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POLITICAL HISTORY.

Some one has made up the following table that is interesting reading: McClellan in 1864 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Seymour in 1868 carried New York, but lost Indiana. He was defeated. Greeley in 1872 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Tilden in 1876 carried New York and Indiana. He was not seated, but almost no student of American politics now doubts that he was honestly elected.

Hancock in 1880 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Cleveland in 1884 carried New York and Indiana. He was elected.

Cleveland in 1888 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Cleveland in 1892 carried New York and Indiana. He was elected.

Bryan in 1896 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Bryan in 1900 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Parker in 1904 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

In 50 years no democratic candidate for president has been elected who did not carry both New York and Indiana. Since Jackson's day no democratic candidate for president, who carried both New York and Indiana has been defeated.

Eastern dispatches for the past two weeks have been reporting quite a change in the labor vote toward Taft. In the early part of the campaign labor leaders impressed the minds of the members of certain unions that Taft was an enemy of the laboring men and until the republicans met these charges by the actual records and proved conclusively that the decisions made by Judge Taft while on the bench are among the cases cited when the rights of the laboring man or labor unions are involved. Those who heard Judge McGinn last night can easily see how this change is being brought about. Judge McGinn changed many votes last night, when he proved conclusively by judicial decisions the fairness and justice of Taft's decision. Such speeches as these of which there have been hundreds throughout the states of New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois the last two weeks, cannot but help wipe out the wrong impression that was made earlier in the campaign.

AFTERNOON TEA.

You must not wear campaign buttons on Tuesday. This will be mighty dull for some of the old-time well-known rustlers on election day. No teams running about with banners, "Vote for Taft" nor "Vote for Bryan." No electioneering. It is understood that Jack Peare is going to give an afternoon tea, and that invitations are now being mailed to several of the boys to join him on his lawn on the afternoon of election.

Everybody can feel good for three days yet. Figures do not lie, but liars can figure, and the man who cannot at this date prove conclusively by mixing the electoral vote of the several states so the result will absolutely bring his candidate in the lead, should purchase one of those lightning calculator books which were sold in our city a few days ago.

The campaign practically closes tonight. Both parties have done everything in their power to present their

side of the political question, and now the entire matter is in the hands of the great American jury and the verdict will be delivered not later than Wednesday.

Bookmakers do not always know how the election will go, however, there has not been a wager reported, except with great odds on Taft; not even money.

La Grande has succeeded admirably in getting on the front page of the leading papers of the northwest the past few weeks.

BASKETBALL AND DANCE

The city basketball league gets the receipts from the dance at the Coliseum rink today. The ball commences immediately after the completion of the basketball game between two temporary organizations, of which Merrill Childers and A. W. Nelson are captains. The personnel of the teams is not known at present—several of the players being on the road and may not return. There is a squad of 10 for each team and recruits will be picked from the reserve. The game starts at 8 o'clock. This is the first game of a season which will be replete with contests. Tonight's affair is more of a practice nature than anything else, none of the players having done consistent training.

The price for the dance has been reduced to 50 and 25 cents. The standard of the affair will be held at the very best, but the prices come down.

STOLE TAXES FROM BAKER

It has been discovered—after years of misapprehension—that Union county has been receiving taxes from the O. R. & N. on a stretch of road that rightfully belongs to Baker county. The mistake has been discovered, Baker officials have been advised, and the Union county records expunged.

It represents no great sum though, as the trackage in question is .37 of a mile in length. The peculiar situation exists between mile posts 334 and 335, thus including the steel bridge just west of North Powder. At that point the river swerves horse-shoe like, but the railroad leads directly across the isthmus. From inner shore to inner shore is a distance of 37 one-hundredths of a mile and that is in Baker county. After running for a moment in the wet territory the train again emerges on dry soil for another considerable distance. Remarkably enough, this has not been discovered before and henceforth Baker county will get the taxes from this bit of road, rather than Union.

RETURNS IN MANY PLACES

There will be no difficulty in securing national and county election returns next Tuesday night. The Coliseum skating rink, the Pastime theater, the Elks' club and The Observer will receive telegraphic returns from all the states of the nation. In addition to that, Union and Wallowa county returns will be received at The Observer office that night. This will insure city, county, state and United States returns in The Observer office alone. The telegraphic reports will be the same in all instances, but the county returns will be received in the office alone, according to present plans.

A Pole Scrap Settled.
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land owners in the North Powder section, while establishing the new pole line, and came out with flying colors. As a result of the scrap, it is reported that certain county roads have been more definitely outlined and will be opened to travel, and the pole line has been set in the proper place. The county surveyor ran the line and settled the differences.—Union Republican.

TO FEED STOCK.

On Rather Small Scale This Winter, as an Experiment.

J. E. Reynolds has purchased two carload of cattle and will feed them this winter as an experiment which will undoubtedly lead to a larger scale. In a few weeks Mr. Reynolds expects to visit the feeding grounds around Echo with a view of ascertaining how they build their feeding pens, and the use of either chopped alfalfa or alfalfa meal.

Seventh Day Adventist Church. There will be services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Elders W. W. Steward and E. E. Smith will conduct the meeting.

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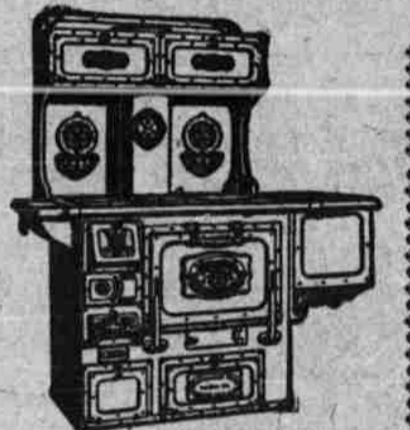
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