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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

### THE YEAR TO COME.

The year 1896 is brighter in promise than any year for some time past. The crops of the country have been abundant. The industrial and financial conditions have better prospects of a return to normal conditions, congress having started in to give the legislation so badly needed to restore public confidence and credit, and stern necessity will probably force President Cleveland to sanction its acts. Our trade with South and Central America promises to receive a great impetus as a result of the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine by the United States, and our trade with the Asiatic countries is increasing at a most flattering rate.

The development of the Northwest has been going steadily along, despite the hard times, and now with a return of better times an era of prosperity will come to us that will put Oregon in the front rank of states.

To Oregon City the outlook is all that the most sanguine could ask. The year '96 is sure to be one of the best in the history of our city, and the growth of '96 will be more than doubled in the year to come.

The Oregon league of republican clubs, known as the Young Men's State Republican Club, will hold its regular biennial meeting the first Tuesday in February, and put itself in shape for the coming campaign. Captain H. L. Wells, the secretary, is already doing the preliminary work for this meeting, and the executive committee will soon meet and issue an official call. This will be the fourth meeting of the league since its organization in 1892. The twenty odd republican clubs in Clackamas county should all be represented at this meeting, and steps should be taken to have all the clubs reorganized at once, so that they will be in shape to elect delegates for the state meeting. One of the principal factors in gaining the big republican majorities in the last election in this county was the thorough organization the republicans had in their clubs. The populists are even now afield organizing clubs, and the democrats are trying to infuse life into their organization, so it behooves republicans to bestir themselves, as a big victory in Oregon next June for protection and national honor will have a strong bearing on the presidential election to follow in November.

The appointment of the Venezuela boundary commission has been announced by President Cleveland. The personnel is as follows: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, justice of the United States supreme court; Richard H. Alvery, of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York, the well-known historian and ex-minister to Russia; Frederick E. Conder, of New York, who was a member of the Behring sea commission, and Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland, president of John Hopkins university and the well known authority on international law. Three of the commission are republicans and three democrats. They are all men of high attainments and integrity and their appointment gives satisfaction to all Americans, for they can be relied on to give an unbiased decision on the boundary dispute between Venezuela and England.

ENGLAND, ever alert to her opportunities, has now commenced a war of conquest on the Transvaal republic. Transvaal is a small country in the interior of South Africa, settled by Dutch colonists from Natal, when that colony was absorbed by the English. It contains the principal gold and diamond mines of that section, and is a fertile country. Johannesburg, the principal city, has a population of 40,000, and the country has railroads and is fairly well developed. The Dutch are arming and propose to make a stout defense, but having no powerful nation to defend them, they will soon be one to add to the number of England's conquests.

The New Year's edition of the Oregonian was a credit to the whole Northwest, for it showed the development that has come to this section, which makes possible the publication of a paper the size of the Oregonian. The number contained a very comprehensive write-up of Clackamas county by Capt. Apperson, as a part of the description of

the various sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. To people in the East this number of the Oregonian would give an intelligent conception of the resources, development and opportunities of this Coast, and it would make an excellent immigration document.

The scheme is being quietly worked up to bring about an entire change in Oregon's delegation in congress, retiring Mitchell, Hermann and Ellis. The movement is said by those who claim to know, to have considerable strength, and there promises to be lively times with those seeking high honors at the hands of Republicans in Oregon.

The war spirit is moderating greatly in England, now that they find that the United States fully means to enforce the Monroe doctrine, even though a war results. This change in sentiment was expected, for England always backs down before a strong power when she fails in her bullying tactics.

The democratic state central committee is to meet in Portland on Thursday of next week, when they will try to gather up the wreck of their party in this state and prepare for the coming election.

### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Florence West predicts a fusion of the democrats and populists in the coming state election and says that already in Lane county an understanding has been arrived at between the leaders of the two parties for a fusion on county officers.

After a recent study of our immigration question in its relation to the increase of population in this country, Sidney G. Fisher, in the Popular Science Monthly, says that, curiously enough, when the alien element had reached a certain point, about the year 1830 the native population began to fall off in birth and the more the aliens increased in numbers the fewer became the births of the natives. The foreigners themselves were not as prolific as the old native stock had been. The consequence is that we have today not as many people as we would have had if the immigrants had never come near us and the native stock had continued their old rate of increase.

### The Late Richard Bradley.

Richard Bradley, a well known and highly respected citizen of Clackamas county, died at the residence of his son, Assessor J. C. Bradley in this city on December 29, 1895. His funeral services were held at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Jane Foster at Eagle creek on the following Tuesday. The services were conducted by Elder Rich of the Christian church, and the interment took place at the Foster private cemetery.

Mr. Bradley was over 74 years of age at the time of his demise, as he was born in North Carolina on the 8th day of September, 1821, and came with his father to Indiana in 1822. In 1842, he was married to Margaret Elmore, and they lived together to celebrate their 21st anniversary, but Mrs. Bradley died shortly afterward. They went through the John Brown troubles in Kansas, and Mr. Bradley enlisted in the 8th Kansas militia, and was called to the Indian frontier in 1863 to repress Indian raids. In 1862 he was elected assessor of Nemea county, Kansas, and was elected to the legislature of that state, both in 1863 and 1864. His militia company was also ordered to Kansas City during his celebrated raid in Missouri. With his family he crossed the plains by team in 1867, and purchased a farm on Eagle creek in this county, where he has continually resided since that time. He was elected county commissioner in 1870, and when he went out of office the county only had an indebtedness of 35 cents. The deceased died of heart failure and had been very ill for a couple of weeks. Mr. Bradley was one of the solid, honorable citizens of Clackamas county, highly esteemed by his numerous acquaintances.

He leaves nine children, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who lives in Kansas; Mrs. Lucretia Ellsworth, of Powell's Valley; J. C. Bradley, Oregon City. Mrs. Lottie Deardorf, Pleasant Valley, Multnomah county; Mrs. Jane Foster and Mrs. Eliza Jacques, Eagle creek; Mrs. Esther Githens, Portland; Mrs. Josie Lake, Wasco county, and R. N. Bradley, Oregon City.

The populists held a mass meeting in Portland Sunday, and about 45 of the faithful went down from Clackamas county, and at the love feast, according to the Morning Oregonian, Editor Fitch, of the Industrial Herald, among other things gave utterance to the following: "We are holding meetings amongst the farmers of Clackamas, and the greatest interest is being manifested. I feel certain that if the democrats left, should join in voting with the republicans, we would still carry the county. Clackamas is all right." The populist state convention will be held in Portland on the first Thursday in April.

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The ENTERPRISE unintentionally omitting the dramatic presentation of Damon and Pythias last week and the editor offers an apology.

Shively's opera house held a representative audience of Oregon City's theater goers on Friday evening of last week and judging from the enthusiasm in which the affair is spoken of, those who attended were not disappointed, either in the play or the acting of our amateur performers and had they chosen to appear a second night, a packed house would in all probability have greeted them. The play has been running since 1821 and needs no especial mention as almost every one has either witnessed it or read the history of the most unparalleled exhibition of friendship ever known to exist between two men. With the exception of Prof. Wm. Rasmus and his wife, the cast was made up from the Thespian Dramatic club who made their first appearance and the members of the Woodmen of the World, under whose auspices the play was produced, and they must be highly complimented on their success. The costumes were elegant and appropriate. The instrumental music furnished by Prof. F. K. Heburn was a pleasing feature, he proving himself an expert pianist.

The leading characters were as follows: Damon, Prof. Wm. Rasmus; Pythias, C. E. Bailey; Dionysius, Jos. Rice; Philistines, H. S. Strange; Danocles, Dr. J. W. Welch; Procles, Fred Hedges; Lucullus, Herman K. Jones; Calanthe, Mrs. Wm. Rasmus; Hermonion, Mrs. Clark Ganong; Arria, Miss Sade Chase; Damon's child, Miss Mamie Long; executioner, E. A. Newton and the following guards and senators: 1st guard, E. J. Maple; 2d, J. K. Morris; 3d, C. W. Deaver; 4th, Chas. Humphrey; 5th, R. Freytag; 6th, J. F. Elkin. 1st senator, G. C. Olds; 2d, I. D. Taylor; 3d, G. C. Kinney; 4th, E. E. Martin; 5th, Otto F. Olson; 6th, G. W. Grace. While all the leading parts were difficult, they were well learned and went off without a break. It is to be hoped that the Thespians may be heard from soon again, their popularity now established by speaking for them a more liberal patronage.

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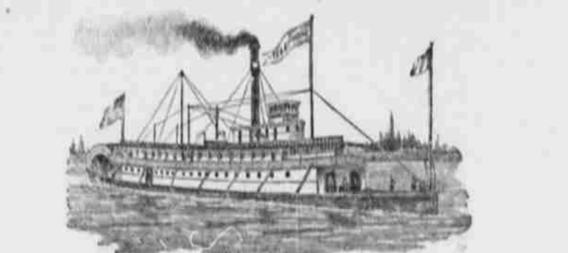


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