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Basing their representation in the county convention upon the entire vote of all parties was a very smooth little scheme of the direct legislationists to make people believe by the size of their convention that the party is a great one. But it won't go. People will not be so easily fooled as that.

Every intelligent American who has visited the Philippines since our occupation began gives the same testimony concerning the character of the people. They are totally unfit at present to conduct an independent government. They must be ruled helpfully but firmly, for their political capacity at this time is small.

Seattle populists are having a big row among themselves over the calling of a city convention. Populist rows are nothing new; but they are wide-spread and to be found wherever there has been a party organization. The trouble is generally that they are all jealous of each other and tear and read at every opportunity.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: H. T. Jones, chairman of the democratic state committee, in addressing a meeting of the democratic city central committee held yesterday, declared that there was no longer such a thing as populism in Spokane county. "The people's party in Spokane county," he said, "is dead, according to the admission of their own leaders."

Spokane Sunday Morning Call: George B. Weaver, for a long time chairman of the populist central committee, and chairman during the last campaign of the fusion forces in Spokane, has handed in his resignation to the populists, and in the future says he will be found within the republican ranks. Mr. Weaver has long been regarded as one of the brainiest men in the party in this city, and that he has renounced the party which stands for everything undesirable, and comes to the one that stands for everything desirable, is not at all surprising. He is by no means the only one in the party who wants to "quit."

What could not be done at the December meeting of the populist central committee in the way of turning the populist party over body and breeches to the social democracy by direct vote was accomplished very neatly by the brigadiers in command at Saturday's meeting. They simply and quietly turned it over to the direct legislationists. "Not a word was said, not a funeral note" was chanted over the remains. The Omaha platform was not wet with a tear from the ungrateful who had profited by the temporary craze. They realized that all their crocodile tears would be needed to fool the people on the new deal.

The dairy interests of the country are quite well organized and powerful, and they propose to be a thorn in the side of congress until it agrees to put that 10 cent tax on oleomargarine which is demanded. The organizer of the movement states the case when he says: "It is not a theory that confronts the owners of the \$470,000,000 worth of cows, but a condition that can no longer be tolerated and must not be tolerated. It is not that the \$15,000,000 worth of oleomargarine sold in one year is enough in itself, to be a cause for alarm, but because it is sold as butter and forces butter to meet it at a price at which pure butter cannot be produced."

The St. Paul Pioneer Press is the father of the story printed in the telegraphic columns that the Clearwater war is settled, the O. R. & N. agreeing to withdraw from the field, the Northern Pacific to run down the O. R. & N. tracks to Portland and the Union Pacific to run over the Northern Pacific tracks from Portland to the Sound. President Mohler, it is also said, is to retire, this time going to the Gulf instead of the Big Four. This is the scheme Mr. Mellen has talked for nearly a year past, but thus far the Union Pacific interests have not fallen into the plan. Both the Gulf and Big Four are in the Union Pacific, Harriman, Vanderbilt system and Mr. Mohler is considered a first class railroad man, who has successfully held his own in the maneuvering for place in the northwest.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana spent several months in investigating affairs in the Philippine islands, personally visiting them for this purpose. In his speech in the senate the other day he said: "We smiled at intolerable insult and insolence until the lips of every native in Manila were curling in ridicule for the cowardly Americans. We refrained from all violence until their armed braves crossed the lines in violation of agreement. Then our sentry shot the offender, and he should have been court-martialed had he failed to shoot. That shot was the most fortunate of the war, for Aguinaldo had plotted the attack upon us for two nights later; our sentry's shot brought this attack prematurely on. He had arranged for an uprising in Manila

to massacre all Americans, the plans for which, in Sandico's handwriting, are in our possession; this shot made that awful scheme impossible."

National Bank Fallacies.

Another national bank in the state of Washington—the First National Bank of Colton—has voluntarily surrendered its charter to become a state bank. To the Oregonian, Miles M. Miller, cashier, gives the following reasons:

First—Fifty thousand dollars is too much capital for so small a place. The national banking laws will not permit of a smaller capital than \$50,000.

Second—The taxes can be materially reduced, and the expenses generally, under state banking laws. Under national laws there are the examiner's fees, two or more times per year, as the controller sees fit, the tax on circulation, the cost of transportation of currency from Washington, etc.

Third—Under national laws there are too many restrictions in the matter of loans to suit a farming community.

The first reason explains itself, remarks the Oregonian. No national bank has any business in a place that does not justify a capital of \$50,000. It has long been desired to have the federal banking act amended so as to permit national banks with capital of only \$25,000, which the bank of Colton will hereafter use. This has been objected to and defeated by persons who profess to believe that the only way for the country to prosper is to bring its banks to ruin.

The second specification ought to receive consideration from those Oregon and Washington statesmen who are continually viewing with alarm the inordinate profits made by national banks. The problem is to them a very simple one. The bank takes its \$50,000 to the government, gets bonds of that amount on which it draws interest and exchange for the bonds gets \$45,000 in circulating notes, which it also puts out at interest. Thus it has doubled its capital and makes too much profit. This is the populist idea, but it is wrong. If it were correct, everybody would rush into the business, whereas the fact is almost everybody is getting out of it. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the cancellation of national bank charters, going steadily on all over the country, shows the profits in the system are imaginary.

The profits on national bank circulation are reduced in many ways. A bank that deposits \$100,000 in five per cent bonds of 1904 for currency must meet these expenses:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item and Amount. Tax on circulation \$ 900.00, Cost of redemption 45.00, Express charges 3.00, Plates 7.50, Agent's fees 7.00, Sinking fund 2,165.87. Total \$3,128.37. The bonds cost the bank \$113,250. On this sum it could have got at six per cent interest \$6,795. Add this to the \$3,128.37, the expense of the undertaking, and we have \$9923.37 it must get out of its national bank venture before it is even with the game. It gets from the government the interest on its bonds, \$5000, and if it is able to place all its \$90,000 of notes out at six per cent interest, the same rate we have allowed for its capital otherwise employed, they will yield in interest \$5400. This gives us a net balance of \$476.63, or only forty-two hundredths of one per cent interest on its \$100,000, to pay examiners' fees, and offset the disadvantages under which it voluntarily places itself in becoming a national bank.

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 18.—The German bark Maria, from Australia with a cargo of flour for the Transvaal, has been taken as a prize by the British light cruiser Pelorus near the island of Inyok Delagros bay, and has been sent to Durban with a prize crew on board. Money to loan on city property at 7 per cent, repayable in equal monthly installments. J. A. PERKINS & CO. Subscribe for your periodicals through The Gazette and save money. H. W. GOFF writes reliable INSURANCE. The Bee Hive for bargains.

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at unusual length and heavy cost. Great restlessness and an aggressive spirit was the result among the Tagals. Before the treaty vote was taken they crowded upon our outposts and firing began. Knowing what would happen Agoncillo hurriedly left Washington and went to Canada over the shortest route. The offensive Tagal tactics were based on the news received from the United States. They knew perfectly well that the orders of Otis were to keep peace if possible. The speech of Hoar turned the scale at the critical moment and the war began two days before the vote that ratified the treaty.

It is a striking case of retribution that Hoar and Pettigrew, while calling upon the government for documents relating to the era when hostilities with the Tagals began, should be confronted with the proof that the assistants of Aguinaldo in the senate are responsible for the opening battles around Manila last February. The administration has nothing to hide. Its instructions to the commanding general were to strike only in self-defense. Its vital duty in both the national and international sense was to perfect the treaty with Spain and carry its obligations into effect with justice to all and charitable consideration for the Filipinos. But, inflamed by the speech of Hoar, the Tagal leaders decided to push on their forces at once. No doubt they thought this would help defeat the treaty, for their knowledge of this government, and of all free government, is limited. Hoar is getting the light he needs, but not the kind he asked for.

RAILROAD WAR ENDED.

O. R. & N. Gives Clearwater Up to the Northern Pacific.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19.—A special from New York says: The dispute between the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company over the right of their respective roads to extend their lines in the Clearwater territory in Washington has been settled and the Northern Pacific is master of the situation. The Oregon Railroad and Navigation company has withdrawn its claims to the Clearwater country, which is left in undisputed possession of the Northern Pacific.

Formal announcement of the agreement between the two roads will be deferred until February 5, when the official time of the six months' truce between them will expire, but the papers in the matter are practically ready for signature. The fight is ended and there will be no more trouble.

The termination of the Clearwater difficulty marks the end of one of the most bitter railroad wars ever waged in this country. Every phase of railroad diplomacy and force was brought into play by the lines interested. The Union Pacific took up the question in dispute. In order to facilitate an amicable settlement the Northern Pacific offered the use of its Portland-Tacoma line to the Union Pacific in exchange for similar track privileges on the Columbia and the Union Pacific was offered the alternative of accepting the proposition or having the Northern Pacific parallel the line of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company from Lewiston to Portland.

The Union Pacific has had the offer under consideration several months, and it has finally decided to accept it and to refrain from extending the Oregon Railroad and Navigation lines in the Clearwater district.

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