

The Northwest

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The attempt to induce the anti-tariff Republican voters in the Northwest to side with the Democrats in the presidential election because the Democrats oppose...

We have on this point the testimony of a northwestern Democrat of much prominence in the present Congress—mean Mr. CONVERSE, a distinguished Ohio member...

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These warnings ought not to pass unheeded. If they do, defeat will end all.

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It is not impossible that the House of Representatives will occur in the Senate bill—we say "concur" in it because we think it will certainly be passed by the Senate—to allow national banks to issue circulating notes up to 90 per cent. of the market value of the bonds which they are required to deposit in Washington to secure that circulation.

Statenmen cannot tolerate the idea that in order to a sound and sufficient currency the public debt must be perpetuated. They are seeking to devise a scheme that shall not be obnoxious to this objection.

The national banks have paid to the Government as much as four millions of dollars a year in the shape of taxes. From 1863 to 1877, inclusive, banks and bankers paid to the Government nearly fifty millions of dollars.

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A Test Election. Since writing the article that appears elsewhere in our columns this morning relative to the Northwest, we have come across the statement—in a Washington letter to the Wheeling Register—that the Democrats propose to make a test election of the one soon to be held in Kansas to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives.

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If EMORY SPEER is out of a job in the South he might try his hand on the Pennsylvania kullux who are giving the Hungarians such a lively time.

It has been pretty clearly demonstrated recently that it is useless for VENDOR to butt against the weather when it combines to beat him.

Extract from a private letter: P. S.—Do not let the Democratic party divide on the tariff question, and thus lose the golden opportunity to restore the State permanently to Democratic rule.

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