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EDITORIAL COLUMN

OUR MARGIN OF EXPANSION.

What Blaine and Seward Forecaet is Now to Come to Pass.

The Pacific possessions of the United States were characterized by the late Secretary Blaine as "imperial in extent and of extraordinary growth." He estimated that the American territory depending for commercial outlet on that ocean comprises an area of 800,000 square miles—only three, however, of the eleven states included in this territory actually having a seaboard. These eleven states contain 6 per cent of the population and 10 per cent of the wealth of the Union, according to the calculations of M. G. Mulhall, and the three coast states possess about 60 per cent of the wealth of the group. Yet, while the center of so much wealth and the natural ocean outlet for it, San Francisco, the seventh city of the Union, has as yet barely 5 per cent of the seaborne foreign trade. Speaking of the Pacific states have at present about 6 per cent of the whole foreign trade of the Union. What a margin, then, remains for expansion in these splendidly endowed states fronting that enormous ocean within whose basin may be counted the major portion of the population of the globe! Sixty years ago there were probably not as many hundreds as there are now millions of white residents in these states; Australia was still terra incognita, and the wide range of Oceanica was but a geographical expression.

The late Secretary Seward was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, yet some thirty years ago he made a prediction in the United States Senate that "the Pacific ocean, its shores, its islands, and the vast regions beyond, will become the chief theatre of events in the world's great hereafter." We are now seeing the fulfillment of that prophecy. A dozen years ago there was a race for ocean-grabbing in the south seas that might easily have resulted in a great European war, and which left the Union Jack as the pre-dominating flag on the broad bosom of the Pacific. The game did not at the time seem worthy the candle, but who can say what part these insular groups may yet play in the development of the Pacific? They are, at any rate, stepping stones between the two vast borderlands. Britain has tapped the North Pacific by railway to Vancouver, just as Russia is tapping it by railway to Vladivostok. The Anglo-Saxon races are filling up British Columbia and the British states of the Union, just as the Amur and Manchuria will soon be filled with emigrants from Russia. Thus is Europe streaming into Asia, while Japan stands as a young giant between the old and the new, and China looks on in placid ignorance that the front of the world is being changed, and she more than an all.—Nineteenth Century.

Bro. Williams of the Ida Grove Pioneer is a good republican at heart but he is owner and editor of a democratic paper and tries, successfully most of the time, to conform to the peculiar position in which he is placed. He forgets himself, though, occasionally. Last week he made a trip into the country and was so impressed with the evidences of prosperity among the farmers that he wrote an enthusiastic report of what he had seen and headed it "Twenty Years of Prosperity." The fact that for the last two years or more he had been telling his readers that it was impossible to get more than eleven miles from a railroad in Iowa. This is a mistake because there is a spot between Ida Grove, Denison and Charter Oak where the road is about fourteen miles away.—Ida Grove Era.

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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Resolutions Adopted by the State Convention at Dubuque.

"The republicans of Iowa, in state convention assembled, declare:

"That we congratulate the country upon the wise and patriotic administration of President McKinley, and we regard the measures and policies thereof as the concrete expression of republican state-ship; and especially do we commend his course during the present war with Spain, his wisdom and forbearance in seeking a peaceable solution of the Cuban question before resorting to arms, while at the same time prudently preparing for war, and when circumstances finally made armed intervention necessary, his vigor and energy in the prosecution of the war.

"That the experience of the past two years has fully approved the gold standard policy of the republican party as declared by the national convention of 1896. We recognize the necessity of comprehensive and enlightened monetary legislation. The monetary standard of this country and the commercial world is gold. The permanence of this standard must be assured by congressional legislation, giving to it the validity and vitality of public law. All of the money must be kept at a parity with gold. Our money, like our institutions, should be maintained equal to the best in the world. On this plank we invite the support of all voters who desire honesty and stability in business affairs and an immediate and permanent settlement of the question of the standard of value.

"That we reaffirm our belief in the republican doctrine of reciprocity and protection. We congratulate the people on the fact that the republican congress has enacted a protective tariff which has brought prosperity to our country, and we pledge ourselves to favor such changes in the present republican revenue law as experience may from time to time dictate or change of condition demand.

"That we favor the upbuilding of the American merchant marine, the speedy construction of the Nicaraguan canal, the securing of naval and coaling stations and the protection of American rights in every quarter of the world with an adequate navy.

"That the republican party, under whose policy and administration prosperity has been restored and a foreign war successfully conducted, has earned the right to be further entrusted with the task of solving the territorial, colonial and commercial problems that have resulted from the war.

"That it is due to the cause of humanity and civilization for which the war with Spain was fought, that no people who have in consequence thereof been freed from oppression shall, with the consent or through the indifference of the United States, be returned to such oppression or permitted to lapse into barbarism.

"That the soldiers, sailors and marines, both regular and volunteer, of the army and navy, have in the war with Spain exemplified bravery and self-sacrifice, like unto that displayed by previous defenders of the republic. Not only have they earned the most profound gratitude of the nation, but they have given the United States a new dignity and rank among the greatest and most powerful nations of the earth.

"That the Iowa volunteers, who this year so promptly responded to the president's call for enlistments, have won the proud appreciation of the state. Though they did not reach the front of battle, they have paid and are yet paying in hardships, self-sacrifices, sickness, and even death, the price of soldierly duty. Their needs should have the promptest consideration and attention which the state or nation can give.

"We heartily endorse the able and businesslike administration of Governor Shaw as displayed by his prudent and conscientious discharge of public duties, and especially do we commend him for his constant and untiring efforts made on behalf of the Iowa soldiers, whether in camp or sick in the hospitals.

"That we tender grateful acknowledgments to all who have helped the party to the opportunity to do the great good it has done, and especially for which we appreciate the services of independent voters of 1896 and 1897, who placed the honor of the country above party. We invite, for the party's present financial and other policies, the cooperation and support of all.

The republican state convention passed the following supplemental resolution:

"Resolved, That the state central committee be instructed to call the next state convention in Des Moines, provided that Des Moines furnishes a suitable building for the gathering and appropriate entertainment."

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A SMART DOG.

Mingo Can Tell a Counterfeit Coin From a Good One.

A dog that can unerringly discriminate between a good and a bad coin and never hesitate an instant over a counterfeit that will puzzle his master seems hardly credible. It's more than is generally claimed for dog sense. Nevertheless such is the fact.

The accompanying picture is that of a spitz which is now 7 years old. It goes by the name of Mingo and is the property of C. Harrison, a San Leandro roadhouse keeper. Mr. Harrison has a number of these dogs, but Mingo is the only one that acts as the watchdog of his master's treasury. It is the custom of Mingo as soon as a customer drives up to the door to run out to the vehicle, and, putting his paws on one of the wheels, survey the visitor. Those who know the dog throw the coin in payment of the refreshment sought to Mingo, who immediately catches it up and runs with it to the man in charge. Mingo also goes into the parlor and collects for whatever is served there, and if there happens to be any change coming to the purchaser he takes it back.

One day a would be wag threw the dog a counterfeit dollar, who made his usual rush for the coin, but, to the amazement of the fellow, the dog refused to take up the money and sat expectantly waiting for another. Amid the laughter of his companions he



threw a good coin to the dog, when, to the further astonishment of those present, he ran off with it, leaving the other on the floor. The owner was called in, who knew nothing at that time of the smartness of his dog, and the experiment was repeated again and again, but the counterfeit would not go with Mingo.

Since then—some four years ago—Mingo has had more bad coin tried on him than could be found in the government collection of such coins, and, with an instinct as true as that which takes the magnetic needle to the north, he chooses between the good and bad. If there is any doubt as to a coin offered, it is thrown to the dog, and the master stands by the dog's decision.

This little fellow, "who sweats with his tongue and smiles with his tail," is never put to the necessity to rattle the coin on the floor or take it to an electric light to examine it, but in darkness or in light it is ever the same. He will not take up a counterfeit, and the bogus nickel or the leaden dollar, half or quarter he knows in a moment. He has been tested hundreds of times and will pick a good coin out from a dozen bad ones or will leave only the bad ones lying on the ground from a handful thrown him. He is a natural born money maker, grabs at a coin as would a miser, and for a stranger it would be as hard to get it from him.

As a judge of coin he could not be equaled at the sub-treasury. He is keenly alive to business and day or night is always awake to the jingle of the merry chink.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Get ready for Thanksgiving—just set your table fine.

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An while the carver's gain on be thankful you're on deck.

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—Atlanta Constitution

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