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ST. HELENS, OREGON, MAY 20.

## State Republican Ticket.

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## MOODY'S HONORABLE RECORD.

Some of the demagogic, democratic papers are trying to humbug and prejudice careless voters by loudly proclaiming him to be a banker, and asserting that his bank "busted." These same fellows are daily seen cheek by jowl with the alleged "detracted" bankers of their own towns, without whose assistance they would lose their own paste pots and scissors. People who are not fooled by any such nonsense. It is true that Mr. Moody is a banker of The Dalles, and that his bank temporarily suspended, but it afterward paid dollar for dollar. Is the Hon. C. M. Donaldson's financial record as good? "Comparisons are odious," but we challenge the democratic press to fight it out on the line of the financial records of the two candidates.

During the panic of the last democratic administration, when a \$10,000 farm could not be sold for \$500 in money, Mr. Moody's bank held largely in the paper of farmers when they had accommodated with loans. His bank saw the hard times coming and could easily have saved itself by selling the property of its debtors at ruinous sacrifice to them. Other banks did this and weathered the storm, but it was the action of the captain throwing overboard his passengers to save his ship. Mr. Moody would not do it. He said to them: "I will stay with you to my last dollar, and my bank will share your misfortunes, win or lose." The result was the bank was compelled to suspend, but the farmers who saved their little homes by the most generous, noble hearted and disinterested actions of Mr. Moody, will unanimously support him for congress, regardless of party affiliations. Appeals to anarchistic prejudices against "bankers" will fail to produce desired results in the face of such noble acts as these.—Pendleton Republican.

We have been requested to print the amount of tax paid by the various candidates for county offices, and in order to have the matter absolutely correct we have made a careful examination of the tax roll, now in the hands of the sheriff, and find the following facts to exist: The amount of tax paid by Dr. J. E. Hall is \$21.66; by Mr. Fullerton, \$15.81; by Mr. J. G. Watts, \$30.94; by Mr. H. Henderson, \$16.00; by W. N. Meserve, \$28.97; by J. N. Rice, nothing; by P. A. Frakes, \$141.66; by Jared West, \$18.67; by Dr. Edwin Ross, \$10.17; by W. B. Dillard, \$30.24. I. H. Copeland is on the tax roll for \$112.97, but just recently sold his property, thus he paid no tax this year, yet the fact remains that Mr. Copeland has paid that amount of tax in the county for many years, while the amount charged to W. A. Wood on the tax roll is only \$5.33, yet Mr. Wood is directly responsible for the payment of \$22.94. Martin White pays \$28.73; H. Moulton pays \$8.38; George Hayes, \$16.07; Edwin Merrill, \$64.85; B. F. Morton, \$13.21; Dr. A. P. McLaren is not on the tax roll. The total amount of tax paid by the republican candidates is \$376.27; by the fusion candidates \$180.70.

## JUST A FEW TO ANSWER.

The opposition to Mr. Wm. Meserve, candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket, are putting great stress upon the report that Mr. Meserve charged \$5 for services as clerk of school district No. 33 in the year 1890. Mr. Meserve was elected clerk of that district that year, and he served faithfully. He emphatically states that he did not promise to do the work for nothing, before his election, but at the annual settlement of the district's affairs Mr. Meserve asked \$5 for his services, as the amount had repeatedly been allowed. At that particular time Mr. Meserve says the reports were unprepared, the census had not been taken, and he labored unceasingly until he had the district's affairs in good shape; and so long as it had been customary to allow the clerk \$5 for such services, he believed himself justly entitled to the fee.

For the fee of \$5, which the press is endeavoring to make a mountain out of, Mr. Meserve served two years, for one year's service, less than Mr. Rice charges for making one tax deed, the proceeds from which Mr. Rice appropriates to his own use.

But so long as argument is placed in the form of questions, we wish to ask J. N. Rice and his mouthpiece if he did not pledge himself before the election two years ago to perform the duties of sheriff for the salary and pay his own deputy.

Will Mr. Rice explain to the people why it is that if he made such a promise he did not keep that pledge and pay out of his own pocket the expenses incurred in recapturing those two boys who escaped from the county jail on the 2nd of October, 1893, instead of sending a bill into the county court for their recapture of \$14, when the boys were no further away from St. Helens than Goble?

Will Mr. Rice explain why he charged the county \$7 for taking Geo. Upker to Portland, in the face of the fact that he had pledged the people of Columbia county to perform all the duties of the sheriff's office for the statutory salary?

Will J. N. Rice explain how it cost him \$7 to take George Upker to Portland, when he (Rice) rides on one of those much despised annual passes?

Does Mr. Rice call such conduct keeping his promises to the people? Will Mr. Rice, sheriff of Columbia county, explain to the people how it is that he feels such a keen interest in the welfare of the taxpayer insofar as reduction of expenses in the way of reduced taxation is concerned, when he (Rice) is not on the tax-roll of Columbia county, and does not pay one cent of tax to this county?

Will Mr. Rice explain why he did not pay Ed Carlson, as he promised he would, for serving as keeper of certain logs under attachment, in the case of Fisk & Johnson, when he (Rice) was Meserve's deputy?

Will Mr. Rice explain why he so violently handled a defenseless woman in a certain home in this county during the month of October, 1897?

Why does Mr. Rice change his mind so quickly about convention time, when before the meeting of the convention he repeatedly stated to differ ent persons that the sheriff's office could not be run for the salary and pay the deputy out of that salary?

Why does Mr. Rice not stick to the text and come out openly and say now, as he has repeatedly said, that he would not accept the office another term for the salary and pay his own deputy?

Does it not look upon the face of it as though Mr. Rice had been drubbed and beaten into a thing which he feels is doing himself and family a wrong?

Why does Sheriff Rice charge \$3 for making a sheriff's deed, and put the three dollars down in his pocket, when he had promised to perform all the duties of the sheriff's office for the statutory salary? This duty is only one of the duties of the sheriff as prescribed by the statutes, and yet Mr. Rice, in open violation of his pledge, performs that prescribed duty, takes the money and keeps it?

Do our people believe Mr. Rice is running the sheriff's office for the salary alone?

Mr. Rice has at different times stated that he could not or would not run the sheriff's office for the salary and pay his own deputy if re-elected?

So far as we can find out Mr. Rice has never pledged himself to perform the duties of the sheriff's office for the salary, if again elected.

If he has let him openly make the statement through the press as has Mr. Meserve.

We believe the facts in the case to be that it is the hope of Mr. Rice and other populists that Jared West be elected commissioner, in which event Mr. Rice could then, through a populist majority on the county board, have the salary of his deputy paid by the county.

Will Mr. Rice have his mouthpiece, the News, deny that the editor of that paper stated to Judson Wood that it was a burning shame that Mr. E. S. Hatten was compelled to work for the palsy amount allowed him by Sheriff Rice, and on that amount he was compelled to educate, clothe, and feed a family?

Will Mr. Rice, who is the sole existence of the News, permit that paper to openly advocate anarchy and treason? Were it not for Mr. Rice's support that paper receives it would cease to exist in less than two months.

If you see a fellow especially interested in fusion in your neighborhood, keep him in mind. Just sit down and think why he is taking such an active part in destroying the people's party. See if you can't figure out that the same chap will be directly benefited by this destruction. Maybe it's an office in sight, or a promise of a deputyship. Perhaps it means that some of his fellow-wreckers have promised him a full two years from now. Maybe he is a sort of ambitious cuss and wants to be with what he has been led to believe is the biggest crowd. Whenever you see populists working teeth and toe nails for the destruction of the party you can just bet he has found an extra inducement, says the Oregon Populist, a middle-of-the-road paper.

If good times and prosperity have any meaning in politics, what reason have the people of Oregon to hang on by the eyelids to free silver or to talk fusion-for-office? In the Chicago market wheat was quoted at about \$1 the last week in April, at \$1.25 a few days ago; today it is \$1.70 a bushel. What that means to Oregon and Washington a blind man can see. There ought not to be a populist left alive in all the inland Empire. They should all have died the natural death that comes from innocuous desuetude, and while the mortal man survives to enjoy life hugely on general principles, the populist that was in him should be relegated to realms of forgotten depravity. There is a prospect ahead for the Pacific Northwest that has no room in its perspective for any remnant of the dark ages that created populism.—Eastern Oregon correspondent to the Sunday Oregonian.

THE News says "to know Mr. H. R. Kincaid is to trust and admire him." How is it that the News has become so reconciled to Mr. Kincaid, when, as it heretofore has claimed to be so true to populist theory—a straight-middle-of-the-road advocate—and Mr. Kincaid had to be sued and re-sued before he would place the populist ticket on the official ballot? Mr. Kincaid realized what it meant for him if the ticket was filed and placed on the ballot, and the News has acknowledged its sacrifice of principle that it so earnestly advocated in the start-off of the campaign, and proved to the public that it is in favor of anything that will put a conglomeration of isms in power. It becomes more apparent each day that the whole combine is a straight-fusion-for-office.

WHEN it comes to reducing expenses of offices we wish our readers to bear in mind that the office of district attorney was never so cheaply maintained as it has been under the able management of Mr. T. J. Cleston. The criminal account in the circuit court for Columbia county the two years Mr. Cleston has been in that office, or up to April 30, 1898, amounts to \$678.58. For the two years preceding that time the criminal account in the circuit court for this county amounted to \$2,946.53, or a saving to the county of \$2,267.94. These figures are taken from the records.

JARED P. WEST will take Phil Frakes' place as county commissioner after next June. He will not offer an officer his deputy's salary when said officer has pledged himself to run the office for the salary alone.—News. How is it that if Mr. Rice pledged himself to run the sheriff's office for the salary and nothing more, that he has repeatedly asked assistance from the county, and on different occasions received it? Does it look as if he were honest or sincere in his promises?

THE people of the United States are today in better condition to supply the money necessary for war than on any former occasion. The money in circulation in the United States today is more than ever before. It has increased \$246,333,445 in the twenty-four months since the Chicago convention took the ground that money of the country could not increase materially without free coinage of silver, and stands today at "high-water mark."

MR. HENDERSON does not say he will perform the duties of county clerk for the statutory salary, but says, if elected, he will perform those duties for the constitutional salary. The constitutional salary may mean \$3,000 annually, but the statutory salary reads and means \$1,800 per year. Mr. Watts has pledged himself to perform the duties of the office for the statutory salary.

To look at the fusion ticket as it is printed one would not know there were democratic candidates for precinct officers in this (Union) precinct. Mr. A. N. Clark and Mr. John Scott are the regular nominees of the democratic convention for the offices of justice of the peace and constable, respectively, and they wish the fact to be remembered.

WHERE are the men in St. Helens who lost their patience with President McKinley for his conservatism and were so anxious for war? Have they asked to be taken to the front? Come out, gentlemen, and the least you can do is to hoist the American flag over your door. Remember there is a difference between patriotism and political jobbery.

How is it that the News does not keep its promise to print the county court proceedings free of charge? A bill is sent to the county court regularly for printing the proceedings. The bill is not allowed, however, because it was the agreement when the News was designated the official paper that the proceedings should not be charged for.

CONTRARY to reports, Mr. Malcolm Moody, candidate for congress in the second district on the republican ticket, did heartily support Mr. Ellis two years ago. Mr. Moody was a candidate before the convention for Mr. Ellis' place, but was defeated, and like a man he openly declared his intention of supporting Mr. Ellis, and he did so earnestly and ardently.

THE people of this county will come far from voting for an element that repeatedly advocate anarchy. Loyalty is the first principle of good government, and on the 6th of June our voters will attend to that matter by first relieving the county from the sore source of existence of an anarchistic sheet.

If you want to vote for a man of the common people, vote for Farmer Geer; if you want to vote for a corporation lawyer, vote for Willie King. "Down with corporations and professional men as our standard bearers; support the laboring classes." "Consistency, shon art a jewel!"

Every day that passes indicates that the republican state and county ticket is growing in favor with the people. It is the only ticket that stands for principle and reform.

POPULISTS, please read the report of the grand jury in this issue as regards reduction of county indebtedness.

ISAAC COPELAND, the next school superintendent, is a man of special qualifications as regards educational matters. He has much actual experience as a teacher, and will fill that important office with credit to himself and honor to the party that elected him.

THE efforts of the "union party" to make out that "union" exists is something funny. Dictatorship may suit "silver republicans," but democrats and populists cannot see the point to the bird being propelled by a tail feather.

If you have a whit of interest in the financial affairs of your county you can but feel gratified at the magnificent showing as examined into and reported by the late grand jury. We refer you to it in another column of this issue.

JUDGE McBRIDE, of Clatsop county, passed up Monday night on the Telephone. Judge McBride is a candidate for re-election, and his personal worth and popularity almost insures his re-election.—Cathlamet Gazette.

WE hear nothing of the late presidential candidate, William Jennings Bryan, these days. It is a bad time for oratory of the Bryan sort, and the theories of which he advocates.—Welcome.

MARTIN WHITE has made the best assessor Columbia county ever had, and the people know it and appreciate it, and Mr. White will be the next assessor, too.

IN the eyes of loyal people an utterance of disloyalty at this time in particular, cannot be excused. There is no apology that can pacify their indignation.

IF it is your desire to continue the reduction of the county's indebtedness you will vote for P. A. Frakes and the rest of the republican ticket.

THERE is not a man on the republican ticket in Columbia county that does not merit the unqualified support of every citizen of the county.

THE gold reserve has gone beyond the \$180,000,000 line and is still rising. Little has been heard lately about the cowardice of gold in a crisis.

WE have sent out a "feeler" or two this week. After we get warmed up there may be more questions to be answered.

FUSION in Union precinct does not work out well. Why are not the democratic precinct nominees on the regular fusion ticket?

THE party of protection will carry on the war to the honor of our people, America for Americans; it is home and native land.

THE rumor that Commodore Dewey had been bottled up at Manila lacked the important element of corkage.

IF the Nicaragua canal were in existence the Oregon would have been with Sampson weeks ago.

THE state campaign is on, and the republican banner floats with all the assurance of victory.

THE efforts of desperation in a campaign are oft times not so amusing as degrading.

A VOTE for T. T. Geer is a vote for honest money and honest state government.

IT is said that 90 per cent of the Oregon soldier boys are republicans.

THE Asiatic part of the Spanish squadron is no longer in the swim.

ALL the Spanish sympathizers don't live in Spain. There are others.

IF our luck continues the coming Fourth of July will be a ripper.

THE Upton trial cost this county a little more than \$650.

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