

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of COUNTY ASSESSOR subject to the will of the county Republican convention.

NOT A BAD RECORD.

The abuse of the last legislature by the Portland Oregonian, and copied in the Democratic and Populist press of the state, has created the impression that it was a very extravagant legislature, and that it made a very bad record, especially on appropriations.

THE JOURNAL prints the record of appropriations and expenses of the last four legislatures, as compiled by the Salem Statesman. It is correct and refutes all the lies of the disgruntled Oregonian and its assistant propagandists for partisan purposes. The record shows that the expenses of the last legislature were \$10,000 less than its predecessor, and its total appropriations \$600,000 less.

The Populist Salem Post printed the other day the statement that the expense for clerkhire in the last legislature was \$4,004.41 less than in 1893. This would leave the record of economy standing in favor of the last legislature over its predecessor something like this:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'REDUCTIONS 1896', 'In clerk hire', 'In total expense', 'In general appropriation bill', 'In total appropriations'.

SIMON AND SEARS.

The East Oregonian asserts that Joseph Simon is going to win in the coming Republican state convention and the Republican party will be in his power as though a thing of his own creation. He has a light on in Multnomah county, to defeat him in his own stronghold, and all the power of the opposition is concentrated.

[Sears was the only sheriff in Oregon whose mileage was not cut off in the senate salary bill. With the A. P. A. vote Simon helped elect Mr. Sears over John W. Minto. But matters are clearer this year.—(Error Journal.)]

WHO ARE REPUBLICANS?

A subscriber asks who are entitled to vote at the Republican primaries? The Statesman prints the following to-day:

Salem has a little political gossip in the rumor that C. B. Irvine, manager of the Statesman, and an erstwhile Democrat, has enrolled his name as a member of the Salem Republican club—Albany Herald.

Democrats like Cogswell and Irvine who come out and publicly declare their conversion, will be entitled to vote at the Republican primaries. Any man who declares his intention to support the ticket can vote at the Republican primary. Voters who have this year voted at other than Republican primaries cannot vote at Republican primaries. But no man who wants to vote at a Republican primary can be excluded because he has voted some other ticket in the past. There is no law on the subject.

With Fitzsimmons and Maher out of the way there is still the one-round mill between Mitchell and Dolph to be pulled off in Oregon.

Mr. Cleveland weighs 195 pounds. Size and Grovers are a solid couple.

GET THE CLUBS READY.

In an extended argument the Oregonian deprecates editorially that the silver Republicans will not leave the party. It says:

In the Republican party the silver men are in a minority, but they might have a majority and control the party's action, if the free-silver Democrats would join them. But they know this would destroy the Republican party in turn by driving out sound-money men and consolidating against it a majority of the people of the country. So they are content to remain a minority; to obstruct and intrigue to trade votes and barter principles with the Democrats and extort concessions from their badgered associates. They have gotten more in this way out of the Republican party, which is known to be fundamentally sound on the money question, and has the confidence of business interests, than the Democratic party would dare to grant them, since it is known to be financially rotten, and can get power and public confidence only by firm maintenance of sound principles, in the very face of the majority of its members. The free-collage men have played this game in the Republican party too successfully to have any disposition to leave it. They will stay in the party until they shall be driven out with clubs, or until they lead it to destruction.

The truth is the Oregonian is not a Republican paper. If a majority of the Republican party declare for anything but the absolute Cleveland single gold standard the Oregonian would bolt the party and support single-standard Democrats in preference to any Republican who was not what it calls "a sound money man." It says, "no more tampering with the monetary standard." But it closes its eyes to the fact that silver was secretly demonetized in 1873, and our country has had financial troubles and successions of panic and waves of prosperity ever since. In 1892 the final iniquity of redeeming silver certificates, coin, treasury notes and greenbacks only in gold was consummated.

The endless chain for pumping the gold out of the treasury and bonding the country to get it in again has been worked since then relentlessly and no such shrinkage of prices and depression of values has ever been witnessed in the history of this country or England as has taken place in the past five years. The people are crying out "no more tampering with the monetary standard." The tampering in 1873 when the silver dollar was demonetized brought uncertainty and distrust. The tampering of 1892 to 1896 has brought ruin. When we have had protection and bimetalism we have had unexampled prosperity. Our balance of trade and products of our gold and silver mines were making us the richest people in the world. The Sherman act of 1890 for coining \$4,500,000 silver a month lifted the price of wheat for two years to near the dollar mark. The stopping of silver coinage put it back to the 50 cent mark and it has stayed there. The silver Republicans will not leave the Republican party. The party may leave them. It may become a single gold standard party and they may be clubbed out of the party. But first there will be another grand round-up of the American people at the Republican primaries, county and state conventions, and national conventions and there will be a chance to see who will be clubbed out of the party.

In England it takes twenty years to effect a reform of any importance. It may take ten years to get bimetalism in this country.

Go to the primaries. Take your neighbors with you. See to it that men of character and not mere spoils hucksters are made delegates.

No convict labor will be employed building the new state sewer. That is right. Convict labor should not displace a day's work of honest free labor.

The New York Journal which employs Honer Davenport's cartoons is striking hard blows at Platt's corrupt manipulation of the primaries.

When Dr. Brown is exonerated by the Congregational church at Frisco we will print it.

Give us cleaner streets, alleys, politics and religion.

RECORDS OF LEGISLATURES.

Appropriations of the Last Legislature \$500,000 Less Than 1893. Salem Statesman, March 3: In view of the criticism which has been made of the last legislative assembly the following statement showing the appropriations of the legislature for the session of 1893-1894-1895 and 1895 will be found interesting.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'Per diem and mileage of legislature', 'Eastern Oregon term of supreme court', 'Building and land for State Agriculture col.', 'Reform school', 'Eastern Oregon Agricultural societies', 'Gen. appropriation bill', 'Supreme court reports', 'Weather bureau', 'Refuge home', 'Southern Oregon board of agriculture', 'Pendleton wagon road', 'North Embury bridge', 'Olney wagon road', 'Coquille wagon road', 'Wallowa canyon wagon road', 'Heppner wagon road', 'Nehalem wagon road', 'Port Oxford wagon road', 'Relief of Union county', 'Paisley wagon road', 'Gales Creek wagon road', 'Huntington wagon road', 'Relief of N. G. McPherson', 'Relief of Wasco county', 'Relief of Stapleton, Humbree and others', 'Purchase of half block east of Capitol', 'Aisen wagon road'.

Total appropriations, \$1,025,006 18. In addition to these appropriations at this session the state university special tax was increased to one-seventh of a mill.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'SESSION OF 1891', 'Expenses of session', 'Donor for capitol building', 'Portage railway at Cascades', 'State board charities', 'Agricultural college buildings', 'Books for state penitentiary', 'General appropriation bill', 'State mill', 'Relief of Osborn, McCully, Harkins and McGehee'.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'SESSION OF 1893', 'Expenses of session', 'General appropriation bill', 'John Bull bill', 'Fishway at Oregon City', 'Southern Oregon agricultural society', 'Two additional circuit judges, 4th district', 'Buildings for state agricultural college', 'Western normal school', 'County taxes reimbursed', 'Relief of Wallowa county Land and buildings for soldiers' home', 'Oregon district fairs', 'Eastern Oregon asylum', 'Soda springs at Sodaville', 'Lakeview graded school', 'Dormitory and lands for deaf mute school', 'Electric light impts.', 'Relief of Lake county', 'Relief of J. W. Maxwell', 'Relief of J. J. Hembree'.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'SESSION OF 1895', 'Expenses of session', 'State board of horticulture', 'Genl. appropriation bill', 'Court street sewer', 'Relief of Ivy Templeton', 'Eastern Oregon asylum'.

Total appropriations, \$2,036,423 06. From these tables it appears that the appropriations made by the last legislature were nearly \$600,000 less than those of the legislature of 1893, and when the increased population and needs of the state are considered the appropriations of the last session would appear to be less relatively than those of the sessions of 1889 and 1891. The population and wealth of the state has so increased that no intelligible comparison can be made as to the appropriations made prior to the sessions of 1880.

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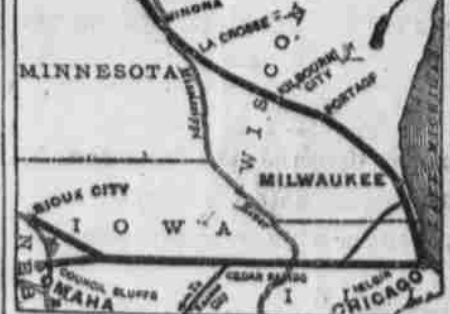
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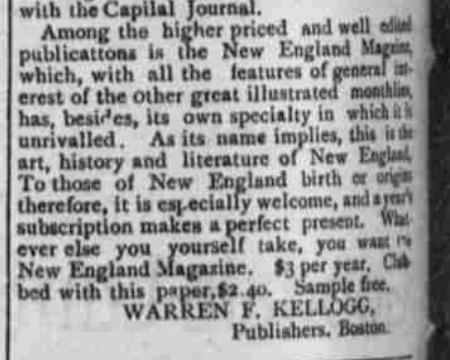
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