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**TEXAS STEER QUARTETTE**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 21**  
 PRICES: 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Children 25c. Seats on sale Monday morning.

**La Grande Evening Observer**  
**CURREY BROS., Editors & Props**  
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 FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT 16, 1904

**A MOOT COURT**  
 One of the diversions that the pioneers in the western forests and prairies a generation ago was the Moot Court. It would be given out that in the neighborhood log, school-house on the following Saturday evening a Moot Court would be held for the trial of male factors. At the appointed time and place the men and boys would gather by the light of tin lanterns or hickory bark torches and organize as a court by the selection of a judge, sheriff, jury and prosecuting attorney. These preliminaries being attended to with great solemnity the Sheriff, with a loud voice would declare, "The High Court of Coon Creek now in session" whereupon the prosecuting attorney would direct the sheriff to bring forth the prisoner and the trial would begin. The Jurors were sworn "To well and truly try the case before them with malice aforethought, eschewing common sense and rejecting all facts." The witnesses were sworn to swear to the best advantage to insure the conviction of the culprit before the court, to tell no truth under pain of being held in contempt of court and punished severely."  
 Innocent as this pioneer pastime seemed to be, and was considered to be by the back woodsmen, like all trifling with truth and sporting with falsehood the effect was pernicious upon public morals. The Moot Court was in vogue in the formative periods of political parties, The Democratic party that was always more imitative than original, took it as its working model upon which to conduct campaign. Now the prejudged culprit, the Democratic party is organized to condemn, after the model it follows, must be assailed with untruth and no member of the party under pain of being punished for contempt, dare exercise common sense upon the facts of life about them. The utterances it gives forth as platform like the testimony of Moot Court witnesses are framed to the best advantage eschewing truth.  
 The foregoing is a harsh accusation but if any person will take the trouble to read all the Democratic national platforms beginning with the first one promulgated in 1832, the one on which Gen. Jackson was elected the second term and compare the statements each gives out as facts, the positions they take and creeds they declare, the performance they accomplish the truthfulness of the charge will be established by the record.  
 In the first platform in 1832 the 1st Resolution reads: "Resolved that an adequate protection to American industry is indispensable to the prosperity of the country.  
 The second is; Resolved that a uniform system of internal improvement, sustained and supported by the general government, is calculated to secure, in the highest degree, the harmony, the strength and permanency of the republic.  
 The Democratic platform of 1904 denounces protection as robbery several of the inter-

**SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY, DRUGS, AT La Grande Drug Co. and Red Cross Drug Co**

mediate platforms declare for a tariff for revenue only, while the one on which Horace Greeley ran in 1872 left the tariff to the Congressional districts. We leave it to our readers to reconcile the statement that, An adequate protection to American industry is indispensable with the others refusing protection and declaring for revenue only, and the last one that denounces protection as robbery.

**MALITIA GUARDS JAIL**

**Observer Special**  
 Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 16—The Madison county jail is guarded tonight by companies G. and K. Third Alabama infantry, because threats had been made by persons indicted by the grand jury in connection with the lynching of Horace Maples and placed in jail that they would be taken by friends and set at liberty. Ben Hill one of the alleged lynchers was captured and lodged in jail today. The officers are looking for nine others who were indicted.  
 Solicitor Peters denies the rumor that Sheriff Rogers and Mayor Smith were indicted.

**Some Discount Tables.**  
 Some of the excavations at Nigger show that the Babylonians had multiplication tables five times as long as those commonly used in schools. Most little men and women, for instance do not have to go further than twelve times twelve, but the little Babylonian children, says Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, who superintended the late excavations, had to go as far as sixty times sixty.  
 Numbered fragments of tablets bearing these "multiplication tables" have been found, some few of which go as far as 1,300 times 1,300. But these were evidently only for astronomical purposes. Those old astronomers seem to have felt hard pressed for time, and when they were calculating the distances of the new stars they found, and their size, they did not want to take the time to multiply, and so just referred to these tables in stone.

**Evidence of an Eyewitness.**  
 Guest—Why do you believe in second sight, major?  
 Major Darby (in an impressive whisper)—Because I fell in love at first sight!—Punch.

If a row threatens you don't let it go so far that you become bitter and unwilling to hurt yourself in order to hurt your enemy.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
 Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Christian W. Murphy, has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Thomas N. Murphy, deceased and the County Court of Union County Oregon has set Tuesday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock P. M. for the hearing of such report.  
 Christina W. Murphy, Administratrix.

**For Rent**  
 The building formerly occupied by the Salvation Army. For full particulars and rates inquire of Mrs. S. C. Zuber, Aug. 31 & 1.

**FIRE PROOF SAFE**  
 For sale, weight 2500, price \$50. Call or write La Grande Pawnbroker Phone 1581.

**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 Unsurpassed lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, David C. Sargent, of Dexter, Oregon, county of Wood, State of Wisconsin has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 100, for the purchase of the E24 SW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4 and Lots 1 and 2 of section No. 2 in Township No. 5 South Range No. 89 E. W. M.  
 And will offer proof to show that the land so claimed is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her 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 Deseroville, Wisconsin; Leonard 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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**CHORUS**  
 The old fashioned washboard; The zinc covered washboard; The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub. Some folks always kick about up-to-date laundries, And say they wear out their clothes every day; But give them to me, so I will have a hot dinner At home, with the smell of the soap suds away. I know that the wash machine is much easier On all of our clothes than to take them and rub Till the buttons on the bosoms are lost and worn out By the old-fashioned washboard that stood in the tub. We are not the old fashioned kind.

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