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DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY

Judge Parker in his address to the Democratic editors on Sept 15 says: "The challenge of the Republican platform permits you to compare the details of the every day life, so to speak, of the Democratic Administration (Cleavlands two terms) with both predecessor and successive Republican Administrations and you will not shrank from it."

While the above has very much the tone of command, for fear that the Democratic editor will shirk from the task imposed upon them the Observer will give some figures taken from the official record so that its readers may form some idea of the value to be placed upon Democratic assertions and charges.

During president Cleavlands first term from 1885 to 1889 the U S mails were carried at a total expense of \$210,525,488 over postal routes aggregating a total annual mileage of 338,242 miles at a cost of \$651.73 cents per mile.

During the preceding four years under Garfield and Arthur Republicans the cost of conducting the Postal Department was \$170,585,091, and the miles operated over were 350,055 miles making the cost per mile for the term \$469.33.

By comparing the expense of operating the U S post office during Cleavlands first term of four years with the cost of running it the four years immediately prior thereto and it will be seen that the Republicans run the Department for \$40,243,397 less than Cleavland did, and \$182.40 per mile cheaper.

During the four years of Cleavlands first Administration the expense of collecting the internal revenue was 3.42 per cent of the amount collected the 1st year, 3.08 per cent the 2nd year 3.22 per cent the 3rd year and 2.92 per cent the 4 years.

The expense of collecting the internal Revenue during Cleavlands 2nd term was 2.57 per cent 1st year, 2.55 per cent 2nd year, 2.02 per cent 3rd year and 2.52 per cent 4th year.

The expense of collecting the internal Revenue during the McKinley and Roosevelt administration for the past four years was 1.51 per cent in 1900, the percent in 1901 was 1.43, in 1902 it was 1.60 and in 1903 it was 1.94 per cent. Compare these percent and note what the Democratic platitudes about doing public work or as Judge Parker puts it in his address "The comparison will show that under Democratic Control the administrative purity of the fathers was observed in the conduct of the government"

By following the judges advice and comparing the governmental expense account it will be seen that where the administrative purity of the fathers is observed the work costs the people more than when it is done on every day business principles. The expense of collecting the custom revenue during Cleavlands 2nd administration was

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3.32 per cent 1st year, 5.15 2nd 4.43 the 3rd and 4.52 the last.
The per cent for collecting the custom Revenue for the past 4 years has been in 1900, 320 per cent in 1901 it was 3.23 in 1902 it was 3.13 and in 1903 the per cent was 2.95.

THE U S THE BEST

In this land of free speech and free press there is so much grumbling and fault finding with public men and their acts that doubtless many of our readers will be surprised when the Observer tells them that of the seventeen leading nations of Europe and North and South America the United States is run at the least per capita expense and that our per capita wealth is the greatest and national debt the smallest.

The per capita expenditures of the United States in 1902 and 1903 were \$7.97 the per capita debt \$11 and per capita wealth \$1235.86.

The per capita Expenditures of Australian Commonwealth in 1902-1903 were \$37.69 and that of New Zealand \$38.38 no data of wealth and debt. Argentinas per capita expenditure are \$12.60 per capita in 1901 That of Canada in 1902 was \$9.30.

The government of Austria Hungaria spent in 1902-3 per capita \$14.27 with a debt per capita of \$25 and a per capita wealth of \$376.80.

The German Empire Expenditure for governmental purposes in 1901 \$9.44 per capita with a per capita dept of \$80 and a per capita wealth of \$683.25.

The United Kingdom in 1902 1903 expended a per capita of \$21.39 with a per capita debt of \$92 and a per capita wealth of \$1215.15

The road between this city and Island City has just about the best collection of boulders it has been our misfortune to discover for many moons. This is one of the principal highways of the county and should receive more attention at the hands of the supervisor of the district. The above is also true of the road between this city and O. Odell. The road up the river with the exception of this single mile is quite good the year around but in the winter months an empty wagon can hardly be drawn from Ore Dell to the Adams avenue with four good horses. This particular piece of road in the La Grande road district and should receive better care.

For Rent
Eight room on North Fir Street enquire of Mrs Shearer 8-11

LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon August 11, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," we are offered to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, David C. Sueden, of Dexter, Wisconsin, county of Wood, State of Wisconsin has this day filed in this office his severable statement No. 3169 for the purchase of the NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and Lots 2 and 3 of section No. 2 in Township No. 5 South Range No. 9 E. W. M.
And will offer proof to show that the land is more valuable for its timber or some than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 25th day of October, 1904.
His names as witnesses: Ralph H. Bullis, W. Henry Brown, of Dexter, Wisconsin; Edward C. Bullis, of Perry, Oregon; and Edward Bean, of La Grande, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of October, 1904.
E. W. Davis, Register.

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That in other days to wash on when I was a boy,
With its blue covered ridges that used to play in
A old soap bubble and to my child's play.
Ofttimes have I stretched her when wearing her knuckles
As over the ridges she would rub,
I never all forgot how she washed and I should therop
The old fashioned washboard that stood in the tub.
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The old fashioned washboard;
The blue covered washboard;
The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub.
Some folks always kick about up-to-date laundries,
As if they were out to be clothes every day;
But give them to me, as I will have a hot dinner
At home, with the soap suds away.
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