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IS THIS A SLAP IN THE FACE?

"We indorse," says the Multnomah Republican platform, "the official career of Senator Joseph Simon, Multnomah county's representative on the Oregon congressional delegation. We honor him for his ability, for his fidelity to the interests of his constituents, and for his energy in their service. We point with pride to his courage as a public man and to the large measure of national respect which he has already won."

This is piling it on pretty thick, in the fierce light of immediate current events. The compliment to Mr. Simon's ability and energy is deserved. But what is meant by indorsing the senator's "official career" and pointing with pride to his "courage" if it does not refer to the most important act of his "official career," his desertion of the party that made him all he is politically and going over to the free trade Democracy? It doubtless takes "courage" of a certain kind to do a thing like that. But if this is the import of the resolution, then Multnomah Republicans, in order to honor a man who has done more to corrupt the Republican politics of this state than any other man living or dead,—in order to honor him, that is to say, for taking his stand with free-trade Democracy, are willing to slap in the face the three other members of the Oregon delegation, who had, each of them, a far higher type of courage, the courage to do right as God gave him to see the right.

The CHRONICLE has carefully read "The Hearings Before the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico," which formed the raison d'etre for the attitude of the Republican majority on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, and we have come to a point where we are prepared to insist that any conceivable system of direct taxation on the islands, under existing conditions, would have been impossible. This was the deliberate opinion of every man who appeared before the committee, who was familiar with the situation and was not directly interested in the policy that might be adopted.

The CHRONICLE deeply regrets that the committee on resolutions of the Democratic county convention did not think it prudent to submit a platform or resolutions for the approval of the convention. We would have been pleased to see the Democrats of Wasco county "Point with pride to the transcendent service done by that great tribune of the people, William Jennings Bryan, to this great nation by not having himself elected to the presidency in 1896." Or such a resolution as this: "We, the Democrats of Wasco county in convention assembled, demand the restoration to the suffering people of this nation, burdened by a plethora of the currency of the money octopus, and ground under the plutocratic heel of an increased gold per capita and a still more grinding oppression, an alarmingly augmented per capita, a restoration of the grandly prosperous Democratic regime under the immortal Cleveland, when the great masses of the common people, the bulwark of the nation, were relieved of the cares and burdens incident to labor and furnished free soup at the cost of a bloated aristocracy."

From a dispatch in another place it will be seen that the Republicans of the First Congressional District renominated yesterday Thomas H. Tongue for congressman on the first ballot. Tongue is a man of unquestioned ability and his prompt renomination is a testimony to the good sense of the Republicans of his district. Tongue voted with his party on the Puerto Rican tariff bill. His constituents have renominated him on the first ballot. Malcolm Moody did the same thing. His constituents will renominate him tomorrow by

acclamation. Thus the bogey man that scared Simon proved to be very much of an apparition.

The Oregonian correspondent's report of the late Democratic county convention says: "A motion to indorse the Republican nominee for coroner was lost by a few votes." It was lost by a few votes, sure enough. In fact it is doubtful if half a dozen of the ninety odd delegates voted against it. But it carried just the same. J. B. Crossen, whom somebody had nominated for the office, promptly declined the honor and while on his feet moved the indorsement of "Dad" Butts. Somebody among the crowd of spectators in the back part of the room, in wanton fun and mischief, shouted "No." The rest of the crowd laughingly joined in the cry; the chairman laughingly said "The motion to indorse the Republican candidate is lost," and thus the honor of a Democratic indorsement was wrested from "Dad" by a crowd, every son of a gun of whom will vote for him on election day.

The Republicans of the First Congressional District who renominated Thomas H. Tongue for congressman Tuesday went farther in affirming their fealty to the gold standard than any convention that has ever met to date. They affirm their fealty to the gold standard as "the only unit of value" and instruct their delegates to the National Republican Convention "to support an unequivocal statement on this line as part of the national platform." And radical as the phrase "only unit of value" is the doctrine is pre-eminently sound. A silver unit of value may do for China but gold is "the only unit" that enlightened civilization has ever found to meet the requirements of a national as well as international standard.

The nomination today of Frank Menefee for attorney of the Seventh judicial district is a fit recognition of a very worthy man and a sound and able lawyer. Mr. Menefee is a native son of Wasco county. He is the honored son of an honored parentage. He was a good boy when he sat at the feet of the writer of these lines and learned the elements of a common school education. He was an exemplary youth when he worked a farm on shares to acquire the means for obtaining a legal education. His matured manhood has not belied the promise of his youth. As lawyer, citizen, friend and neighbor he has won and kept the respect of all who know him. His election will follow as sure as the day follows the night.

Alex Kirchner, of Antelope, writes us to correct the soft impeachment inadvertently made in these columns a few days ago that he was the Republican candidate for commissioner. The CHRONICLE ought to have known better and it here and now deliberately kicks itself for the mistake. However, we did not go out of the Kirchner family, but should have said that it was Alex's brother, Peter, the Republicans had so honored.

The receipts of the government in excess of expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, are estimated by Secretary Gage at \$70,000,000. He estimates a surplus of \$82,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1901. When our Democratic brethren meet in national convention they will "view with alarm" this convincing evidence of national prosperity and practical proof of the fiscal wisdom of Republican administration.

The Oregonian pays a handsome and well-deserved compliment to the ability and usefulness of Congressman Tongue. It hopes to see him elected and says "there is no sign that Mr. Tongue will be astray on any great issue to be contended for by the Republican party." This tardy justice to a very able representative is in refreshing contrast with some things that are not yet entitled to be called ancient history.

We publish on the first page a short synopsis of the Puerto Rican bill that has just passed both houses of congress and is by this time,

doubtless, a law of the land. It will be seen that as amended by the senate the bill removes all restrictions on goods coming into the United States from Puerto Rico, besides putting on the free list nearly everything in the line of necessary food products that go from the United States to Puerto Rico. And this, briefly, is the bill that Senator Simon voted against because he had been reading the Oregonian's senseless tirade against it and the Republican administration and imagined that when he became recreant to his party he was floating on the swelling wave of popular acclaim. Instead of that, to borrow the phrase of Senator Payne, he has allied himself with the "creatures of Noah's ark" who propose nothing because "no voice comes from the tomb."

The nomination of Malcolm A. Moody to succeed himself has been so long a foregone conclusion that to speak of it editorially is like referring to ancient history. The Republicans of the Second Congressional District could have given no stronger expression of their estimate of Mr. Moody's work and worth than to nominate him a second time by acclamation. In this estimate THE CHRONICLE joins heart and hand and no man in the second district will work harder for the success of the ticket which Mr. Moody shall head, and for every name on the ticket than the editor of this paper.

It may not be generally known that the last Oregon legislature extended the official terms of district attorneys and county superintendents of schools from two to four years. The law will become effective on July 1st next, and the first beneficiaries of the act will be the gentlemen whom the Republicans will elect next June. The legislature should have done the same thing for the assessors, and with more reason, but then the assessor is one of those poor devils that is neither beloved of God nor regarded of man.

Governor General Davis, of Puerto Rico, who more than any other man is responsible for the tariff features of the Puerto Rican bill, through his insistence that a direct tax upon the islanders, under the existing conditions, would be practical confiscation, is a Democrat. But unlike his Democratic brethren in congress and the noisy free traders of all political complexions outside, Gov. Davis had the advantage of a practical knowledge of what he was talking about.

The Times-Mountaineer propounds the following conundrum: "In a republic all subjects are citizens. Under an empire all citizens are subjects. What are Oregonians if Puerto Ricans are subjects." That's easy. About two-thirds of the Oregonians are Republican sovereigns over the greatest empire under the stars. The other third are "subjects" of the hallucination that Bryan is going to be elected. Now give us something real hard.

The Baker City Democrat is another of those preternaturally gifted journalists who see through Mark Hanna's little scheme of putting up Dewey to defeat the nomination of the Boy Orator of the Platte. Omnipotence alone can hide its schemes from these gifted sons of Democracy.

Registration of Oregon voters closes May 15th. Are you on the list?

The Dalles Markets. Wheat—No. 1, 47 cents. Barley—\$16 a ton. Oats—1 1/4 cents. Wheat hay—\$9.50 to \$10. Timothy—\$11 to \$12. Alfalfa—\$10. Potatoes—85 cents a sack. Flour—Diamond mills, \$3.25 bid; Du-fur mills, \$3. Eggs—12 1/2 cents a dozen. Butter—Creamery, 60 cents; dairy, 50 cents. Chickens—\$4.25 to \$4.50 a dozen. Apples—\$1.50 to \$2 a box.

Mr. Moody Re-Nominated. PORTLAND, April 13, 1900. To HUGH GOURLAY, EDITOR DALLES CHRONICLE: Malcolm A. Moody, re-nominated this morning for congressman by acclamation. MAX A. FOOT.

Brome Grass. Now that the range is being fenced in, the farmer is beginning to turn his thoughts and mind to an investigation of the grass problem. Owing to the absence of rain through the summer season, the great difficulty has been to find a grass well adapted to such condition; one that would live and reseed from year to year and remain green the year around. A dozen or more varieties of Oriental grasses were given a trial, but they were all objectionable in one way or another, until finally the Russian brome grass was given a thorough test, and from all reports it is certainly the grass for this country. In Douglas county there are fields of this grass that have not been reseeded for five years, and a nicer stand of grass could not be found anywhere. It is very deep rooted and covers every inch of the ground, forming a stiff sod, and will stand grazing the year around without the slightest injury to it. When kept pastured down, it remains green through the dry season, and if allowed to mature, grows to a height of about three feet and produces about two tons of hay to the acre. The hay is said to be very nutritious and much relished by horses and cattle. This supplies a long felt want with farmers who are cut off from outside range and otherwise would be forced to do one of two things—sell their cows or feed them grain hay the year around. The supply of this grass seed seems to be very limited, but all that can be procured is being put into the ground, and within the next year we hope to see green pastures in every direction.—Big Bend Empire.

A Temperance Lecture. A man named Bower, who has been working for Andrew Keller as baker, was arrested last night by Mr. Phirman for being drunk and disorderly. Bower has been on a spree for a week. He was arrested Wednesday by the marshal and kept in the calabozo till he had slept off his debauch, when he was turned loose at the request of his wife. He had \$30 in his pocket when arrested last Wednesday, and this sum the marshal turned over to Mr. Keller so that Mrs. Bower might be sure to get it. This morning Bower, still under the frenzy of alcohol, butted his head against the grated iron door of his cell, whether with the object of butting out his brains or forcing the door is not known. Bower may have intended to end his life for it is said he made a similar attempt some time ago. At any rate he came near making a complete job of it, as he cut and bruised his head frightfully and lost so much blood from the wounds that when a physician was called the man's pulse beats and heart action were so weak that the doctor for a moment thought he was gone. He rallied, however, in a short time under the doctor's care; but a sight of him, as he lies on the jail pallette, pale and haggard and smeared with his own blood, is a better temperance lecture than any that ever fell from the lips of a Gough or a Frances Willard. The worst of it is the stupid brute has a wife and three little children depending on him for their daily bread.

Republican Legislative Nominations. At the Republican state convention, which met in Portland yesterday, the following state legislative nominations were made for the counties jointly associated with Wasco. For the Ninth senatorial district, consisting of Wasco, Crook, Klamath and Lake counties—J. N. Williamson, of Prineville. For the Twentieth senatorial district, consisting of Wasco and Sherman counties—T. H. Johnston, of Dufur. For the Twenty-first senatorial district, consisting of Wasco, Sherman, Grant, Gilliam and Wheeler counties—W. W. Steiwer, of Fossil. For the Twenty-first representative district, consisting of Wasco, Crook, Klamath and Lake counties—A. S. Roberts, of the Dalles; T. H. McGreer, of Antelope, and — Emmett, of Lake. For the Twenty-eighth representative district, including Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties—George Miller, of Arlington, and George Cattanach and — Barrett, of Grant.

About the Cow Canyon Road. THE DALLES, April 13, 1900. EDITOR CHRONICLE: In answer to the fellow who signs himself "A Traveler" and makes a little talk with regard to my father's toll road, permit me to say that I was sent there over two weeks ago to work and I have a good hand at work on the road now, and we did clean out all the loose rock, as I have done hundreds of times before. I can think of no other substitute for that "Traveler" except it was a tramp who called a few nights ago for free lodging and free meals and got them, but mourned next morning because we had no eggs for breakfast.

FOR SALE. A farm of 120 acres, abt 80 acres of which is under cultivation, with a fine young orchard of two acres in full bearing; abundance of living water and good frame dwelling and barn and other farm buildings. Twelve miles east of the Dalles and four miles east of Boyd post-office. Farm will be sold, with or without the growing crop of about 80 acres. Price without crop \$1000, and terms very easy, as owner's health compels a change of climate. Apply to wa7-tf M. W. FREEMAN, Boyd, Or.

HORTICULTURAL BOARD. The Benefit of Spraying Fruit Trees Conclusively Demonstrated. At the meeting of the State Board of Horticulture, which was held in Portland Tuesday, the efficiency of spraying fruit trees for the extermination of the codlin moth was most conclusively demonstrated. Most satisfactory results, it was shown, were produced where the spray was properly prepared, and the spraying persisted in. Oilwell Bros., of New York, who have 160 acres of apple trees, spray them systematically five times during the season, and have secured 98 per cent of clean fruit thereby, only 2 per cent containing worms. They sold \$14,000 worth of apples last year. H. C. Sayers, of Hood River, reported, as the result of thorough spraying, the securing of 95 per cent of clean fruit, with only 5 per cent showing worms. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, reported also 95 per cent of clean fruit as the result of systematic spraying. LaSalle Bros., of Albany, who have fifty acres of apple trees, by persistent spraying saved 96 per cent of their fruit. Many others reported equally satisfactory results from following this plan.

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PUERTO RICAN BILL PASSED. So Says a Late Telegram Sent by Representative Moody. WASHINGTON, April 11, 1900. EDITOR DALLES CHRONICLE: The house passed the Puerto Rican bill today by eight majority, nine Republicans voting against it and three Democrats voting for it. I confidently expect the public will ultimately approve the wisdom of the measure. MALCOLM A. MOODY.

A Japanese Assault. Thursday's Daily. Three Japanese section hands, working on the road east of town, assaulted the section boss, W. J. Murphy, Wednesday afternoon with shovels, but fortunately did nothing more serious than inflict a few bruises on Mr. Murphy's back, a light cut on the hip and a sprained wrist and bruised left arm. Mr. Murphy came to town and, lodging a complaint with Ned Gates, secured the services of J. H. Jackson, went back to where the men were up the road and had his assailants arrested and brought to town where they were lodged in the city jail.

Mr. Murphy was working a gang of sixteen Japanese. One of the three arrested had refused to work and was ordered to the car when another of them commenced the assault by striking Mr. Murphy on the back with a shovel. Most of the gang made demonstrations of fight but as soon as Mr. Murphy got his hands on a shovel and made a demonstration of defense, the gang slunk off. The company promptly discharged the entire gang, although Mr. Murphy says a few of them were good men and did not join in the assault. The three men arrested were the leaders in the assault. They were committed this morning to the county jail and will be examined before Recorder Gates tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Murphy had a fine gold watch in his pocket which, according to the estimate of a local watchmaker, was damaged to an extent that will cost its owner \$5 for repairs.

Notice. Livery stable for sale at Centerville, Wash., \$100 per month business. Will sell at a bargain. m27-1m A. R. GRAHAM.

Mules for Sale. One span of mules, 5 years old, for sale. Weight, each about 1000 pounds. For particulars address M. K. McRobb, 3-14-1m Four miles east of Knappton.

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All these fruit-raisers have used the particular spray recommended by the board, and, in view of such testimony, the conclusion was unavoidably reached that the contention that spraying is ineffectual is fallacious as well as absurd. Sour Dough Hotel.

The curious thing about the letter is the letter-head on which it is written, says the Telegram, speaking of a letter written to a Portland man by a former fellow-townman Dawson City, Alaska. It bears the stamp of the "Sour Dough Hotel," 1333 Icicle avenue. According to the letter-head it is the best home north of Mexico; first-class in every particular. Every known fluid, water excepted, for sale at the bar. Private entrance for ladies by ladder in the rear. Rates, one ounce per day. (Indians and niggers charged double.) Special rates to ministers and the gambling 'perish.

Following are the house rules: "Guests will be provided with breakfast and dinner, but must rustle their own lunch. "Spiked boots must be removed at night. "Dogs not allowed in the bunks. "Candles and hot water charged extra. "Towels changed weekly. "Craps, chuck-luck, stud horse pool and black jack games run by the management. "Dogs bought and sold." The following cheerful information is printed in red ink: "Insect powder for sale at the bar."

Eggs For Sale. Full blooded, barred Plymouth Rock eggs, per setting \$1.00 and \$1.50. For particulars call on or address, SANDERS BROS. Box 647. The Dalles, Or.

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