

The Situation.

A recent dispatch from Washington, D. C., gives the following as the correct political situation:

For the first time since the opening of the Spanish war, the republicans in the administration and in congress admit that their lines are broken and that they are confronted with rout and defeat.

The complacency which characterized all their expressions during the war and immediately following it has given way to confusion, and candid admission that they can no longer foresee success in the coming election. Many of the leaders of that party have stated in private during the last week that they will lose the House undoubtedly and that all the indications point to the defeat of their candidate for the presidency.

North, South, East or West, their correspondents make but one report to the republican politicians in Washington—popular dissatisfaction and resentment over the Philippine situation, the continuation of the war taxes and the republican treatment of Puerto Rico.

In regard to the last issue, the republican leaders admit that no matter what action they may take now, there is no escape from general condemnation. Their predicament is explained in the second letter of Speaker Henderson. If they pass the Puerto Rican tariff bill, the republicans stand condemned by their own President for violation of their plain duty. If they establish free trade with Puerto Rico, they are committed to the constitutional principle asserted by the democrats, that the constitution applies to the newly acquired territory, and they must give free trade to the hordes of Asia taken into the United States by their policy of holding all the Philippines.

There is the republic can difficulty.

Brave Boers.

Julian Ralph and all other liars who have reported that the Boers are cowardly should read the following recently told in Washington by Webster Davis, ex-assistant secretary of the interior, who has just returned from the scene of the war. "When the fight began," he said, "a giant Boer, in the prime of strength and manhood, was seen carrying a small Boer flag; in a short time to rise no more. Then an old white-haired veteran picked up the fallen banner and, waving it, urged his comrades on, with flowing hair and flashing eyes the old man rushed on but suddenly a shell hit him low, and the little flag touched the ground, however, a bare-footed lad, only 13 years of age, who had been fighting in his shirt sleeves, leaped forward to the old man's side, and snatching the flag from his grandfather's nerveless hand, raised it aloft and pushed on. A mighty shout arose from the Boers as they saw the gallant deed, and with renewed courage they made a fearful charge; following the flag they rushed like an avalanche over the British trenches, and Spionkop was won."

Around the World.

North Haven, Me., has a 125-year-old apple tree.

Kangaroo farming is to be an established institution in Australia.

Waste land in Turkey sells at \$3 per acre; good farming land at \$20 to \$30.

A Cincinnati firm is working on an order received from London for 500,000 British flags.

To South Africa oxen, the tulip plant which the boers greedily devour, is a rank poison.

Twelve camels shipped from Algiers to New York died on the voyage across the Atlantic.

The average working life of a London omnibus horse is five years; that of a tram horse is only four.

James Oliver, who is probably the richest man in India, laid the foundation of his fortune by saving from his salary of 50 cents a week as a farmer's "chore boy" enough to buy a house and lot on the installment plan and then selling it at a profit.

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W. W. Stickney, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Vermont, will be, if elected, the sixth graduate of Phillips Exeter academy to hold that position.

From the Chicago Tribune: The repeal of the war stamp taxes will check the growth of that surplus the Secretary of the Treasury finds so alarming. It will meet with outspoken popular approval. Then why cannot Congress enter on such legislation without waiting for a formal invitation from the President to do so?

A Cleveland clergyman is confronted with a serious difficulty in the way of theological interpretation. In his thankfulness over a donation from John D. Rockefeller for piousness, he declared, "Some people charge John D. Rockefeller with stealing the money that he gives to the church. Even if he did steal it he laid it on the altar and thus satisfied it." The Standard Oil prince repudiated this idea and compelled the retirement of the grateful clergyman. It is evident that Standard Oil does not wish to have its product elevated to the sanctity of holy shrines, at least not yet.

At this moment the issue that chiefly engages public attention is that of anti-imperialism in its varied forms. It finds expression in the bitter opposition to the effort of the McKinley administration to deny to the Puerto Ricans the safeguards of the United States constitution; in the growing impatience with the lagging war in the Philippines and increasing doubt of the material worth of that Asiatic archipelago; in the widespread popular indignation over the alliance of our federal administration with imperial Britain and its ill-concealed hostility toward the republics of South Africa.—Ex.

A single acre of Washington timber, recently measured by the Division of Forestry, contained 218,690 feet B. M. of Red Fir, 11,000 feet of Hemlock, and 6,000 feet of Cedar; making a total stand of 225,690 feet. The smallest Fir on the acre was 3 feet in diameter and the largest, 8 feet. The height of the forest approximated 300 feet. The Hemlock was scaled down to 20 inches in diameter and had it been scaled to 12 or 14 inches, as customary in the East, the stand would have been several thousand feet greater. This acre was measured near Wilkeson, Washington, about 30 miles from Tacoma.

As legal opinions made to order by U. S. officials? It is charged that Chas. E. Magoon, law officer of the division on insular affairs of the war department first wrote an opinion that the U. S. constitution was, by force of the Paris treaty extended over Porto Rico and the Philippines, which he was compelled to suppress and then to write another taking exactly the opposite stand. This last opinion has been made the foundation for the whole republican imperialist program and the Senate has just ordered three thousand additional copies of it to be printed. Representative Richardson the democratic leader of the House, desiring to get at the truth, has offered a resolution calling for copies of all of the opinions written by Mr. Magoon.

Webster Davis has struck the administration a mortal blow by resigning in order to lecture for the Boers. He felt that he could not remain with an administration which so strongly favored Great Britain. The republican organs are trying to break the force of the blow by asserting that Mr. Davis was about to leave office anyway and to inveigle that he hopes to make a fortune in lecturing. But even at least, Mr. Davis gives his lectures free.

If the American colonies had cause for anger by the Stamp Act, how much more have they of Puerto Rico the right to complain over the still harsher treatment that we have given and propose to give her.—Boer's Transcript (Rep.).

The democratic platform of Pennsylvania covers these: An interoceanic canal controlled and protected by this country. No further surrender of Alaskan territory. Fortification of strategic positions on the Pacific. No entangling alliance with England or other countries, secret or open. Free trade with Porto Rico. Independence of Cuba. Home rule for the Philippine Islands. No subject peoples. No colonial dependencies. Eternal opposition to trusts. A vigorous foreign policy. And an income tax.

The New York Independent, probably the most influential of all religious journals, says editorially: "What, then, is the secret of the extraordinary situation in congress? Evidently there is a pressure of interests which know how to enforce their demands. It is beet sugar and cane sugar and tobacco. It will be a revelation to the people of the United States that growers of these crops have power suddenly to revolutionize the policy of a great party, to bring recalcitrants swiftly into line, and to force an unpopular measure through both houses. "If this legislation is perfected, the Republican party is likely to have a most troublesome issue to meet in the coming campaign. Public opinion will go strongly to the side of Puerto Rico, if the disastrous results which are feared should follow the novel project of relief by taxation. Now we wait to see if the senate may possibly have wisdom to correct the astounding blunder of the house."

From the New York World. Oswald Ottendorfer, editor of the S. A. S. Zeitung, and one of the most influential German Americans in this city, was interviewed by a World reporter on the political issues of the day and the prospects of the coming national campaign.

"The belief is general," said the reporter, "that a large percentage of the German-American citizens who supported McKinley in 1896 are opposed to his re-election." "I think that is true," replied Mr. Ottendorfer, "and it is because they have made up their minds that McKinley and his administration stand for imperialism and militarism. German-Americans abhor and fear imperialism and militarism."

The real issue is expansion or imperialism. To treat them (the Puerto Ricans) as citizens means to make good the promise of General Miles and enforce the plain duty so beautifully set forth by the president in his message. To treat them as subjects means the violation of the promise of General Miles, the repudiation of the plain duty, and the substitution of imperialism for wholesale expansion. That is the issue as understood by the men who make and unmake presidents, and make and unmake senators.—Sandsky (O) Register (Rep.).

The people regard the 15 per cent tariff as wrong. They believe in the president's message, and that the promises held out to the Puerto Ricans should be sacredly kept. Mr. Payne may flatter himself that "it is not going to be a party issue." Whether he will or not, it is a party issue now, and if carried through will be a disastrous factor in the coming campaign for the people will resent it at the polls.—Delavan (Wis.) Enterprise (Rep.).

The Conventions.

PORTLAND, Or., April 12.—In the republican convention O. F. Paxton was elected chairman and D. Bristol secretary. R. A. Booth was chosen joint senator for Lane and Douglas. The Lane delegation threw down Moorhead it is reported. Judge Wolverton was nominated for Supreme Judge, J. N. Hart for District Attorney of the third district.

In the democratic convention Geo. E. Chamberlain was elected chairman. Kinard is talked of for joint senator for Lane and Douglas.

The democrats and populists appointed committees on conference, committees still out.

Municipal Ownership.

Medford will experiment in municipal ownership. The Mail says: The town of Medford is now the owner of the electric light plant, having purchased the same last week. For some time the councilmen have been figuring with Mr. Pondfoot for the purchase of the plant and on Friday of last week they instructed Mayor Hower to call a special meeting of the board to further consider and act upon the proposition. The price paid in warrants was \$8400 for the plant complete, including a considerable amount of wire and several poles not now in use and the lots upon which the plant is located. It is not the intention of the board to extend the system or make any material changes. The purchase is made largely as a speculation, it having been shown to the councilmen's satisfaction that the plant was a money earner.

Tonight and Sunday's first night, warmer Sunday. River 6 feet.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS

The South African war continues to head the list of important events of the week. The aspect of the past week have been very Boerish. At the same time while the English have lost fifteen hundred men in all the engagements has not been general ones. When the main army under Roberts meets the Boers if they do the chances will be decidedly in their favor. Perhaps there are some surprises though in store for the world as these have been in the past. It is a fact that the Boer army has been receiving recruits from all over the world, and instead of being weaker undoubtedly stronger than ever. How strong? If the numbers are sufficient to nearly equal the English there would be little question as to the result. The Boer forces can whip an equal force of English every time, the record so far the war will not be ended until it is ended.

The mismanagement of our own war is more and more apparent, and the size of the elephant on our hands increases. A call for more soldiers, to be sent for sacrifice to the Philippines is not at all unlikely.

Five state conventions in Portland make it very clear that an election is approaching. The great fight in the coming election will be on congressmen. And by the way there is something to fight on politically these days. Look out for fine displays of aurora borealis.

This week has seen the Porto Rican tariff bill signed by the president and therefore a law, one offering a new and startling doctrine for a republic. With a man of the backbone of Ex President Cleveland, who had backbones whatever else he had and didn't have, the President would have vetoed the bill believing as he does at heart on the subject, but being under the thumb of his party he of course signed it, establishing a precedent that is to be very much regretted.

Last week delegates to county conventions were prominent in the city. This week about thirty school teachers and would be teachers from different parts of the county have been in the city trying for certificates and promotions. Under the present system the standing of teachers is being enhanced and a better grade of teachers is bound to follow. This is right. Good schools mean a great deal for a community, and it is to the interest of the people of a community from any standpoint to see that its schools are in good hands. In this respect the management of all the schools of the county come in play, and herein arises the need of the best superintendent at the head that can be secured, a man experienced in teaching always and not as has been too often the case in Oregon some man who is simply using the office as a stepping stone to the law business or while he is getting a foothold. Teaching is a noble profession and everything about the business should be in keeping with its mission.

The Registration.

Following is the registration by precincts in this county this forenoon:

Albany	172
West Albany	198
East Albany	162
S. Brownsville	164
M. Brownsville	163
Center	40
Crawfordville	112
S. Scio	100
Fox Valley	41
Foster	85
Halsey	183
N. Harrisburg	117
S. Harrisburg	98
Jordan	76
N. Lebanon	129
S. Lebanon	178
Orleans	97
Price	126
Rock Creek	44
N. Scio	79
Shelburn	102
Syracuse	88
Santiam	98
Sweet Home	102
Sodaville	102
Shedd	134
Tangent	86
Tallman	70
Waterloo	93
Lacombe	111
	3383

One of the boys gives the following account of a party last night: A very delightful party was spent at the home of Mrs. Althouse in honor of Edwin Fortmiller's 12th birthday. The guests spent their time in playing games and at 6:30 a very delicate lunch was served. Geo. Maston gave out riddles while the guests ate. In the middle of the table was a pan of pop-corn with 18 ribbons and at the end of every ribbon there was a prize. The guests were: Prof. Schmidt, Rev. Mr. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Fortmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Althouse, Onas, Montsieh, Edwin Fortmiller, Edwin Fortmiller, Edward Lee, Harry Merrill, Eddie Merrill, Geo. Maston, Morgan Watson, Ralph Dinginger, Robin Nelson, Eric Fortmiller, Horace Steele, Clinton Strainey, Thomas Watson, Earle Frank, Alfred Parsons, John Pipe. There were two prizes. Morgan Watson got them both. He done well.

A Changeable World, But Will & Stark keep up with the times. They have the latest novelties in silverware, cut glass, chains, souvenir spoons, etc. In fact their stock of jewelry is complete and up-to-date.

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MISFITS.

The Eugene papers are throwing dirt at each other from the roof.

Dowet did it in great shape doing up the English in a very lively manner. Like our own Dewey he is a fighter.

The British have already lost over 25,000 men, and the fighting has just begun. The real war is ahead.

These beet sugar factories seem to want the whole world, 5,000 acres of land as a bonus. That means at least \$100,000 in a desirable location.

Trains will continue to run to Na non on the Oregonian road notwithstanding the wild rumors that there is to be a brass band organized there.

Oallifornia strawberries have reached Oregon in somewhat of a shame-faced appearance.

A New York man is reported to have sailed for Europe to ask Boss Croker's permission to run for governor of New York state. Isn't that mortifying.

A Portland Celestial mogul was sentenced to jail for running a lottery. Instead of giving himself he hired a substitute for fifty cents a day and the man was passed without discovery for some time.

In the republican platform the Panama canal is favored in preference to the Nicaragua canal, the Porto Rican tariff is ignored and there is not a word for the struggling republic in South Africa.

The passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill is contrary to the constitution of the United States and a slam on our republican form of government. No representations that it will come out all right in a few years can excuse it.

According to the Oregonian the plank in the republican platform in favor of a Panama canal was a clerical blunder. It was in keeping with considerable of the platform, a farce, like the trust and economy planks.

An exchange says that Rev. Sheldon has decided to conduct a church as Christ would do it. Now that is getting down to the proper thing. There are so few churches run that way the idea ought to take.

Prices at Cape Nome almost reach the sky. Beach wood, which is all there is in worth \$63 a cord, and lumber is about \$200 an M, and has to be brought in by steamer. No Nome for us.

A man in Montana named Coffee has applied for a divorce on the ground that his wife roasted him and kept him in hot water. His wife offered in defense that she didn't know any other way to keep Coffee good. That settled it. It is said their relations should be strained, and right in the cream of life, too, but how could they stand the perpetual grind.—Ex.

The Porto Rican tariff bill, as amended in the senate, passed the house yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock 163 to 153. Tongue voted for its passage, thus declaring himself in favor of running the government outside the constitution. The government has exactly as much right to place a tariff on the products of Oregon shipped into any other state.

The prosperity of the farmers in the northwest is indicated by the fact that many of them are making arrangements to visit the Paris exposition this summer.—Eugene Ex. That sounds well. We haven't met any of them though.

Mr. Gatch declared himself in favor of free trade for Porto Rico, one of our new possessions. Mr. Tongue who is opposed to it and is in favor of running the island outside of the constitution, was nominated, and of course Gatch will swallow him. That is a part of politics. But the people don't have to.

One of the biggest liars in the United States runs the Stayton Mail. He ought to hitch up with the Cottage Grove Nugget man. He says that Albany paid W. J. Bryan something over \$100 an hour for two hours, and Salem \$250. Not a cent was paid him here, at Salem or anywhere else. His addresses were absolutely free.

The early closing movement which is to go into effect next Monday is one the business men of the city deserve to support and keep in force, as it not only gives them the liberty they need but it as well their clerks. Nor will it affect business in the least. There will be just as much in a month, but it will be done during the day when it can easily be handled. The movement, if faithfully carried out, will be of material benefit to Albany people generally.

In the convention yesterday it was evidently the purpose to get as far away from Portland influence as possible in the selection of a candidate for congress. As the general sentiment is that the Yaguquina appropriation was knocked out by Portland influence the idea is not a bad one. Dr. Bernard Daly, of Lake county, who will oppose Mr. Tongue for congress may prove to be a very strong man for the place. At the present time not very much is known of him here. He is reported to be a man of considerable ability and push.

Those intending to become members of Separate Company G, the new militia company to be organized in this city this evening, will present themselves to the examining officer at the armory at 7 o'clock, to be examined. The organization will be effected at 8 o'clock k.

Spanish War Veterans.

The members of G. Co., of this city, last night formed an organization as Spanish war veterans, and will be known as Camp Phillips. The enrollment is forty-two. About twenty were present last night.

The following officers were elected: M. D. Phillips, captain. F. C. Stiellmacher, 1st lieutenant. C. F. Stewart, 2nd lieutenant. H. F. Westbrook, 1st sergeant. O. W. Wallace, sergeant of the guard. Clyde McClung, secretary. Frank Jewell, q. sergeant.

Just Talk. WASHINGTON, April 12.—Willie Bryan is out in the west rallying up delegates for his support at Kansas City, a movement has been started in Ohio in McLean's state and McLean will, no doubt, try to carry it for his brother-in-law, Admiral Dewey. A report reached here today that a movement is going forward under the direction of the democratic machine which is controlled by McLean.

Philippine Bill First. WASHINGTON, April 12.—An effort was made in the senate today by Morgan of Ala., to displace the unfinished business the Spooner Philippine bill, by the substitution in its stead of the Nicaragua canal bill. While Morgan's motion failed 15 to 33, the Philippine measure had a narrow escape from being displaced by the Alaskan civil code bill.

For Vice President. BOSTON, April 12.—George F. Williams of Massachusetts was formally named as a vice-presidential possibility by the Bryan club of Massachusetts, at a banquet in the Quincy House tonight. His sponsor was George F. Washburn, member of the Populist National committee.

A Building Collapse. PITTSBURGH, April 12.—Without warning and with a rush and a roar, the four-story brick building at a corner of Second avenue and Wood street today collapsed burying in its ruins a number of people, three of whom were taken out dead five were badly hurt and several others hurt.

Good Bye, McKinley. WASHINGTON, April 12.—The President at 7 o'clock this evening signed the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill. Only Secretary Root and Mr. Cortelyou the assistant secretary to the President were present.

Robert's Big Army. LONDON, April 13, 4:30 a. m.—In a roundabout way London hears that Lord Roberts, when writing to the Prince of Wales, at Copenhagen, congratulations upon his escape from assassination, added two or three hopeful sentences portending an early advance with wide-reaching combinations. Quiet assurances are passed around among military men that Lord Roberts is employing his great army effectively and that the adventurous Boer commandos are likely to be emmeshed.

Sold for Bryan. COLUMBUS, April 11.—The sentiment of the state convention of the League of Democratic Clubs which met here today is solidly for Bryan although President A. C. Buchtel of Akron, in his annual address referred only indirectly to the Nebraskan and ignored silver completely.

A Rig Strike. SKEGWAY, April 11.—The news has been brought up the Yukon by way of Dawson that reports of strikes of almost incredible wealth in gold have been made along the Koyukuk and Tanana camps along the Yukon have been greatly excited and half of them are deserted by men going on stampedes to the new districts.

A Small Engagement. BLOOMINGTON, April 11.—Methuen reports that the party of Boers defeated April 5 made good resistance for four hours, and only gave in when our troops with fixed bayonets within 15 yards of them. Seven of the enemy were killed, 11 wounded and 51 made prisoners. Besides Lieutenants Boyle and Williams, Sergeant Patrick Campbell was killed and two of our men were wounded.

More English Trouble. ACCRA, April 11.—Uncontradicted reports are in circulation here and at Cape Coast Castle that the Governor of Kumassie is in the enemy's hands. The greatest fear is felt for Cape Coast Castle if a reverse has been sustained and if the rebellion continues.

A Pacific Cable. WASHINGTON, April 11.—With little debate of the importance, the senate today passed the Pacific cable bill, a measure appropriating \$3,000,000 for the construction of a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu. The bill was unanimously reported by the committee on naval affairs, and that it was passed without serious objection is regarded as a compliment to the committee.

SKEGWAY, April 5.—Two more Indians were put behind the bars in Skegway yesterday for being implicated in the recent murder of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton, of Eugene, Or. One Indian was arrested at 8 1/2 and one at Haines.

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