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ST. HELENS, OREGON, FEB. 14.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY'S BIRTHDAY.

The suggestion of the Union Republican Club of Washington, D. C., that there be a celebration this year of the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the republican party ought to meet with general favor among republicans. If there is to be any general observance of the day it ought to be held on February 22. On that day of that month in 1856 took place the first national gathering of republicans which ever met. It assembled in Pittsburg, in obedience to a call of the chairman of the republican state committee of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. As is true, of course, of all political parties, the republican party had state before it had a national organization. The Pittsburg gathering, which was attended by representatives of the party from twenty-four states, framed a national organization for the party, and the national committee then chosen called the Philadelphia convention of June 17, 1856, which made John C. Fremont the party's standard-bearer for president.

It is usually difficult and often impossible to fix upon the precise beginning of a great social or political upheaval. Frequently the real starting point of a movement is much farther back than the time when that movement began to take concrete shape. This is particularly true of the genesis of political parties. In the case of the republican party, however, the beginning can be pointed out with a little more confidence than can that of any other great political organization except the federalist. That party had its starting point in the convention of 1787 which framed the constitution. Its antagonist, the republican or democratic-republican party of Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin, had its origin in the debates in the same gathering, but it did not begin to take organized shape until the discussion of the Jay treaty in the house of representatives in 1795, while the starting point of its historical successor, the democratic party of Jackson and Buchanan, can be put anywhere between 1825 and 1829. Considerable haze also envelops the actual birth point of the national republican party of 1854-56, and the wing party of 1854-56, the predecessors of the present republican organization.

But for all practical purposes the beginning of the republican party can be pointed out with a reasonable degree of precision. The impulse, of course, which led to its formation was generated by the Kansas-Nebraska bill signed by President Pierce May 30, 1854, opening the territories north of the Missouri line of 36-30 to slavery, which forced all the enemies of slavery extension—abolitionists, free soilers, anti-slavery whigs and anti-slavery democrats—into the combination which took the name of the republican party. The republican name was adopted in Ripon, Wis., as early as March, 1854, before the Kansas bill passed, but when its enactment was seen to be inevitable. Michigan, however, has the honor of holding the first state gathering that selected that name, which met on July 6, 1854. As before mentioned, the first national gathering of the party was that which met in Pittsburg on February 22, 1856. The fortieth anniversary of the party's birth will be at hand shortly, and the republicans throughout the country should take steps to bring about an appropriate observance of the occasion. All the large parties and some of the small ones have, at different times, rendered valuable service to the country, but none of them were so strong in constructive statesmanship as the republican party or had such a glorious record except the great party of Washington, Adams, Hamilton and the Pinckneys, which laid the foundations upon which the edifice of the government has been built.

## LOOKING AFTER OUR INTERESTS.

Senator Mitchell has a petition pending before the senate asking that a law be passed securing to the manufacturers of the Northwest the patronage of the government in each and every department of the Pacific coast. The petitioners call attention to the fact that there are no goods used at any of the Indian agencies or at any of the government posts but which can be, as a matter of fact, manufactured on the Pacific coast, and purchased there at a lower figure than many of such supplies which are now being purchased in the Eastern market. Such a law would greatly stimulate manufacturing in the Northwest and disburse many thousands of dollars annually among the laboring classes on this coast. It would no doubt be the means of new industries spring up in many parts of Oregon and neighboring states. And why not the West unite in support of such a measure with all the strength and vigor of its people. Some may imagine this a small matter, but statistics show that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods are consumed on this coast by the government annually. It presents strictly a case of patronizing home industry, the result of which ought to be plain, even to every school boy.

## A PARTY OF SPOILSMEN.

Notwithstanding the populist party in the past has claimed to be a middle of the road party, the inconsistency of such a claim becomes more apparent every day, and as a matter of fact they have always fused with one or the other of the old parties wherever and whenever by so doing they thought it possible to gain a footing and to get an office. This fact is most noticeable in counties or states where one or the other of the old parties have had a large majority in the past. The spoils of office is a populist's ideal of a platform, and to secure that end they are willing to enter into a coalition with either party. It will be observed that in counties in this state where the republicans have a large majority the populists court a fusion with the democrats, and in counties where the democrats have a large majority they court a fusion with the republicans. The same condition holds good in the different states of the Union. For instance, in Oregon, as a state, the populists desire a fusion with the democrats, and in Alabama, where the democrats have a large majority the fusion with democrats is attempted. Indeed, all over the country the populist party is made up of disgruntled members of the party in power strengthened by a majority of the hopeless minority party. It is anything for an office, and principle cuts no figure in the case.

Another of their inconsistencies is this: In the silver producing states they claim that free silver is their monetary ideal, as is the case in Colorado. But in Oregon they are for fiat money—greenbacks, the government's promise to pay, and these greenbacks unredeemable. As a matter of fact the populist party is in favor of fiat money all over the country, but they advocate a policy in the different states to suit the condition of popular sentiment in that state. They advocate and apply any issue locally to get votes by which to ride into office. Office is what they want and are willing to advocate any issue to attain the end sought.

Fusion, however, has not been successful to any considerable extent. The two old parties are based upon fundamental principles honestly set forth in their platforms, and the better element of each, though they may be in the minority in a particular county or state, think more of the principle involved than to enter into a collusion with an aggregation of malcontents whose only object is spoils of office at the sacrifice of principle. We do not pretend to say that there are no honest men in the populist party, but we do contend, without fear of successful contradiction, that the honest element are misguided by their unscrupulous leaders. "Unscrupulous" may seem a harsh term to use, but it seems to fit the case, since we have no knowledge of any populist leader who was ever elected to office who performed the duties of that office consistent with the theories advocated by his party. And as a personal object lesson our readers are requested to notice the career of every populist who has held office in this county. Ask yourselves whether there is visible evidence of honesty of purpose shown by any populist elected in this county, and to prove the truthfulness of this assertion examine into the matter personally.

The announcement from ex-President Harrison that he positively is not a candidate for president cannot fail to relieve the minds of many other aspirants and their friends. The fact cannot be disputed that Mr. Harrison was a formidable opponent to all presidential aspirants, and indeed, it might be said that his chances for the nomination were as favorable as those of any other candidate. The ex-president has enjoyed both success and defeat, and evidently realizes that he has had about all the honor there is in the presidency. However, if a few more would withdraw from the race the situation would become less complicated.

## CHICKEN THIEVES.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., Feb. 12, 1896. EDITORS MIST:—"Thieves entered the chicken house of Charles Schueneman last Sunday evening and stole ten of his best chickens. Mr. Schueneman tracked the supposed robbers to a certain vicinity, and then concluded to consult the nearest justice of the peace for advice. Justice Holliday was of the opinion that nothing could be done unless Mr. Schueneman would swear out a search warrant, which the complainant would not agree to do. Now, the chickens, whose place is it to hunt down thieves?"

We are of the opinion that Justice Holliday was right in his advice, and that it is the duty of the injured party to make sworn complaint before a magistrate which will be placed in the hands of a constable for service, and without which the peace officers have no jurisdiction in the premises. The officers of the law are not authorized to hunt down supposed criminals unless clothed with a warrant properly issued by a magistrate and sworn to by the injured party or some other interested person.

## Thurston and Venezuela.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—At the Lincoln banquet in this city tonight, Senator Thurston of Nebraska, in response to the toast, "The Impending Contest," said: "If to love one's country with one's heart; if to be ready to defend his honor with the last drop of blood; if to insist upon retaining the glorious hopes of leadership which providence has assigned among the republics of the New World; if to call a halt on further aggressions and domination of European powers in affairs of the Western hemisphere, is jingoism, then, thank God, I am a jingo. As soon as the resolution pending in the senate, defining and reasserting the Monroe doctrine, is passed, as it will be by a decisive vote, there is no nation on all the earth that will for a single moment seriously contemplate forcible opposition to the American policy. And nothing in modern times has done so much to guarantee the permanent peace of this republic as the recent outburst of loyalty and patriotism from the people of all sections of our common country, who are at east thoroughly united, without regard to party or sect, upon the great American policy of America for Americans."

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## CUBANS APPEAL TO AMERICA.

They Ask to be Recognized as Belligerents.

The New Commander of the Spanish Army Has Arrived in Cuba—His Course Outlined.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—The Press today publishes an appeal to the American people, signed by President Betancourt, of the provisional government of Cuba, which craves recognition for the insurgents. The appeal says: "All we wish now is to be looked upon by the government of the United States as men and soldiers battling for their birthright. We do not wish to appear in the eyes of the world as bandits." After rehearsing in detail the history of the United States' struggle for freedom, the appeal continues: "We ask the American people to grant us, through their congress, those rights of belligerence to which, according to the laws of war and of nations, we are entitled. Our armies have marched whither they would, throughout the entire island, and for weeks have threatened the stronghold of Spain's power in Cuba. "Must we capture Havana and drive Spain's hirelings across the sea before we are even given the rights of men to fight for that priceless gift which God destined should be universally divided between His children? Must we gain our independence before we are accorded the sanction of the world to labor for it? "Is Spain entitled to consideration at the hands of a civilized and highly progressive nation? Does her misrule in Cuba for a century commend her to the hearts and minds of men? Are her hirelings here to lift up and educate the Cuban to make his beloved island prosperous? "Cuba, the blessing, appeals to her American sister. She does it in the name of God, of justice, of civilization and of America."

HAVANA, Feb. 11.—The greatest activity was displayed in military circles today. The festivities in honor of the arrival here of General Weyler, the new captain-general, who landed yesterday from the steamship Alfonso XIII, are ended, and another chapter in the history of Cuba has been opened. At the captain-general's headquarters the reports which he sent for upon his arrival, telling of the number of men available for active service, the number of sick, the quantity of ammunition and supplies in possession of each column or detachment, the state of country roads, railroad and telegraph lines and probable location and strength of the enemy, were being collected and tabulated by a number of clerks. The captain-general intends to have the whole situation mapped out before any movements of importance are undertaken. Orders were issued this morning from headquarters to make a considerable increase of armored railroad cars for the use of troops. These cars have been of great assistance to the Spaniards in protecting convoys of provisions passing through parts of the country infested with insurgent bands. Recently the armor plate has been increased in thickness. The insurgents are reported to have appeared in force in the vicinity of Guira Melena, which they attacked. Guira Melena has frequently been of late the scene of insurgent operations.

## DIED.

WOODS.—At Forest Grove, Oregon, on February 4, 1896, at the ripe age of 90 years, being born January 6, 1806. Many in this county will remember him as a resident at Columbia City twenty years ago. He was married in 1828 in Missouri to Margaret, daughter of Thomas Crawford McBride. Four sons were born to them—the late Governor Woods, and J. C. Woods—the only surviving member of his family. Though not favored with early educational advantages, he was a man of rare personal ability; a man of advanced thought on many of the current topics of the times; he never felt that he was old, but would remark that he was just reaching mature years; had been a member of the Christian church for seventy years. The only physical frailty he mentioned was failing eyesight, and remarked, with a smile, that "before very long I shall not need these dim eyes, but will see with immortal vision." He lived faithful to every trust of husband, father, friend, his God and country, and after 90 years of sunshine and shadow, he has gone to the reward which faithfulness brings. N. E. D.

## PIPERS.—At Scappoose, Oregon, on February 8, 1896, John Piper.

A life of simple goodness will live on in the hearts of those who come in contact with it long after the body has been laid to rest. Such a life passed from us is the death of John Piper. The departed loved one was born in Columbia county, Oregon, where he resided at his death, aged 22 years, 7 months and 21 days. One has gone from our midst that was in the true sense a good man—gentle and kind to his mother, brothers and all his relatives and friends. His influence will live on to bless the lives of those dear to him, on whose brow rests so heavy a sorrow and through whose aching hearts death has driven sufferings' keenest sword. To the bereaved mother: What can I tell thee of thy vanished treasure, The pearl that God hath hidden from thy gaze; Only to leave the longings without measure, Unresting nights and length of bitter days. Oh! mother heart, so lonely and so weary, For him thou bearest all the world's worst pain; His feet will ne'er tread earth's pathways dreary, Nor care nor sorrow dawn on that pure brain. Yet the day cometh, surely dear, if slowly, When thou shalt waken from thy dream of pain, When angel voices, loving, sweet and holy, Shall whisper peace, to aching heart and brain. That preface from so pure and holy, O'er which all wept, so lonely was the sight; Was not thy boy, was the light of thy life? Of thy dear son how to realms of death. And some day, dear, when death unbars earth's portal, When thy last words are o'er, thy last rays shed; When o'er the mortal triumphs the immortal, Thou'lt see thy boy smiling by thy bed. A FRIEND.

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## SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. Andrew Holm, plaintiff, vs. Menla T. Holm, defendant. To Menla T. Holm, the above named defendant: I, the undersigned, do hereby require you to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, in the above entitled Court, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said Court, to-wit: On the 12th day of May 1896, and if you fail to appear and answer, I will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint which is: for a decree of Court dissolving the marital bonds existing between plaintiff and defendant, for costs and disbursements, and for such other and further relief as in equity may seem just. This notice is served upon you by publication in the St. Helens Star by order of Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of said Court, dated February 10, 1896. J. C. CURTIS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. J. G. Watts, D. W. Price and J. R. Watts, co-partners as Watts & Price, Plaintiffs, versus John M. Gove, Defendant. BY virtue of an attachment-execution, Judgment and order of sale, issued out of the above-entitled court, in the above-entitled cause, to me duly directed dated January 22, 1896, for the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars, with interest thereon at six percent per annum from the 12th day of November, 1895, and the further sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars costs and disbursements, also the costs and expenses of and upon this writ, upon a judgment rendered on the 5th day of January, 1896, and enrolled and docketed on the 12th day of January, 1896, and thereupon, by order of said attachment-execution, judgment and order of sale (I having duly attached the hereinafter-described real property on the 26th day of November, 1895), and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1896, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the front door of the County Courthouse in St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon, sell, subject to redemption, according to law at public auction, to the highest bidder, for U. S. Gold Coin, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest of the within named defendant, John M. Gove, in and to the following described real property, to-wit: The Northwest quarter (No. 1) of section thirty-four (34), township four (4) north, range two (2) west of the Willamette meridian, situated in Columbia county, state of Oregon, to satisfy said execution, judgment and order of sale, interests and costs of all accruing costs. C. F. FISH, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, January 22, 1896.

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