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Republican National Ticket

For President, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, of New York. For Vice-President, CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS, of Indiana. For Presidential Electors: G. B. Dimick, of Clackamas. A. C. Hough, of Josephine. J. N. Hart, of Polk. Jas. A. Fee, of Malheur.

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GREATER SALEM CHARTER.

A few citizens in each of the new wards, egged on by large taxpayers in the city are still putting up money to fight the Greater Salem charter.

There may be constitutional defects in the charter that should be investigated by the courts and repaired by the next legislature, but that is not the purpose of the suit.

The purpose of the suit is to defeat the charter entirely, and allow all but the four old wards of the city to escape taxation for city purposes.

Even those who fight the present charter will admit that the city has outgrown its old dimensions, and that the four old wards do not contain one-third of the city's territory, nor over half its people.

They will concede that at some time the boundaries will have to be enlarged, and also that it would be manifestly unfair to favor any large property holder by leaving him out, and taking in smaller fry.

Yet that is exactly what is proposed. If the new boundaries of the city had been surreptitiously slipped around a few of the large owners of real estate, there would have been no opposition on their part.

Yet what manifest injustice that would have been, a real ground to go into the courts and knock out the charter. But the charter commission drew straight lines for the city boundaries, without fear or favor, and hence the tax-dodgers roar and fight.

As a matter of fact ever since the new charter was adopted and went into effect property in the suburbs has been advancing, and more property has changed hands and more improvements have been made than ever before.

What is more manifestly unjust and un-American than to live in a city and reap all its advantages, socially, financially and politically, and yet struggle to avoid paying your share of its taxation?

That is the real issue involved in the fight for the new charter: Shall about half the people have all the benefits of the growth of this city, and continue to pay none of the expenses?

Shall large holders of real estate and owners of great wealth, that they have made in this city, continue to escape their just share of the burdens of maintaining this community? Shall the four old wards of the city forever be exposed to the dangers that come from the lack of police and sanitary control over the larger city just over the boundaries?

Shall the progressive elements in the suburbs be forever deprived of better streets, sidewalks, shutting up of cattle, sewers and lights, because a few large tax-dodgers oppose the charter?

These are some of the issues before the courts that may not have come out in the pleadings, and may never be heard in the arguments on the case. But they are the real issues involved, as every one who has resided in Salem for 10 or 20 years knows to be the fact.

PICTURES THAT TELL THE STORY.

If any of our readers have not made up their minds how to vote this fall, they are cordially invited to come to this office and look over a lot of newspaper pictures cut out of the illustrated press over the period of the last Cleveland administration.

If you are a Democrat, and want to stay one just for the name of the thing and to be consistent, for heaven's sake don't come in and look at them. They would jar you loose and disturb your spirit of contentment.

If you want to rest peacefully and slumber serenely in the arms of the sleeping Democratic party, don't gaze on these shocking pictures of the distress of the unemployed in the large cities in those unadulterated soup house days of Clevelandism.

We are sorry to say the Democratic party shows no sign of repentance, but is again in perfect harmony with the Cleveland policies of distress.

STOP THE BAD ADVERTISING.

The Journal calls attention once more to the uselessness of involving our city and county in needless litigation over Sunday law enforcement.

Each week scores of new cases could be made out for technical violations of the laws regulating the retail liquor traffic in saloons and drug stores.

Whether this would be effective from the standpoint of the prohibition people or not, it is not necessary to argue.

That it would involve the community in litigation and costs no one can deny, and what good result would be accomplished we will not undertake to estimate.

All these litigations spread in the newspapers will not add to the reputation of our city as a desirable community to live in, besides piling up costs on the taxpayer.

If all these prosecutions could be dropped it would help our city to regain its normal reputation for being an orderly and law-abiding community.

In the interest of the community it would be a good thing if all liquor dealers would close their places of business on Sunday, and have no further excuse for litigation and costs and expenses and bad advertising.

Varsity Defeated Monmouth

In a decidedly poor exhibition of football, the Willamette eleven defeated the O. S. N. S. team Saturday afternoon by a score of 12 to 0. This score, however, only indicates in a small degree the superiority of the local men.

The swift playing and greater weight of the 'varsity eleven swept the visitors completely off their feet, and in less than 15 minutes the two touchdowns were made, and the goals kicked. Not being desirous of running up a large score, and wishing to give his different men as much drill as possible, Coach Bishop changed nearly the whole of his lineup in the second half, and had them try kicking goals from the field, in which point of the game the local men are weak.

Fumbles on the part of Willamette and poor punting on the part of Monmouth were a feature of the game.

Although clearly outclassed the visitors played a plucky game throughout, and were heartily cheered by about 20 future school-ma'ams, who had accompanied the team.

For Willamette the best work was done by Pollard, Rader, Nace, Patton, Hinkle. Pollard, in his new position at tackle, fully came up to the expectations of his friends, and clearly proved that the change was a good one.

The best of feeling prevailed throughout the game, and no rag chewing was indulged in by anybody, much to the satisfaction of the spectators.

Manager Miller spared no pains in making everything pleasant for his guests. Special arrangements had been made for their entertainment at Strong's, and in the evening friend and foe met together at the reception, and had a very enjoyable social time.

To St. Louis.

The Southern Pacific have made additional sale dates for the sale of world's fair tickets, as follows: October 27th, 28th and 29th.

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Doctors of Middle West.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 10.—The Mississippi Valley Medical association will hold its annual meeting in this city during the three days beginning tomorrow, and several hundred of the most prominent physicians of the country have already arrived to attend the meeting.

Though originally planned to embrace only the states of the Mississippi valley, as its name implies, the society has gradually broadened its scope until now its membership includes eminent physicians in many parts of the country. The president of the association is Dr. Hugh T. Patrick, of Chicago. The program for the coming convention provides for a general meeting at the Auditorium, a reception at the Grand hotel and a banquet at the Burnet house.

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