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MORNING GLORY POLITICS.

No one can tell three years in advance what a platform will be.

I have seen issues arise over night--W. J. Bryan, when asked what would be the Democratic issue in 1908.

For the last three national campaigns the Democratic party has been dependent on issues that arose over night. These issues had only one thing in common, namely, that they all meant trouble. As a result this has become practically a one party country.

Ten years ago a faulty currency system and ill-advised tariff changes had brought on hard times. Heroic, and it proved effective measures had been taken to remedy the defect in the currency.

But the check to production of wealth and the shattering of confidence made money scarce and dear. Over night arose the cry for "more money."

The national Democratic party, led by Mr. Bryan and his friends, seized this issue, arising over night as an issue to win on, and after a stand-up fight was squarely beaten on it.

Then came war with Spain, with its swift victories and additions to the national domain. The new duties and the new thought of them demanded by expansion gave an unpleasant jar to certain minds, and the issue of "imperialism" arose literally over night.

Again the Democratic party, seeking merely an "issue to win on," seized a fleeting cloud and was beaten without a real struggle.

Four years later the Democracy mingled several "issues" that had arisen over night--so many and so trifling that it is useless to enumerate them--with the result that the day after election men could hardly realize that a Democratic candidate had been running.

And all this in the face of a truth that no party can succeed, as no man can succeed, without permanent aims and purposes, though out long in advance and resolutely adhered to, no matter what the exigencies of the day.

To find a man of Mr. Bryan's position in the Democratic party--to find the Democracy's one leader of national dimensions--still talking about a national campaign on issues that may arise "over night" is most discouraging. And not only that. It is deplorable, it is pitiable, to see a man of reputation and power devoting all his energy to such morning glory politics.

Tokyo finds the horrors of peace almost unendurable.

Japan should cheer up. It may learn to like peace after a little practice.

Mr. Louinis was let down so easy that he landed with scarcely a perceptible jar.

Results of Secretary Fall's able efforts to put the lid on the Chinese boycott have yet to be disclosed.

Russia need not disband any troops just yet. Evidently it is going to have use for a lot of them in the Caucasus.

Special Excursion Rates. Lake Chelan Fair, to be held at Chelan September 11, 22, 23

The Columbia and Okanogan Steamboat company will make an excursion rate of a fare an one third for the round trip from all stations to Chelan Falls and return. Tickets on sale going, commencing Sept. 20th and good returning not later than Sept. 25th, 1905.

Some Irrigation Talk

To the Editor--Reference has been made recently to attempts now being carried on to irrigate the lands lying along the Columbia river by water taken from that stream. An investigation of the history of irrigation in this vicinity shows that ever since the first white settler located here, the problem of utilizing the waters of the Columbia to irrigate the arid lands adjacent thereto, has puzzled the brains of many experimenters.

So far none of the many devices has proven entirely successful. The basis of most of them has been the power of the swift but fickle and changeable current of the river. Current wheels and current motors have been tried on many rivers and have served to lift the water where the current is steady and the land close to the water. Along the Columbia, they have been tried near Entiat where, on E. Wagner's ranch the machinery is found lying neglected to this day, while his splendid fruit ranch of 100 acres is watered by a flume from Suakane Canyon.

Mr. J. S. Kimmell, about five miles down the river from Wenatchee has installed a current wheel at considerable expense, but has found it impracticable and will install a steam pumping plant. On the Wenatchee river, near the bridge, is to be found the remains of a current wheel erected by M. Horau, who found that it would not work and now sits water from the Gunn ditch.

The wheel recently installed by Thomas Hough has come nearer success than any other, though the amount of water pumped so far has been sufficient to irrigate a few acres only and the whole apparatus will have to be rebuilt before it will work continuously. Even then the amount of water it will lift is still problematic and cannot be determined until actually operated for a considerable length of time. The current just now is very swift at that point, much swifter than during the irrigation season. At no other point along the river can equally good conditions be found for a current motor.

Mr. Hough formerly pumped water by a steam engine using drift wood for fuel. While the fuel cost almost nothing, the plant was not a success, as his experiment with a current motor will prove. Further up the river, steam engines have been used though not with success. Mr. Milton Howe, of Waterville, who has a ranch just above Orondo, has tried both steam and gasoline, the latter costing far too much besides requiring constant attention. He is now preparing to install an electric motor which appears to be the only feasible and successful method of lifting a steady and continuous stream of water of sufficient quantity to irrigate properly. Great power is necessary and this can be obtained cheaply only by hydraulic electric power.

It has been demonstrated that to generate sufficient power to pump water 80 feet high for irrigating purposes, costs near \$10 per acre per annum, by gasoline engine. Those who have tried this method in the Wenatchee valley, report that the method is not only expensive but it requires too much attention to be practicable.

Current wheels, gasoline and steam engines and similar contrivances have proven failures in California, Colorado, Idaho and other states, where a high lift is required. If those who contemplate making similar experiments to those mentioned will look up the history of pumping by these methods, or will consult a competent engineer, they will save themselves a great deal of money and trouble. An engineer who is versed and experienced in such matters can compute exactly the results to be obtained, in advance, under whatever conditions.

HONEST DOUBTER.

Here's richness from the sanctum of the organ of New York's Four Hundred. Colonel Mann, editor of Town Topics, says, "As to people paying money or giving subscriptions on account of threats, why, a man should be either a fool or a coward to give up under such circumstances." Just so.

It is now that the boll weevil is getting in his work on the cotton crop. How much mischief he will do to the crop this year is all guesswork, but of course the speculators will turn it to good account.

There is nothing to indicate that the Chinese laundry guilds in this country have any thought of boycotting the Melican's Monday morning bunch of washing.

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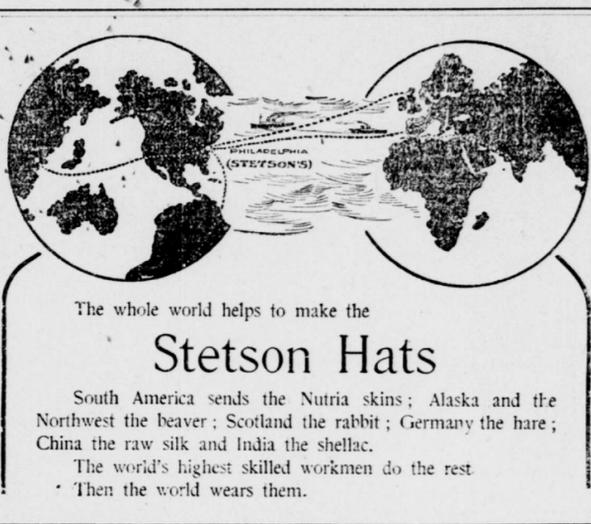
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