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### WEATHER.

Tonight and Tuesday, fair.

### MUST WAIT AWHILE.

The communication from P. B. Johnson published in Saturday's Statesman makes it plain that Walla Walla has nothing to gain and much to lose by an attempt to get a new charter before the city's population reaches twenty thousand. It is pointed out that "only a city containing a population of 20,000 inhabitants or more shall be permitted to frame a charter for its own government," and that smaller cities can be organized only under general laws or continue under their territorial charters.

The people of Walla Walla do not care to run the risk of getting any sort of a charter that the legislature may choose to give them. Any charter that might be submitted to the legislature as embodying the desires of the people of this city would be made the football of the railroad lobby and of every other trading influence in the legislature, and when they got through with it, it is likely that it would be an agglomeration most fearfully and wonderfully made, a hissing, a byword and an abomination in the eyes of all honest men. Rather than take a chance in such a grab bag lottery as that the people of Walla Walla would better content themselves with the charter they have until the population of the city shall entitle them to draft a charter to their liking. It will not be many years until the population will reach twenty thousand. Until that time comes Mayor Hunt will have to get along without "more authority and more responsibility on his shoulders." Meanwhile the people will continue to choose their own chief of police and the other "principal paid city officials" whether their choice meets with the approval of the mayor or not.

### WANTED SOME OF THE SWAG.

The editor of the Colfax Gazette had his pants stolen from his Pullman berth at Umatilla a few nights ago. The thief found nothing in the pockets but a bunch of keys. Perhaps the man who coveted those editorial pantaloons had heard the story that the Gazette editor last fall got a bunch of money for turning his paper over to the support of Levi Ankeny and the thief hoped to find some of the filthy lucre thus gained, still in the editor's pockets. But it seems the editor had taken the precaution on retiring to hide his wad somewhere else. It is just possible that the highwayman who fished that pair of pants through the car window in the dead of night was in the confidence of George Stevenson and that he had read the following from the Seattle Republican and accepted it as gospel truth:

"The Colfax Gazette says that 'the issues of the next campaign will be named by eastern Washington men and that the 'double cross' which the

farmers of this county received last session cannot be repeated again." This would seem to indicate that the Gazette's work in the last campaign was so coarse that it despaired of repeating it. We do not know of any one who did more "double crossing" in the last campaign than the Colfax Gazette. It supported Mr. Ankeny, the avowed opponent of a commission bill, and in the same breath shrieked for a commission in the interest of the farmer. It permitted the passage of a resolution in the Whitman county convention instructing the legislative nominees to vote against any senatorial candidate who did not favor a commission, after having moved heaven and earth to secure the nomination of candidates favorable to Mr. Ankeny. And now it speaks up as innocent as a harlot at a christening and declares that eastern Washington shall not be "double crossed again." Well, that depends upon what there is in it for the Gazette. And as for the voice of Whitman county in the next campaign, the only thing that talks in that locality is the cold and silent coin and we know of no greater adept in that sort of conversation than the Colfax Gazette."

### WHICH SHALL IT BE?

To learn the true inwardness of the local political situation and its bearing on the politics of the state, one must sometimes go away from home for information. The people of Walla Walla have known for some time that Mayor Hunt was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor before the result of the late municipal election clipped his wings, but it is not generally known that Representative Kees, late machine candidate for chief of police, is also being talked of as the railroad candidate for governor. Perhaps this explains why George Stevenson, Link Davis, Madge and Scobey came over from the Sound to aid in his campaign. The Seattle Mail and Herald says:

"One development of the defeat of Kees for the marshalship has been the suggestion of his name as a possible candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. It does not seem possible that the followers of Mr. Ankeny can be so lacking in political wisdom that they will bring out a man of the political record of Kees seriously for the office which has been filled by a man so noble in character as John R. Rogers, and is now occupied by so able and courageous a fighter as Henry G. McBride. Or has the victory of his money bags and Stevenson's chicanery at Olympia last winter so intoxicated the senator that he thinks anything is possible in the politics of Washington? The record of Kees in state politics is entirely against him. As a member of the late unlamented legislature he tied up from start to finish with the railroad bunch, he voted and worked against the proposed railroad commission, he voted against the gambling felony law, he voted for the iniquitous libel law which would have been foisted upon the newspapers of the state had it not been for the courageous stand of Governor McBride and a few of the incorruptible pro-railroad, though honest, members of the state senate. He even voted against the nickel-in-the-slot machine law, than which no law passed by the last legislature was more generally demanded by the people of the state. With such a record as this behind him it is inconceivable that a political manager so shrewd as George Stevenson will permit Kees to even attempt to make the race for the gubernatorial nomination."

### INFLATED PROSPERITY.

Some plain talk is beginning to be heard on combinations. This Henry Clews, the well-known broker, is thus quoted in a signed statement to the New York American:

"The present sensational decline in values and the failures and wholesale embarrassments it has occasioned can only proceed from one thing—the enormous and deplorable overcapitalization of industrials. More than \$5,000,000,000 is represented in the largely fictitious capitalization of industrial combinations within the past five or six years. Never in the history of trade and finance have such enormous sums been represented as in capitalizing concerns such as the United States Steel company, the Northern Securities company, the International Mercantile Marine company, Amalgamated Copper and hundreds of smaller corporations. The day of overcapitalized corporations, in the opinion of all conservative and well-informed judges, is over once and for all. I am afraid the Morgan

school and financial schools of a similar type have closed for a long vacation."

### PREFERENCES AND EMBARGOES.

Great Britain's noted economist, Sir Robert Giffen, has formed some especially interesting conclusions upon the subject of preferential tariffs, which have a definite bearing upon the tariff question not only from England's viewpoint but universally.

He observes that England cannot afford to tax raw materials, and that the only preferences which she can grant her colonies must be on food imported from them. England imported last year about 100,000,000 hundred-weight of wheat and flour, one-fifth of which came from British colonies and possessions. From these figures Sir Robert Giffen draws an illustration.

"Suppose," says he, "we impose 5 shillings and a quarter upon imports of wheat and flour from foreign countries—and it would take such a duty at least to produce sensible effects—we should burden the country to the extent of the charge on foreign wheat, or a sum of 5,094,000 pounds sterling, plus a further sum of 1,219,000 by which the price of colonial wheat would be raised in our markets, and a further sum of probably about 2,000,000 as the enhanced price of wheat produced at home—total \$312,000 pounds. This seems rather a large price for consumers at home to pay in order to give the colonies a bonus of no more than 1,219,000."

In a word, the people of the mother country would have to pay something over six to one for their kindness. Nothing furnishes a better concrete illustration of one sort of tariff oppression than this.

England has already discovered that preferential treatment of its colonies means damage in another way, Germany's retaliation on account of Canada's privileged treatment affording the proof; and it will be strange surely if England can be induced to abandon the time-tested policy through which she has attained and held commercial greatness.

### DEPARTURE IN PRACTICAL POLITICS.

In putting itself against the people upon the issue of tariff revision the republican machine violates the old political precept, "Stick close to the voter."

Practical politicians usually follow an opportunist policy. They sound the people and design themselves accordingly. The prime object is to win and win by the surest method, which is the people's votes. The voting strength of the country has practically declared in favor of revision. The republican voters are a unit for practical revision, and, as far as they go, are as firmly opposed to the Dingley schedules as are the democrats.

It would not be surprising should the machine set itself squarely in opposition to the voter upon some minor issue, but to ignore the voter's wishes upon the tariff-trust question, the main issue, seems like reckless defiance that promises disaster. It does not look like an attempt to do the winning thing, especially when the democratic party represents a ready vehicle for the popular expression which the machine denies.

An easier and commoner method would have been to deceive the people; embody their pet wishes in platforms and then, in the interests of protected monopolies, proceed to break the platform promises. Or, stand boldly for the people, even though it costs a break with the trusts. The trusts may be "rounded in" at any time by a process resembling blackmail but which is a part of the machine methods. With the people supporting the machine the trusts will readily knuckle under. Without the people the machine is of no value to the trusts.

To so openly espouse the trusts appears foolhardy. The machine may be misjudging the extent of the people's willingness to be led—may be making the mistake of assuming that the people are bigger fools than they really are. The people may suddenly manifest a wonderful wisdom. To all appearances in this instance the machine is far the bigger fool. Short sight is a complaint which frequently afflicts practical politicians, but the slip does not often consist of standing close to a privileged interest as against the greatest asset, the voter, openly and without complaint.

"So they named a cigar after you?"  
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The bill for this week is full of good things, for the patrons of this popular place of amusement. The management takes special pleasure in presenting "Quixotic Trip"—Robert, Ashon, Ella Wilson and Thos. Clarke in this great comedy success. "The Furniture Man," introducing original musical numbers. (Note—this act represents an outlay of over fifteen hundred dollars, the beautiful gold gown worn by Miss Wilson costing over one thousand dollars. The ladies of Walla Walla will take pleasure in viewing this costly garment. Another strong feature of this week's bill is Stanley and Scanlon, in their original novelty musical act, introducing among other novel features the most wonderful and correct imitation of a steam callope played by feet, hands and mouth. See the Musical Radiator, Porters, Steel Maremba-phone, Silver Staff Bells, and other novelties. The number to make you laugh is Mr. Dan McGreevy, the real funny monologist, then we have kept over for your pleasure the star number of last week's program, "Joarra" in his great ball balancing act. Remember amateur night will be Wednesday night for this week.

### WALLA WALLA FAMILY THEATRE

The Walla Walla Family theatre closed a very successful week enjoying a crowded house every night. This week's bill will be exceptionally good. This week will be seen Eddie O'Brien, the great comedian, the Rosells who have delighted the people of Walla Walla for the past two weeks; Woodworth and Cordein and little Arthur Rosell, the favorite. Frank Conner's new illustrated songs will be "Pictures From Days Gone By," and "Mid the Orange Trees and Blossoms She Is Waiting." The moving pictures showing the adventures of Robinson Crusoe have arrived and will be shown for the first time tonight. The program will close with a side-splitting act entitled "Dutch Justice." There will be another change of program Thursday night. Don't forget to get a coupon as you pass in which entitles you to a choice on the ladies sold watch to be given away Saturday night.

### THE GLASS BLOWERS.

Owens Glass Blowers at No. 7 Third street, are attracting large crowds. Many ladies and children visited their exhibition Saturday afternoon and at night their room was crowded to the doors, all came away with a pretty souvenir of the glass blowers' art. They will remain all this week. Ladies and children should visit the exhibition in the afternoon to avoid the crowds at night. Doors open 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. Every visitor receives a present in glass made by the company.



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