

If you think Salem editors can't crow, just attend the poultry show Saturday night.

Another new boat on the river—a guaranty of low freights. Now give us an open river.

Republicans will want some of the largest kind of roosters to do their crowing next year.

It is the Salem rooster, not the Salem hog, will be on exhibition Saturday night at the armory.

Give the people postal savings banks. There is not a bank in Salem now that pays interest on deposits.

There is a decline of jingoism in the discussion of Venezuela. England at first refused to arbitrate the Venezuelan boundary, but is now "coming to her milk."

Prof. E. H. Anderson of Salem will be a candidate for county superintendent of schools. He is a progressive educator and in every way competent to fill the place with credit.

There is a fortune in the egg produce of this country for the man who will gather it up and forward it to the big markets on the Sound and Frisco.

The Clydesdale rooster of the Post, the Webfoot barnyard cock of the Poultry Journal, and the "Intensified hen" of the Statesman, have entered for the crowing match at the Salem poultry show Saturday evening.

Editor Emery, of the Yamhill Independent, says:

It is awfully hard work to keep from saying harsh things about the combination that has saddled another hundred million dollars of debt upon the country.

The Salem poultry show Saturday at the armory is far more important than many political assemblages that will gather here. It will put money in the pockets of the people, while the other crowing matches always take it out.

An exchange says: "When the Oregonian sits down on a man there are a score or more of lesser sheets in the state that seem to have no object, aim or ambition but to abuse the fellow thus sat upon. This accounts for some of the recent attacks on Mr. Hermann."

In Whitman county, Washington, the total tax levy will be 2 1/2 mills. In Colfax it will be 4 1/2 mills. Taxation like this simply means confiscation.—Salem Post.

Portland will have a 40 mill tax, Tacoma City and county government is paralyzed by corruption. There are worse places than Salem, Marion county, or Oregon.

The members of the state Republican committee will meet at Portland Wednesday, February 5, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of determining upon the time and place for holding the state convention, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The rooster who edits the Salem Post is a kind of cross between the old Yankee Shanghai and the Cochon. This gives him a great voice for crowing and custard pie. The Asiatic cross gives him his protruberance of chest and that defiant strut peculiar to all the Orientals. There is only one handsomer fowl in town and that is Flagg, late of the Democrat.

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CLEVELAND'S APPEAL

Ablly Answered by Senator Mitchell of Oregon.

DEFECTIVE WILSON BILL

And Gold Standard Are Ruining the Country.

In a remarkably able speech in the United States senate, December 31, 1895, Senator John H. Mitchell said: The present condition of the treasury, occasioned mainly by the failure of the Wilson tariff act of 1894 to produce sufficient revenues to meet current expenses, and the mad effort to maintain the single gold standard and absolutely eliminate and destroy bimetalism by saddling the taxpayers of this country with hundreds of millions of high interest-bearing bonds, has compelled the president and the secretary of the treasury to appeal to the congress in the midst of the holiday season in Texas and in the tone sounding much like Caesar's appeal to Cassius, in his extremity:

"Help me, Cassius, or I sink!" Whatever may have been the cause or combination of causes which resulted in this unfortunate condition of affairs, the appeal of the president is one which no patriotic man, whatever may be his politics, can disregard.

At all times, under all circumstances, upon every occasion, the credit of this government must be sustained. Every one of its obligations must be promptly met when due and demanded at the time, and in the kind of money specified in contract. Not one of these obligations, even though it costs millions, must be permitted to go to protest. The president's hands must be and will be sustained by congress in every proper way. The house of representatives has promptly responded with a revenue bill, and it is here for the consideration and action of the senate. It should receive the prompt consideration and action of the senate. But we should not proceed with such a degree of haste in its consideration as to cause us to overlook for one moment great industrial interests which can just as well as not, now that the opportunity is suddenly presented through the emergency to which I have alluded, be properly guarded and protected. While, therefore, providing that the earliest possible moment legislation which will produce sufficient revenue to relieve the administration of its present embarrassment, other important questions should not be lost sight of in the performance of our patriotic response to the president, and we should so legislate as to relieve from imminent danger of destruction some of the great industries of the country so mercilessly stricken down by the Wilson tariff act.

This necessitates an inquiry into the effect which the operation of the existing tariff act has had, not only on the revenues of the government, but also on the industries and labor of the country. This I shall attempt to do at this time only in the briefest and most perfunctory manner, and shall postpone more elaborate discussion until the bill is reported from the committee.

THE POLICY OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. The policy of the present administration, including, of course, the Wil-

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son tariff act, so far from providing a means of raising revenue, has proven beyond all controversy to be a policy of deficits. For the two fiscal years ending July 1, 1895, the revenues of the government have been less than the expenditures to the extent of \$128,524,524.30, as follows:

First 4 months surplus, \$ 329,672.32
Fiscal year 1894, deficit, 69,863,290.58
Fiscal year 1895, deficit, 42,865,223.18
First 4 months fiscal year 1896, deficit, 16,045,722.06

Total deficit Cleveland administration, \$128,524,524.30 But not only so. During the year about to close the deficiency has been constantly growing until now, since July 1, 1893, it reaches the enormous sum of over \$133,000,000, \$20,000,000 of which amount has arisen during the last six months, and no less than about \$2,000,000 of this amount during the present month of December; and still the gap between receipts and expenditures not only does not contract but continues to expand. And yet the president and the secretary of the treasury tell us that none of the fearful embarrassments in which the administration finds itself in carrying on the ordinary operations of the government are attributable to a lack of revenue.

This, it seems to me, is a most remarkable claim on the part of the president and the secretary. And based on such a claim, untenable as it would seem in every particular, the demand is made upon congress to re-tire \$316,000,000 of legal-tender notes and \$146,000,000 of Sherman treasury notes, all redeemable in either gold or silver coin, by an issue of nearly \$500,000,000—to be accurate, \$486,000,000—of interest-bearing bonds, not redeemable in coin, but in gold coin. No such character of bonds was ever issued by this government in all its long history, not even when involved in the terrible convulsions of civil war. And this claim that there is no lack of revenue and this demand for authority to issue bonds come, moreover, after the secretary of the treasury has within the past twenty months issued and sold a fraction over \$162,000,000 of 5 per cent ten-year, and 4 per cent thirty-year bonds, from which was realized over \$182,000,000, and out of one issue of \$62,000,000 of which the New York and London syndicate realized some \$11,000,000 of profits.

Why, even the New York bankers, those of them outside of the enchanted circle of the gold syndicate, and who are not permitted to share in its benefits, thoroughly understand this whole business. They know full well it is not the Sherman law, that it is not the greenback that drove, or is driving, gold from the country by the tens of millions, which has depleted the treasury of gold, led to bond issues and involved our government in deplorable embarrassments. They know, and now frankly admit, that one of the great causes of these financial embarrassments is the insufficiency of our revenue laws, and inferentially they do not hesitate to say that one other great cause is our failure to give full recognition to the money metals of the constitution, and withholding from one of them the full equal minting privileges accorded to the other, and full legal tender purchasing power and debt-paying functions.

Mr. Hill—Will the senator from Oregon allow me?
The presiding officer (Mr. Perkins in the chair)—Does the senator from Oregon yield to the senator from New York?
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—Certainly, Mr. Hill—I wish to ask whether it is a fact that ever since 1879 it has been the custom under all secretaries of the treasury to pay the greenbacks in gold when demanded?
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—That has perhaps been the custom, but it is a very bad one, in my judgment.

Mr. Cockrell—Beginning in October, 1891, and never before.
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—Beginning in October, 1891? Is that the fact?
Mr. Cockrell—That is the fact.
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—Then I stand corrected by the senator from Missouri.
I know that has been the custom during recent administrations, but I am firmly of opinion that if the demand for the redemption of those notes, coming as it did to a large extent within the last few years, had

been promptly met by the secretary of the treasury, whoever he might have been at the time, by a statement to the gentlemen presenting the notes to this effect: "I am authorized to redeem these notes either in gold or silver coin; it is not convenient to redeem the whole amount in gold, and therefore I shall either redeem half in gold and half in silver or all in silver, or all in gold, as it suits my convenience, and as I am authorized to do under the law," then a stop would have been put at once to any considerable demand for the redemption of the legal tender notes. That is what I think about it.

Mr. Hill—It is not a question as to what policy the senator from Oregon thinks ought to have been pursued. That to which I desire to call attention is a question of fact—what has been done by all the secretaries of the treasury since 1879; and upon that I disagree with the distinguished senator from Missouri. [Mr. Cockrell.]
I do not recall any criticism of that policy upon the part of the senator from Oregon [Mr. Mitchell] during his career in the senate with reference to the Republican secretaries of the treasury who pursued that course.

Mr. Cockrell—Will the senator from Oregon allow me?
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—Certainly, Mr. Cockrell.—In October, 1893, in response to a telegram sent by me to Secretary Carlisle, he stated that the first Treasury notes of 1890 were redeemed in gold in 1891 by Secretary Foster.
Mr. Hill.—I assumed that the senator was not talking about treasury notes. We were talking about what are called United States notes—the greenbacks.
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon—I was talking about both. They are both alike so far as the power of redemption is concerned.
Mr. Hill.—I assumed that the senator was talking about United States notes. Now I will ask the senator from Missouri whether it is not true, so far as the United States notes are concerned, those which are commonly called greenbacks, that since 1879 they have always been redeemed in gold by all secretaries of the treasury, when gold has been demanded?
Mr. Cockrell.—They were never presented and there was no demand for gold, and the senator cannot show by the records that such was the case. The senator from Ohio [Mr. Sherman] since that time proposed to redeem, retire, and cancel every one of the greenback notes with silver dollars. The amendment is here on record in which he proposed to substitute silver dollars for every one of the greenbacks.
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon.—I am very much obliged for this contribution.
Mr. Cockrell.—In addition, I wish to say that in January, 1895, Mr. Secretary Carlisle stated to the committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives that if in the beginning the Secretaries of the Treasury had exercised the discretion of paying in silver and gold conjointly it would have operated well and would have been a great benefit, but that according to all the prophecies it would be dangerous now to reverse the policy.

Mr. Hill.—I should like to ask either the Senator from Missouri or the Senator from Oregon whether Secretary Foster did not redeem any of the United States notes in gold. Will the Senator from Missouri state as a fact that Secretary Foster did not redeem any of the United States notes and redeem them in gold?
Mr. Cockrell.—I do not know. Possibly he may have done so.
Mr. Hill.—I understood the Senator to say that it had not been done.
Mr. Cockrell.—It was not done upon demand, and I repeat it. No Secretary of the Treasury, until October, 1891, ever yielded the option to the holder of the note and paid gold regardless of consequences.
Mr. Hill.—If the Senator will allow me, my point is that the Secretary of the Treasury has repeatedly done so; that it has been the custom to redeem the greenbacks in gold when gold was demanded.
Mr. Cockrell.—The option was never given to the holder of the note until 1891.
Mr. Hill.—I am not speaking of what ought to be done; I speak of it as a fact. I assert that it is the fact, and the records will show it.
Mr. Mitchell of Oregon.—I am very

much obliged both to the Senator from New York and the Senator from Missouri for their contributions to the question.

THE COUNTY OFFICES. The people are watching closely appearance of names of candidates for county offices. All are interested in securing good men, but the people are going to demand reductions in the expense of the office of sheriff and assessor. They are going to ask that justices of the peace in cities be put on a small salary instead of being tempted to make a state case out of every petty offender they can get hold of as they now are. The district attorney's fees should be abolished and a county attorney on a salary be elected by the people. The premium now offered in costly fees to find people insane should be abolished. These are some of the things that must be done to stop fee-grabbing. The fees, if there are any, should go into the public treasury.

But what we started to emphasize is this: There should be a definite understanding that the high fees and excessive salaries must and will be reduced. The men who want to serve the public in the valuable places for which there is a great struggle, should understand this. The people are unable to pay fancy prices for any man these days. A farm or business or profession that in these days pays \$1,000 is scarce. The days when a county office can be made to pay \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year are no more. While it is not good political morals to cut down an official's compensation during his term of service, the people have a right before engaging an official to serve them to know what he is going to leave for his service. The only way to reduce the expense of county and state government is to pledge the officials and members of the legislature to a definite program when they go before the people to be elected. At least let it be understood what officials are to be cut down, what fee offices are to be abolished. The people must interest themselves in this matter, make a reasonable demand for economy and then see that it is secured by proper pledges from men who can be trusted.

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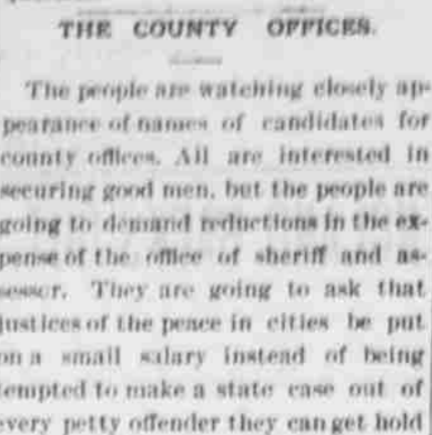
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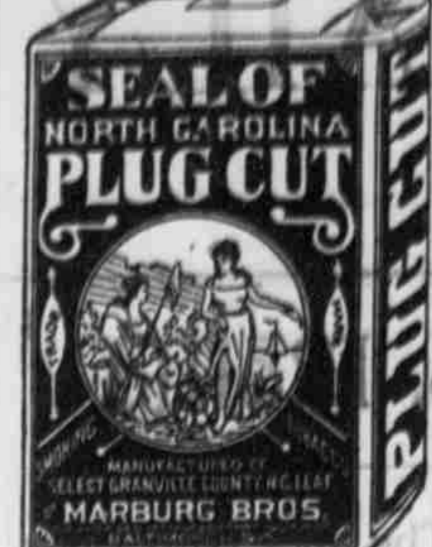
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