

**NOTES BY A TRAVELER.**

**Expressions and Suggestions From All Sources.**

I met Mr. J. C. Ashe, manager of the Albany Woolen Mills. He said the Albany mill would probably run right along. There was some distress and financial disturbance, as there was in every presidential year. The Albany mills are in the hands of a very competent factory superintendent, Mr. Patrick McGee. In 1889 Mr. Ashe went to work as a carder. It is a two set mill. The Albany mill was not a great success prior to its present management, but Mr. Ashe seems to be a man of business ability and very much of a gentleman. He is a practical man and a good buyer of stock. While in St. Louis a large jobber told me that Western Oregon wool was acquiring a reputation in the eastern markets that would prove a gold mine. It was superior to other Pacific coast wool because the herds had so much more nearly continuous feeding than anywhere else in our country. As the country became settled up our pastures would improve. Our sheep did not go from good pasture to starvation, as in Nevada, Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico. The result was, Western Oregon wool had a continuous even fibre without any "kink" in it. There was no weak spot in the fibre. It was straight and strong. The rains in winter were no detriment, as every time the sheep got wet it shook itself and shook the dirt all out of the fleece. The wool of Western Oregon that goes to the Frisco market has almost the appearance of clean washed wool. The flocks here do not trail all day in clouds of dust and then lie down in a dusty, filthy corral. We can make the best blankets and long wool staple goods in the world.

Senator Dolph has received a carload of literature of the gold standard complexion and will conduct a dual campaign along side of the state central committee. How he will steer clear of McKinley's silver speeches in the past, in the days when McKinley was as much of a silver man as any eastern man could be, is a mystery. It will be a funny double-headed campaign.

The Yaquina Bay country is a hotbed of Binger Hermann sentiment and the people are determined to not be downed in the next round with the professional place seekers. Hermann will bob up again in 1898. No man with 73 plurality, in a district that gave Hermann from 5000 to 10,000 plurality, nominated the way he was and counted in as he was, can as a new member, hold his own. Mr. Tongue with all his conceded ability cannot do it, even though he be seated, which he is not at all likely to be. The next congress is more than likely to be two to one for 16 to 1, and will give Mr. Vanderburg the seat he is entitled to.

The State Agricultural college is a national institution for the benefit of the people of Oregon, but it has been administered from the standpoint of local politics.

The new president Harry Miller was at the head of the bankers' syndicate that manipulated local candidates in nearly every county, then united them in a secret caucus and defeated Hermann because he had been a silver man. Now Miller has his reward. The enormous pressure of the political machine at Portland backed by the money power put Miller into a position where he will find it hard to get sympathy or support. Like many others in business, he was crippled financially by hard times and carried by Portland money. His appointment, like McElroy's to the state university was really to pay old political debts. What do we Americans care for education of our youth anyhow, compared to justly rewarding our old politicians? Let us be patriots and the children can grow up on the streets with the dogs as long as our convention packers have safe places provided for them, under pressure of wealth. Kick the conscientious educators out of colleges and vote down resolutions demanding duties and requirements of college presidents. What business has a college president with scientific attainments and college experience? I have no objection to Mr. Miller as a man. He came to Oregon a poor boy

and worked his way up as a bridge builder and politician. The challenge is throw down that he is not a man of scientific attainments, broad culture or practical experience fitting him to be the head of a great institution of learning. He has not distinguished himself in any department of learning. He has not even identified himself with education in any political sense as Prof. McElroy was. I deny the right of any set of men to prostitute learning to politics. This is not right. I like the gentlemen, very much, who appointed Mr. Miller. They no doubt acted honestly in selecting Mr. Miller. But when are we to stop this business? Why not elect a sailor for state printer, a printer for attorney-general, a blacksmith for supreme judge? Just as well select a bridge builder for a college president. Let to the people none of these outrages would be committed. The politicians alone commit such rapine upon common sense. Mr. Miller is not an authority on engineering. I do not understand that he is a scientific bridge engineer. His brother, Frank Miller, is said to be the latter. Will the people ever realize how far public education is honeycombed with politics? The public is taxed to support schools; the money is paid to political favorites. The people are supposed to be the government; they are governed by boards and machines set up to squander their revenues and control their ballots. It is a time to revert back to Jacksonian, Jeffersonian and Lincoln theories, that the people have some rights that their servants are bound to respect.

I met W. R. O'Donnell, of Independence, at Albany. He was private secretary, to Senator Squire, of Washington, many years, and has helped make several campaigns, in Polk county. He has always been a Republican, but is now supporting Bryan and free silver. Mr. O'Donnell is a public speaker, of considerable ability, and promises to assist on the campaign in Marion county.

E. HOFER.

**Lying About Bryan.**

IRVING, Aug. 12, 1896.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The report is in circulation that Mr. Bryan has said that he was in favor of removing the last vestige of the tariff and stop the payment of all pensions. Can you inform me, when and where he made such remarks. Please give what information you can along this line. As for me I hope we will have silver fixed and then the tariff.

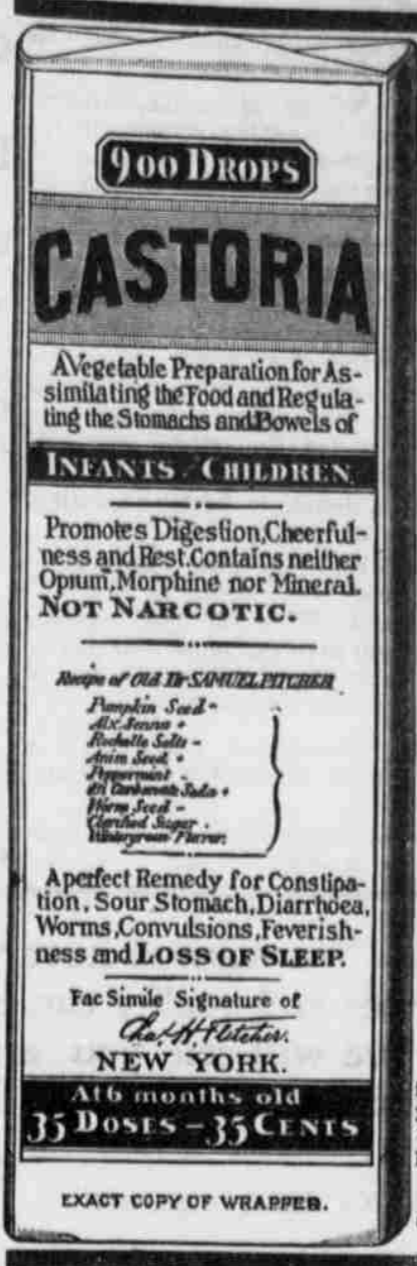
J. M. KITCHEN.

[Congressman Bryan was and is a tariff reformer. He voted for the Wilson bill, though as it came back from the senate to the house it was so strongly protective that Cleveland would not sign it and the act became a law without his approval. Bryan was the father of the income tax feature, and is a champion of that principle which he declares is a just law. Both the silver Democratic and Populist parties which nominated Bryan are on platforms of liberal pensions to old soldiers.—Ed. J.]



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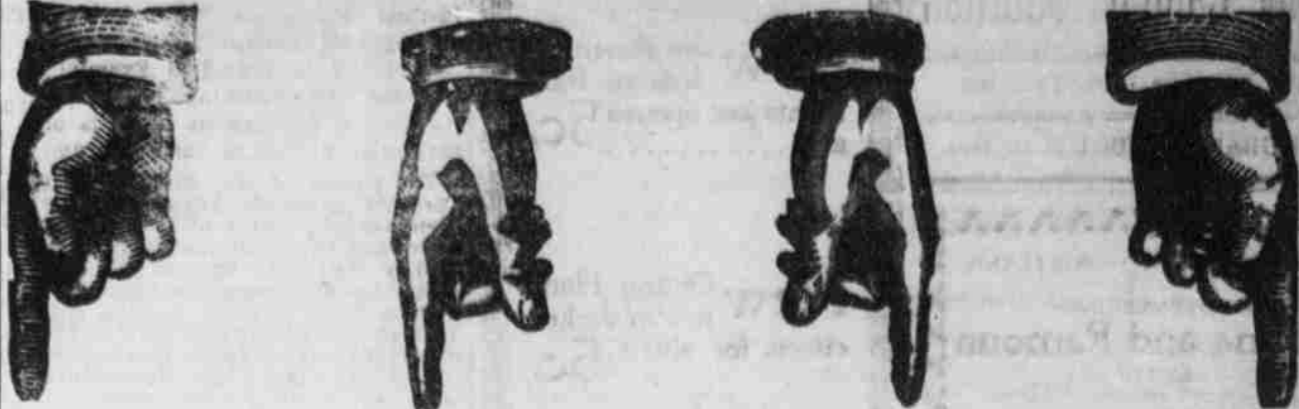
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