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A BED-ROCK DEMOCRAT TALKS.
How the Democratic State Convention Was Worked.
FOR THE GOLD BUGS AND FREE TRADE.
Afraid of Hill Who is Really a People's Man.

"A Bed-Rock Democrat," contributes the following to the Portland Telegram, a Democratic paper:
COMMENT BY "BED-ROCK" ON THE RECENT OREGON DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.
It has become apparent that the gold-bugs and the free traders had control of the recent Democratic state convention. The platform, except the part jabbed in about the ship railway subterfuge, was molded, out and dried on Wall street and shipped by express to "A. Bush, banker, Salem, Or." The silver men slept while the gold-bugs of Wall street arranged Cleveland primaries in all of the heavy Republican Western states. It is now the general talk that Chauncey Black and Bynum were the apostles of free trade charged with the duty of organizing Cleveland primaries under the guise of "organizing the party." But it was not suspected that the gold-bugs were in the movement until the "coinage" plank was adopted here and in Indiana, and these foes of the people insulted the people's idol, Governor Penneyer. It is not known that these Cleveland clubs were organized in Oregon under the watchword "Put none but free traders on guard." They elected their secretary of the state league with the same view. They stole Penneyer's man, Chamberlain, for president, and before Penneyer found out he was bound and gagged, his attorney-general was "whooping it up" for Cleveland all over the state, though professing to be a Hill man. In fact, the fight is now on between the poor men of the Democracy and the plutocrats. The poor men demand free silver, and want the ancient doctrine of Democracy - an honest tariff with incidental protection. The plutocrats want only gold, a limited currency, and though not struck after free trade, which, ultimately, means an income tax on wealth, yet they barter with the free traders to get in their gold-bug chief, Grover Cleveland.

Now, Cleveland is an honest man. He gave a clean administration to the government. But he favors the gold-bugs, and at the same time his advanced ideas on free trade made defeat him. For while it is true that a large number of the best Democrats are absolute free traders, and all the balance stand on the winning doctrine - agreed by all the independent masses of an honest tariff as against a monopoly tariff - yet when the free trade issue is forced by Cleveland's nomination it will fail to carry. The country is not ripe for it. No Democrat can be elected president who goes further than an honest tariff with judicious incidental protection." Cleveland's defeat last time was due to the charge that he was a free trade message. The charge was denied. It was a distortion, his friends said. He claimed to be only a "tariff for revenue only" man, though his message in support thereof was filled with the stock arguments of the free traders. Hill's voice for an "honest tariff" for revenue was heard above the din of the tariff-reform battle of 1890. Cleveland was silent; victory perched on our banners. Cleveland's free trade voice was heard recently in Democratic Rhode Island; defeat was our portion.

Yet free traders join zealous Republican newspapers in defaming Hill. Why? The Republicans, because they know he is our only real winner. The "free traders," because they are intoxicated with the idea that 1890 was a free trade victory, and because they think their self-styled but silent champion was its Mahomet. For did he not, after the battle, shout aloud, "I did it with my little hatchet?"
There is no reason why Hill should be abused by true Democrats. An orphan boy of Irish descent, at the prairie's case he struggled for education. A lawyer at the bar, he won proud distinction. A leader of the people and their friend, his life was pure and blameless. A temperance man and a Christian, but with boundless charity, his life is an example to young American manhood, and will defy the vague lies of dishonesty in politics uttered by Republican leaders and free trade fanatics. One time he is derided as the master of "peanut politics." In fact, he is the ablest and

shrewdest man today in American politics - the only hope of his party.
THE TELEGRAM'S COMMENT.
Commenting editorially on the above the Portland Telegram says this: "We will not attempt to disguise facts or to make things seem to be what they are not. The gold-bugs are taking an active hand in Democratic politics this year. They have the grip on the Republican machine and would like to get it on the Democratic organization. There is no question but they are making a desperate effort to force Cleveland's nomination. Nor are they doing it in the interest of Cleveland or of the Democratic party. They are governed by a purely selfish motive, which is nothing more nor less than a determination to head off the free coinage movement, and to remove it as an issue from the campaign. This can be done by nominating Cleveland, for in that event the Democrats would have to go into the fight on the tariff issue alone. If Mr. Cleveland is nominated, as he probably will be, the gold-bugs will drop him. They will have accomplished all they want, and will not put up one dollar to aid his campaign. With Harrison on the other ticket they will feel perfectly secure so far as the silver question is concerned, and will have no further interest in the result. Still we fail to see why tariff reformers or free traders should enter into a combine with the gold-bugs."

GOOD ROADS AS A GOSPEL.
There is no subject of local interest which more vitally concerns the people of Oregon than that of good roads. It would be difficult to estimate the value of improved public highways to the farmers of the state. It would be so great that their actual cost would be insignificant by comparison.
The present condition of the country roads is amazing when we consider the progress of civilization in other directions. It is only in the matter of highways that the people of Oregon have made no advance on the pioneer period. If improvements in other respects had depended on better thoroughfares we would be still struggling helplessly amid semi-berberic environments. As it is, the time had arrived when the roads must be improved.
There is no division of opinion on the main question. Everybody agrees that better roads are an absolute necessity. When methods of securing them are suggested, there are differences in judgment.
The man who will suggest a method which is practical and is likely to be successful can make it succeed by a determined and earnest advocacy of it. In order to accomplish it may be necessary for him to canvass the state and make public addresses on the subject. It may even be necessary for him to carry it into politics. What better platform could a candidate desire than one which demanded better country roads?

Enough has been written and spoken on the point that good roads are desirable. What is now needed is for some one to propose a feasible plan for obtaining them. The statesmen who aspire to legislative offices should consider this subject, leaving the tariff issue and the silver question to be discussed by the aspirants for federal positions.
A Little Girl's Experience in a Light-house.
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Treseott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she has taken down with measles, followed with a dreadful cough and turning into a fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at Fry's drugstore, 225 Commercial street.

J. P. Blaine, a real estate dealer in Des Moines, Iowa, narrowly escaped one of the severest attacks of pneumonia while in the northern part of that state during the recent blizzard, says the Saturday Review. Mr. Blaine had occasion to drive several miles during the storm and was so thoroughly chilled that he was unable to get warm. Inside of an hour he was threatened with a severe case of pneumonia or lung fever. Mr. Blaine sent to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, of which he had often heard, and took a number of large doses. He says the effect was wonderful and that in a short time he was breathing quite easily. He kept on taking the medicine and the next day was able to come to Des Moines. Mr. Blaine regards his cure as simply wonderful. 50 cent bottles sold by Geo. E. Good, druggist.

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IN CONGRESS.
What Was Done Yesterday About the Chinese, Etc.
TO EXCLUDE CHINESE.
Argument in the Senate on the Measure.
WASHINGTON, April 25. - In the senate yesterday, numerous protests were received, principally from the Seventh Day Adventists, urging congress not to commit itself to any religious creed by urging that the Columbian Exposition be closed Sundays. Also two remonstrances from Massachusetts against the passage of a Chinese exclusion bill. Butler gave notice that on Thursday of next week he would ask the senate to take up for action the bill to transfer the revenue marine from the treasury department to the navy department.

Allison expressed a hope that when the appropriation bills were ready they would take precedence of all other matters.
Coke gave notice that he would address the senate very briefly today on Morgan's silver resolution.
The Chinese exclusion bill was then taken up, and the presiding officer put the question on the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee on foreign relations. Sherman gave the only affirmative vote, and, there being no vote in the negative, the presiding officer declared the substitute adopted. Immediately afterwards, however, Mitchell, who had the floor to speak against the substitute, came into the chamber, and the presiding officer was proceeding to put the question again when Butler said he understood the substitute was adopted. The presiding officer admitted that he had so decided, but said he would put the question again. "While the chair did so decide, it will count it as 'no vote.' Is the senate ready for the question?" "No, sir," said Mitchell. Instead, however, of proceeding with his argument against the substitute, he yielded the floor to Squire, who argued in favor of the house bill, or some other vigorous measure to enforce the exclusion of Chinese. He declared, however, the great trouble in the matter was the lax and ineffectual manner in which the existing laws are executed, and to sustain that view read copious extracts from the testimony taken by the senate committee on that subject a few years ago.

The senate substitute reported from the committee on foreign relations for the house bill to absolutely prohibit the coining of Chinese coins into the United States, was agreed to; yeas 48, nays 14. The substitute extends the present law ten years.
The bill as passed continues in force all laws now in force prohibiting and regulating the coming into the country of Chinese for ten years. Any Chinese person, or a person of Chinese descent, when convicted under said laws, shall be removed from the United States to China, unless it is made to appear that said person is a subject or citizen of some other country, in which case they shall be removed to such country unless said country demands a tax, in which case the person shall be removed to China. Any Chinese person or person of Chinese descent arrested under the provisions of this act shall be adjudged unlawfully within the United States, unless such person shall establish by affirmative proof a lawful right to remain herein. Any person once convicted and once removed who shall subsequently be convicted of a like offense shall be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding six months, and thereafter removed from the United States as heretofore provided.
McPherson introduced an amendment to the Springer free-wood bill providing that after January 1 next all sugars, tank bottoms, drainings, sweetings, syrups or cane juice, melada, concentrated molasses, glucose and grape sugar be admitted duty free.

IN THE HOUSE.
WASHINGTON, April 25. - The house took up the motion made Saturday by Reed, of Maine, to lay on the table the resolution expunging from the record a portion of the speech of Walker, of Massachusetts, not uttered on the floor, reflecting on Williams and Hoar, of Massachusetts. The Republicans refrained from voting, breaking the quorum. A call of the house was ordered.
A Maryland Duck Story.
Story telling was in order among the enthusiastic sportsmen of the Baltimore Gun club. Rufus A. Brainard related this experience: "When I was a boy I borrowed a flintlock gun, and was at Frog Morter shore shooting with my uncle. Early one morning I saw thousands of canvas-back ducks close in shore. I ran to the blind, and leveling my gun I banged away. The ducks arose in a mass, and not one remained on the water. My uncle came to me and scolded me for not waiting for him. I saw something strike the water, looked up and noticed dead ducks falling through the air. You see the ducks were so closely massed that the live ones carried the dead ones up with them. We picked up forty-three ducks when all had dropped. Some crippled birds which could spread their wings were carried off by their fellows. There were lots of ducks in those days."
The claim of forty-three dead ducks showed that Mr. Brainard was up in shooting, as no gunner, when telling a story, ever kills an even number of ducks or birds. - Baltimore Sun.

He Had No String.
We were camped on the Bear river, in eastern Utah, when a prospector came along one morning on a mule. He had his jaw tied up and at first he seemed inclined to pass on without a word. On second thought, however, he halted and gruffly queried:
"How far to Salt Lake?"
"Three hundred miles."
"Humph!"
"Traveled far?"
"About 200 miles."
"Get your jaw hurt?"
"No. It's just an infernal tooth-ache, and I'm a-riding 500 miles to get it pulled."
We invited him down and one of the crowd got a piece of string around the tooth and jerked it out as slack as you please. After the overjoyed man had ceased dancing about I queried:
"Why didn't you try the string before starting out on such a long ride?"
"Best kind of reason, sir. I hadn't nary a string." - New York Telegram.

A Ludicrous Proceeding.
Among the Portuguese at Fayal, where I once spent a winter, the young gentlemen were expected to wear black trousers to parties in winter and white in summer, but to decide on which particular evening summer began was the point of difficulty; so the young men would sometimes go to the house in black, with the white garments under their arms, ready to peek in through the window and take a hasty census of black and white legs. If the latter prevailed they would make their toilet fresh in the bushes outside. It was not a matter of social caste, for they were all of the same caste; it was only a wish not to be singular. - Colonel Higginson in Harper's Bazar.

Two Ways to Win.
Messenger Boy (to comrade) - Say, the woman where I took a letter gimme a quarter.
"What for doin'?"
"Nothing. She sed I was 'a little gentleman' for keepin my cap off in her house."
"Geowhiztaker! five nickels for that!"
"Yes, but I didn't tell her the feller that sent the letter gimme a quarter to keep my cap off so's none of 'em in the house could spot my number." - New York Tribune.

The Benefit of the Doubt.
Mrs. Gadabout - What made you say that Mrs. Youngwife's baby was pretty and resembled its grandmother? You never saw her and the baby is homely.
Mrs. Readytongue - I dare not say that it looked like its father or mother, so I gave its grandmother the benefit of the doubt. - Westfield (N. J.) Leader.