane at a mass meeting. He promised the road would be in Spokane in a few days. The city water of Norton, Kan., for some time has been very bad, and finally became unfit for use. Thursday a workman started to clean the stand-pipe when he found the body of a man in advanced stage of decomposition. The remains could not be identified. The cloudless skies which hung over Western Washington last week afforded residents of that part of the state an opportunity of viewing the planets Jupiter and Venus as near conjunction as was to be witnessed on the western hemisphere. Roseburg Review: Ira Genger made a draw on the county treasury Saturday to the extent of \$10, the present valuation of a coyote scalp. His dogs succeeded in killing one of these animals near his house on Deer creek. Two of the dogs struck the coyote's track, and it evidently had an opinion that it could whip its pursuers, and turned to face them, when Mr. Genger turned two more dogs loose and they made quick work of him. Ira has a good pack of dogs for that kind of business.

Secretary Carroll, of the state board of equalization, has received a number of letters from the assessors of this state in answer to his circular letter, sent out for the purpose of bringing about a meeting of the assessors. All who have answered are in favor of the convention, though with one exception they do not express a preference for either Portland or Salem. The exception is George C. Sears, assessor of Multnomah county, who says he is perfectly willing to have the convention held in Salem, if the majority prefer it instead of Portland.

The Temptation. To go out doors in rough weather is not strange, but we are, many of us, compelled to face rough weather frequently. Diseases which arise from a chill are peculiar to no season of the year. This is true, therefore there should be in the case of every individual, absolutely devoid of anything but an excursive action, but a tonic combination, in the effective form of an invigorant and an alterative, the quality of defence against changes of weather. Hostetter's Bismuth Bitters has three or four properties that no other articles of its class possess. Not only does it relieve the complaints which it eventually cures, but it has the system against the real effects of changes of temperature, daily and occasionally shown in the deadly form of "chills"; it produces a radical change in the blood, which is attacked by it, and it tends to provide against the danger resulting from an impoverished condition of the blood and a disordered state of the liver or bowels.

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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

MRS. LOVE'S SUICIDE. PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Despondency and temporary insanity were the cause of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Love's death, as was shown in the official investigation of the coroner's jury yesterday. The evidence of the witnesses examined showed conclusively that the death of the former matron of the Portland hospital resulted from suicide, and the jury briefly found she committed the deed by taking strychnine. Frank Badger, a son of the deceased, was first called, and testified that the deceased did not appear despondent to him previous to her death. She was matron of the hospital until a year ago, when she resigned, and engaged in private nursing. R. B. Knight, druggist at 72 Morrison street, was next called, and stated that he had bought a dime's worth of strychnine of him about an hour previous to her death. She said she wanted it to poison a cat. He was personally acquainted with her, and had no cause for suspicion when he sold her the poison. She had dealt with him many a time before. Coronor River asked him whether there was no law restricting the sale of poisons, to which Mr. Knight replied that there were no limitations that he was aware of, except for the registration of sales. Mrs. M. E. Wyatt, proprietress of the lodging-house at 717 Morrison street, where Mrs. Love died, told her story in a clear and concise manner. Mrs. Love had been rooming with her since September 1, with the exception of three or four weeks in January and the first part of February, when she had gone to Montana. Since her return she had been very sick and required constant nursing attendance. She acted strangely, she thought, and seemed to be mentally, as well as physically, unbalanced. Dr. E. C. Geigner, the physician, called at Mrs. Love's last moments, gave his official testimony of the death of the effect that on his arrival at the lodging-house he found Mrs. Love in the last throes of poisonous convulsions from a dose of strychnine. All his endeavors to resuscitate her from her unfortunate state were unavailing. Mrs. E. Powell, who shared the room with Mrs. Love, stated that when Mrs. Love was at Great Falls, Mont., she attempted to commit suicide by taking an overdose of morphine, and that, on receiving a telegram from her friends there, she went to Montana and brought her back to Portland, thinking that a change of associations, and bringing her back to her old friends, would soothe her, which seemed to have the desired effect, though she was of the opinion that she was temporarily insane when she committed the rash act. Peter Higgins, a nurse of the Portland hospital, who roomed next to Mrs. Love, made a lengthy statement of the case of the details of Mrs. Love's death, showing that she was tired of life and took the poison to end her troubles. Her last words to him were "I have too much trouble, and I cannot stand it." ALLEN O. THURMAN. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—A carefully considered letter was published in an evening Democratic organ over the signature of Allen W. Thurman, son of ex-Senator Thurman, as to the duty of the Ohio Democrats at the present time. While the article is conservative in tone, and pleads for harmony, it is considered as a notice served upon Senator Brien, John R. McLean and others that they must not attempt to raid Ohio in favor of the midwinter convention. Reading between the lines there is found a suggestion in favor of ex-Governor Campbell, concerning the rights of the majority and minority. There is also a strong thrust at the February 22 movement as intolerant and oppressive. There are expressions and menacing sentences that lead those who are well advised as to his views to believe that the carefully pre-

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