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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JUNE 10.



America for Americans. "Long May  
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## THE GREAT CONTEST OF 1896.

The campaign is over and we are highly pleased with the result, save the defeat of Mr. Meeserve, whom we labored earnestly and honestly to elect, but failed. There have been some unpleasant things said by us, but not by desire, only from necessity. It had been our purpose not to indulge in personalities in the campaign just ended; neither did we desire to say but kind and friendly things of the candidates on the opposition ticket, but there had been so much abuse heaped upon us and the candidates on the ticket we were supporting that we felt and believed it to be but simple justice to ourselves and our friends to buckle on our armor and defend our rights. We wish to apologize to our many friends in Columbia county who have borne with us during the campaign, and put up with so much politics instead of more news, but we believe we were but doing the part of justice in devoting so much time and space to the matter, from the fact that we considered the issues of great importance, insofar as there were questions at issue which merited strong and hearty defense. We were either to support Mr. McKinley in his administration of public affairs, or repudiate his acts, and the result of Monday's election has demonstrated conclusively that the people have not only endorsed the policy of the administration, but that policy has been sanctioned by more than two to one as compared with the vote of November, 1896.

Our newly-elected governor, Hon. T. T. Geer, is a man who can be depended upon to not only administer the affairs of state in a legitimate and straightforward manner, but he can be depended upon to do his full duty as a war governor. The entire republican ticket is elected at majorities ranging from 3000 to 10,000, and not only is this the case, but two congressmen are elected who can be depended upon to set in perfect accord with the ideas and wishes of President McKinley and the perpetuity of the gold standard.

Oregon, it will be remembered, has within the last year, produced and sold about 18,000,000 bushels of wheat at prices not equalled for the past five years, and not only has this been the case, but nearly every product of the state, including cattle, wool, sheep, and other products, has doubled in quantity and price, and as a result of these enormous yields and high prices the hue and cry of hard times and low prices has been exploded. It has been condemned in terms not soon to be forgotten by the people of the state.

The parties in opposition to the republican party in this state realized that unless a union of forces could be entered into there would be no possible chance of defeating the republican party, and to this end their labors were earnestly centered. Their plans failed completely, and the result is a just rebuke to all attempts at fusion.

We do not condemn any man. It is but the ideas he may have advanced. Because we differ from him as regards politics we have no legitimate right to say he is a bad man. If we can persuade a man to vote our sentiments, all well and good; if we cannot, then we humbly submit to the will of the majority. We are not so narrow as to say because an opposing party has succeeded in carrying its ideas to a suc-

cess that the country is entirely ruined. We may believe that the policy of that party is not the best for the country, but we do not believe it the part of common judgement to say that because those policies have been adopted the country has been eternally ruined. Such talk is foolishness. There is too much combined interest in our country, our home, and our welfare as a nation of people, to see our interests absolutely trodden under foot. Americans are too ready to change their ideas and vote the dictates of their own conscience to permit the idea to prevail that that party, which ever it may be, will entirely and absolutely ruin the country.

The most striking illustration of this fact is seen when we remember how readily the people of the United States voted a change of policy after four years' trial of free trade. It worked a hardship upon the American people, and there is a spirit of too much independence about them to long submit to or permit a policy to exist which is not to their best interest, and in the campaign of 1896 our people rose up by hundreds of thousands and said there must be a change.

We are individually the guardians of our country's best interests. We all love our country dearly, and will defend it with our life's blood, if necessary. That spirit is characteristic of the Yankee nation, and with the same spirit in view the people of the state of Oregon on Monday walked to the ballot box and there said that the policy of our country, as outlined and adopted by the present republican administration, should be maintained.

As to Columbia county, we are highly pleased with the result. Of course, one man on the ticket was defeated, but it was the will of the people and their word is law. We congratulate Mr. Rice upon his success, and hope he will do his full duty, and merit the confidence reposed in him by the people who know him best. It was not that Mr. Meeserve is a bad man that he was defeated, neither was it on account of his unpopularity. Both the gentlemen in the contest were very popular, but Mr. Rice had served the people of Columbia county one term as sheriff, and the people of the county have endorsed the manner in which he conducted the office.

Mr. Watts' popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the people, and his integrity, made his success possible. On the clerk, as was the case with the sheriff, the combination was solid, and Mr. Henderson developed great strength.

The issues helped on the legislative ticket. Dr. Hall was a comparative stranger in this part of the county, and it was a good showing on the part of the republicans to elect the representative. Dr. Rose, for treasurer, should certainly be proud of his vote, because his opponent is a man of character, ability, and standing. Mr. Frazer received a vote that should certainly make him feel that he had conducted the affairs of the county in such a manner as to merit the approval of voters in all parties. It is apparent that the people of Columbia county knew when they had the right man in the commissioner's office, and they intended to keep him there.

As to the assessor, we have but the kindest feeling for Mr. Moulton, but Martin White, without exception, is the best assessor this county ever had, and his majority of 200 shows his popularity and ability. Mr. Copeland, although a stranger in politics in this county, made a splendid race, and he will, without doubt, prove his ability to conduct the superintendent's office in a businesslike manner. Dr. McLaren, too, for coroner, made a splendid showing, and will continue to make a good coroner.

We have not intentionally neglected to mention the large vote of Judge Moore, Judge McBride, and Mr. Cleaton. The former certainly was deserving of a large vote because of the ability he has displayed in the conduct of his office. The same may be said of Judge McBride, and as to Mr. Cleaton, against whom there was an enormous opposition, it is to be said that he did exceptionally well. He carried every county in this district, even that of his opponent, Clatsop county, and in the district his majority is 650.

Republicans throughout the county are highly gratified and express the same feeling. It has shown that the people yet have faith in the ability of the republican party to administer the

affairs of state in a proper and satisfactory manner.

As a sample of what faith the people of this state have in the gold standard, the next legislature will be forty majority on joint ballot. And there is something else, too, for republicans of this state to take into consideration, which is the fact that since the legislature is so overwhelmingly republican the people will expect some good, sound legislation. Should there be a desire on the part of any republican for a repetition of the famous holdup of two years ago, someone will have to suffer, and there is no one to bear the brunt but republicans. If there cannot be some safe, sound legislation enacted now there never will be, and it is hoped that all that is expected may be realized.

Now that the campaign in Oregon is over, the attention of the people will be directed first to the pursuit of their ordinary vocations, particularly in the farming sections, where great interest is manifest. There is every likelihood of the price of wheat and other farm products remaining stiff this year, and special attention will be given the matter by farmers. The one important thing with the American people is the great war now being fought, and that matter will absorb public attention. It is a matter in which all are intensely interested.

We are not making the statement with a malicious heart, but because past and present events will prove what we say, that populism thrives on poverty. The change of governmental policy inaugurated six years ago brought about a condition of affairs which came near placing Oregon in the populist column, but another change took place which, with the result of Monday's election, shows that populism thrived in this state during the four-years' trial of free trade.

The campaign is over, and more time will now be devoted to business matters by us. We owe an apology to our readers for neglecting the first duty of a newspaper—that of giving the news. We will now, after due time, continue to run a newspaper in the interest of the people of the county, and make a special effort to furnish all the county news.

## GEER FOR GOVERNOR

The State Republican Ticket Has a Big Plurality.

Moody and Tongue are Elected to Congress by Large Majorities—Legislature 40 Republican.

Moody's majority over Donaldson in the second congressional district is 6527, with several more counties to hear from.

Tongue leads Yeatch in the first district with 2176, and two more counties to hear from.

Geer's majority is growing larger, and now stands at 9227.

Dunbar, for secretary of state has a majority of about 7000.

Ackerman leads Lyman by 6479.

Simon is elected senator in Multnomah county by about 600 majority, while Calk, for county judge, is ahead of Northrup about 700. Mason, for mayor of Portland, has a plurality of 3640.

F. A. Moore is elected to the supreme bench by a large majority.

### AFTER ELECTION.

BY GEORGE MORRISON.

We pops are badly beaten, Oh, my! it makes me sick! They've elected Hall and Cleaton, And we've no show to kick.

I voted the union ticket straight, My conscience it is clear; I did not kiss a candidate, Nor sell my vote for beer.

I'm one of the pops that on the square And I do not care a cuss; I went stomp round and beat the air, Nor kick up a vulgar fuss.

I'd been right glad if we'd beat, And swiped the whole of the cheese; But we stood no show and had to retreat Which makes me fairly sneeze.

Now that they've got the battle won, I'm willing to abide [the snar] By the law of the land that's under Where our early patriots died.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAST OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., May 27th, 1896.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on June 23rd, 1896, viz:  
BERNHARD MATHIESON, Homestead Entry, No. 18468, for the northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 11, south 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and northwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 12, township 7 north, range 4 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. E. Chipman, B. Stevenson and Jesse B. Jones, of Quincy, Oregon, and H. P. Snyder, of Clatskanie, Oregon, and H. M. CHAS. E. MOORE, Register.



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Timber claim; 100 acres; over 8,000,000 feet; price \$2000.  
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