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The peanut trust can properly be called a shell game.

It may be after all that prosperity is the mother of trusts. If so democracy will be against it, and declare against prosperity in favor of the good, old democratic times.

Bartlett Sinclair is called the "Great White Czar of the Cœur d'Alenes." The people rise up each morning with fear and trembling and consult the nearest telephone pole to see what general orders have been posted for observance during the day.

Public schools have been opened at Manila and a public election will soon be held at Cavite. Things do move in the Philippines, and the indications are that by July 4 1900 will celebrate Independence day as loyal supporters of the stars and stripes.

Later reports of the finances of the year just closed show that the deficit is being cut down from the first estimates. With the revenue increasing and our trade interests enlarged, we may have a surplus next as a conclusive argument that republicanism means prosperity.

The stock of gold money in the country is rapidly approaching the billion mark, and the circulation per capita is the largest ever known. These are facts that paralyze the free silverite's contention that the gold standards cannot furnish money enough to transact business, and that we are steadily decreasing the per capita circulation.

The anti-expansionists are so pushed for campaign material that a prominent leader in South Dakota had need to resort to a forged letter from a soldier in the Philippines charging that sick soldiers were driven from their beds to go on the firing line. The exposed forgery explodes the whole matter and exposes another copperhead to contempt.

Mayor Weisgerber's attitude toward the question of public improvements is best illustrated by his private enterprises. His example, followed by our citizens generally, would inaugurate an era of improvement for Lewiston which would give us modern business houses and modern homes. Lewiston of to-day needs to take a lesson from the example set by the mayor's enterprise.

Our export trade with China was \$15,000,000 in 1898, but the increasing activity of the present year will greatly develop our commercial importance there, and open new markets for our products. The Pacific Northwest is vitally interested in the development of the Chinese trade. Every bushel of wheat, every pound of flour in excess of our home consumption will find a ready market among the millions of the Chinese people who are ready consumers of all our food products. But this is not all. The same markets are open to the manufacturers of the north and east, and to the cotton textiles of the south. China is a fertile field for American enterprise, and any policy that overlooks our trade interests there will be a losing issue with our people.

There is no sign of any abatement of activity in the steel trade. The iron and steel trade has always been regarded as a good barometer to measure the general business situation. Never in the history of the country has the present condition of this trade been so excellent, and all other sources by which we can measure the financial condition of the country bear out the indications as shown by the steel trade. All bank clearances continue to run far ahead of those of last year and the railroads show increased gains in their earnings. The outlook justifies the assertion that we will open the new century with all the prosperity promised to the people, and with fair assurance that we have before us a quarter of a century of continued good times if present policies prevail.

There will be a great disappointment among the enterprising citizens of Lewiston if the present patchwork system of street improvements is to be continued under the new administration.

The report of the treasury of the fiscal year shows a deficit of less than \$100,000,000. Checking over the items of expense it is determined that the whole of the deficit and more is chargeable to the cost of our war expenses. Had there been no war there would be a surplus of over \$20,000,000 as a result of the administration's financing for the year. These results will commend its policies to the people.

Land in the Vineland irrigated district sells readily at values ranging from \$100 to \$250 per acre, and orchards, alfalfa fields, vineyards and gardens are taking the place of the dry, parched fields that formerly met the gaze as one traversed the flats on the other side of Snake river. Great areas of bench land on the Lewiston side could be utilized in the same way if water for irrigation could be supplied for this side. The acreage from Tammany to Lewiston, under an adequate system of irrigation, could be cut into five and ten acre tracts, and readily sold to people who are seeking homes in this locality. The rapid increase in wealth and population would make Lewiston the metropolis of Idaho. The possibilities are great and far-reaching, and nothing stands in the way of their consummation but the enlistment of capital in the enterprise.

It appears from Mayor Weisgerber's message that a large part of the valuable assets of the city are certain tracts of land, the improvement of which he urges as a political measure. One of these tracts of land lies on that part of the hill known as the sand drift, and just now, from existing conditions, well nigh without value. The sand drift on the hill is increasing its area of devastation every year. The rapid development of the residence area upon the hill is creating a demand for the property endangered by the sand drift, and the Teller suggests that the new administration should take up this matter of improvement as well as the ones mentioned in the mayor's message. The city is the largest holder of property within the area of the sand drift, and the question of inaugurating a movement for the redeeming of the sand-covered areas and preventing further damages lies within the range of the mayor's proposed system of improving the city's properties.

Lewiston will become a railroad center by reason of its natural location. The topography of the country places Lewiston at a point through which railroads seeking the best outlet to the coast must pass. In traversing the great interior country locked in by the Snake and Clearwater rivers, to develop its magnificent resources railroads lines must build down the waterways, following the lines of least resistance along the river gradients. Lewiston, at the juncture of the two great rivers, occupies a commanding position as a central railroad point and natural distributing center. Railroads occupying the easier grades along the river valleys will become the chief factors in handling the business of the country, and their lines must become the trunk lines of general commerce. Branch lines into the interior to the mines, to the timber region and into the rich agricultural points, will convey their varied products to market through the Gateway City, where the goods for their consumption, the supplies and equipment will be shipped for distribution.

Senator Teller will not commit himself in a public interview to the free silver 16-to-1 folly of Bryanism. He maintains that the financial question will be one of the leading issues of the coming campaign, but will not confine the financial question to the narrow grounds of the Chicago platform. He expects the republicans to take some steps toward currency reform during the session of congress this winter, and intimates that the democrats will attack the republicans in the position they will attempt to maintain or oppose the legislation enacted by them. In this position Senator Teller takes a broader view than Bryan does of the financial question. The latter holds that

16-to-1 is the panacea to all of our currency disorders. In taking this broader view Senator Teller gives himself room to drop the 16-to-1 issue gracefully or side-track it as many other silver leaders have done. Gen. A. J. Warner recently advised his party to abandon the issue, or keep it far in the background. Wharton Barton has deserted the half way house of silverism to accept fiatism pure and simple in the greenback theory of finance. Ex-senator Pfeffer has dropped silver, and has returned to the republican party. The silver issue is a lost cause, and the best its adherents can do is to arrange a soft place to light upon some measure opposed to the republican party and its present policies.

Navigation vs. Irrigation.

The supreme court of the United States, in a recent decision, passed directly upon a point of special interest to this section of Idaho. The question before the court was the priority rights in irrigation or navigation. Whether in a navigable stream the waters in the main stream or its tributaries could be diverted for the purposes of irrigation to such an extent as to interfere with the navigability of the river.

The question at issue came up from Arizona, where in tapping a tributary of a river for a large irrigation project the navigability of the main stream was impaired. The court decided that navigation had the priority of right over irrigation, and that the waters of a river or its tributaries could not be deflected for the purpose of irrigation to such an extent as to materially interfere with the rights of navigation.

This is a decision which may have a material bearing upon future conditions in Idaho. The large irrigable district in southern Idaho is making each year more and more encroachments upon the waters of Snake river and its tributaries. The time is not far distant when the conflict will come on, as it has already in other States, between the rights of irrigation and navigation. Lewiston is directly interested in the navigability of Snake river, and the precedent established by this decision is a source of comfort and extreme satisfaction. In the conflict sure in the end to arise the value of our great water way cannot be impaired materially by encroachments on the waters of the river above this point.

U. S. Senator Teller Here.

Senator Henry M. Teller and wife of Colorado arrived in the city Sunday, departing Monday afternoon by private conveyance for a week or ten days' outing with his uncle, Sheppard Moore, at his farm on Waha prairie. The senator, in an interview with a reporter of the TELLER, stated that he was much surprised and highly elated at the many improvements made since his visit here in August last, and particularly spoke of the beautiful bridge that now spans Snake river.

The senator, although pressed for time, seemed to be in a talkative mood and was queried regarding the political outlook. "Who do you think, Senator, is the most logical candidate for the Presidency against the Republican party in 1900?" to which quickly came the reply: "William J. Bryan. Gorman, I understand, has withdrawn, and anyway his candidacy only suited a small minority of the Democrats, while Bryan was and will be supported by the major portion; and there is no doubt," he continued, "McKinley will be the Republican nominee, with a hard race to make."

"What will be the foremost issues in case of Bryan's nomination?" "The money question, banking and something in the platform regarding trusts," replied the senator. "Do you mean, senator," queried the reporter, "by saying the money question, it means the silver question?" "Not necessarily," replied the senator. "I mean when I say the money question to include the currency. The republicans will endeavor at the coming session of congress to reform the currency, in which event they will fail; and I can name ten banks and bankers in New York city that now control the money situation of the United States, and the country bankers are in utter fear of these city bankers and dance to the tune of those in command. The money question and national banking interests being so closely allied, will make these the foremost issues in 1900."

"Do you think, senator, that Matthew S. Quay of Pennsylvania will be seated as senator?" asked the reporter. "No, I do not think he will be seated, for the very reason that it would be breaking a precedent too long an established one. I voted," continued the senator, "against the seating of Mantle of Montana, as well as, more recently, of Corbett of Oregon. Both cases were where the legislature failed to elect. I have been quoted in the eastern press that I would vote for the seating of Quay; it is false, however. I have received probably a dozen telegrams and letters asking as to my position on the seating

The big bridge is done. Lewiston has had a mighty growth in four years. Three years ago Vineland had a population of one lonesome old bachelor. Today: Vineland has about 1,500 people, being fully as many as Lewiston had in 1895. Vinelanders are making money in fruits and vegetables, but more in the advance in values of their lands. One man has cleared \$1,500 in cash on an original investment of \$100; by improving small places for sale by tree planting, etc. Many others have done correspondingly well. The big bridge enhances values over the whole flat. Prices are constantly rising. Choice residence sites near the bridge, with cheap water, are still to be had, only ten minutes' walk from Lewiston postoffice, at \$125 to \$250. It costs nothing to investigate, including a drive over the big bridge. Call at Lewiston office.

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of Quay; these messages have invariably been consigned to the waste basket."

The senator concluded by stating that Lewiston would be a great city some day, situated as it is at the confluence of these great rivers.

The senator, before bidding the reporter adieu, said that his trip west was simply for rest, and after completing his visit at Waha his itinerary would include Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, returning home by the California route.

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Notice of Application for Deputies.

In compliance with the provisions of House Bill No. 255 of the Fifth Session of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, notice is hereby given that I, John W. Rozen, sheriff in and for the county of Nez Perce, State of Idaho, will apply to the Board of County Commissioners of the said county at the regular July, 1899, meeting of said board for authority to appoint a jailor and such deputies as the business of said office may require.

Dated June 5, 1899.

Sheriff Nez Perce county, State of Idaho.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Lewiston, Idaho, May 27, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Henry A. Morgan, of Genesee, county of Idaho, State of Idaho, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 10, for the purchase of the n. w. 1/4 of Section No. 10, Township 24 N., Range No. 5 W., B. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or agricultural purposes, and is entitled to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Lewiston, Idaho on Saturday, the 29 day of July, 1899.

He names as witnesses: Jera Biecher, Charles Miller, James Willows and Sanford Evans all of Genesee, Idaho.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29 day of July, 1899.

J. B. WEST, Register.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Lewiston, Idaho, April 27, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Martin L. Goldsmith, of Lewiston, county of Nez Perce, State of Idaho, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 22 in township No. 36 N., range No. 4 W. B. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or agricultural purposes, and is entitled to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Lewiston, Idaho, on Saturday, the 29 day of July, 1899. He names as witnesses: John T. Emerson, Francis J. Hogan, James W. Wann and Wilson P. Bell, all of Lewiston, Idaho. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29 day of July, 1899.

J. B. WEST, Register.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Martin J. Collins, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Martin J. Collins, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 1899, by the Probate Court of Nez Perce county.

Notice is hereby given to the undersigned Mary C. Benson, executrix of the last will and of the estate of Martin J. Collins, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them, with the necessary vouchers within ten months after the first publication of this notice to said executrix at her home on Third Street between B and C Streets, Lewiston, Idaho. The same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the County of Nez Perce, Idaho.

MARY C. BENSON, Executrix of the last will and estate of Martin J. Collins, deceased.

Dated 6th day of May, 1899, the date of first publication.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho, May 29, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on July 14, 1899, viz: Marvel M. Jones, for the n. w. 1/4 of sec 32, T. 24 N., R. 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George E. Tatko, William E. Marchel, Frank Vincent and William A. Patton, all of Fletcher, Idaho.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed May 25, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHARLES H. GARRY, Receiver.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Lewiston, Idaho, May 25, 1899.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Ora E. Patterson, contestant, against Charles L. Arnold entry No. 5945, made July 1, 1898, for n. w. 1/4 section 18, township 31 N., range 2 W. B. M., by Charles L. Arnold, in which it is alleged that said Charles L. Arnold has not established a residence on said tract of land, and has not cultivated or improved the same as by law required, and has not at any time resided on said land.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 13th, 1899, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed June 12, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHARLES H. GARRY, Receiver.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho, June 20, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on August 12, 1899, viz: Samuel O. Olson, for the whole near or near, sec. 35, range 3 W. B. M., T. 24 N., R. 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Hans Holte, Chris Jacobson, Elias Nelson, Edward Holte all of Forest, Idaho.

J. B. WEST, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho, June 28, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on August 24, 1899, viz: John E. Williams, for the n. w. 1/4 of sec 28, and w. 1/2 s. 1-4 sec. 21, T. 24 N., R. 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sam Holte, George Horn, Emich S. Brown and Henry K. Bachman, all of Lewai, Idaho.

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