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REPUBLICANS DESERVE CREDIT.

The republican party in Oregon lives. Exponents of that party behaved like men that they are yesterday when that most paramount question came up in separate sessions of both houses of the legislature. For months, ever since June, in fact, has the grand old party been the recipient of gruesome threats and worse predictions of instantaneous death if the will of "the people" was not adhered to. True enough, all this was just and as it should be, for there is no gainsaying the duty of every pledged representative of the people in those two sessions. But, the long list of statement No. 1 men in both houses should be given a rising vote of thanks. It is due them, that democrats and doubting republicans bare their heads in tribute. If reports be true, then there are a few, at least, who spurned the temptation of filthy lucre to follow conscience guiding. Others were tempted on every turn, some by verbal suasion, others by smooth-tongued orators, enemies of Chamberlain, perhaps, but certainly averse to seeing a democratic senator go to the senate. How near to falling many have been is not known, never will be, and in fact need not be; the truth remains none went down; La Grande's delegation was given the test and found true. Turner Oliver, a staunch democrat, was unquestionably put to the test less frequently than Stephen F. Richardson. The former is an out and out gospel of democracy; the latter is not. Furthermore, Richardson did not sign the statement. His verbal assertion that he would abide by the precepts of the now notorious "statement," sufficed to have him vote for Chamberlain, much as it no doubt went against his grain. He is the representative of Union county, and it was his firm belief that the majority of the people he represented wanted him to vote as he did. Had he been possessed with the candid belief that a majority of his people wanted any other man than Chamberlain, it is safe to say he would have voted otherwise than he did.

THE OREGONIAN'S STAND.

The Oregonian discloses its "mean disposition" and future political policies, in the following, a portion of the editorial wherein was thrown up the sponge in the fight against Chamberlain:

"It may be that men will not be so eager to 'take the pledge' in future as they have been heretofore. This will be the only hope of preventing permanent republican division in the state. Of course, the Oregonian, having no need of party, can go it alone; but this may be taken for certain, that it will not act with the republican party in future, unless this party shall reject or repudiate the method that produces such results as this. In other words, it will support the opposition to all 'statement' men of the republican party who may be candidates for nomination or for election. If we are to elect democrats to our highest offices, let us do it in the open and direct manner; not by indirection or juggle. The main effort of the earnest and disinterested republicans of the state will not hereafter be directed against the democratic party, but against the Bourne-U'Ren faction which insists on a 'pledge' that elects democratic senators and defeats all the legitimate objects of party effort and action."

No more Chamberlain talk! What

next? Prosecution of bank defaulters, perhaps.

As Senator Knox pointedly and convincingly said in his address on "The Future of Commerce," the federal government unquestionably entered into a contract with the several states for the improvement of their waterways when it divested them of jurisdiction over the subject and took jurisdiction to itself. That statement being incontestable, it is equally incontestable that in undertaking the too long neglected duty of waterway improvement, the government cannot look to any special stream nor to any special project, but must begin and carry to completion the work of waterway improvement under a broad and comprehensive policy under which no waterway will be overlooked nor any waterway, nor any special project, specially favored.

PRESTON SELLS OUT

The C. W. Preston shoe store on Depot street has been purchased by N. K. West and at the beginning of next month, the stock will be merged with that of the West stock in the main

MAGAZINES

The Munsey publications continue to improve. The February number of the Scrap Book, on sale today, surpasses in interest any previous issue. Here are the titles of a few of the best articles: "Hamard, the First Detective of Europe," "The Women Who Are Plain," "How to Keep a Wife at Home," "The Unhappiest Man on Earth," "Strange Ways of Reading the Future."

Munsey's leading article is "The New Florida," which is in truth more devoted to Henry M. Flagler, the Florida railroad builder, than to the state itself. The article, however, would have been nice to read about 10 days ago. Prof. T. J. J. See has contributed a very interesting discussion of "Tidal Waves," which follow great earthquakes.

Of interest to college boys is Harry Thurston Peck's story of the origin and development of hazing. There are the usual short stories and two thrilling serials.

We have added "Outlook" to our list of magazines. The current number contains an article on "Postal Savings Banks," which are now demanding so much attention from congress. The author, Mr. John Harsen Rhoades, is a trustee of one of the leading savings institutions of New York city, and an expert student of the theory of savings. He argues, of course, against the postal savings plan.

FERGUSON'S WHERE NOTHING IS TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

store. The deal was closed this morning, but Mr. Preston is temporary manager of the Depot street stock.

Mr. Preston has been in the shoe business here for a period of 10 years and feels he has a rest coming. During the next year he will be absent from the city much of the time, traveling and enjoying life with his family.

Hatpins Too Long.

Hatpins more than two inches long are not liked by Representative Farrell. He introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for any one to sell or have in his possession such an article, and provides a fine of from \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment from 10 days to three months. Farrell also introduced a bill making all stockholders of savings banks in Oregon liable for double the amount of their stock in case of failure of the institution.

The published statements that Representative Barrett of Umatilla, voted for Chamberlain yesterday under protest, are incorrect. He declared unreservedly his loyalty to Chamberlain,

saying the latter would fill the position with honor and dignity to the state and himself.

Hobson, the man arrested two nights ago, charged with having robbed a man named Olsen, was released last evening on grounds of insufficient evidence.

SLEW COYOTE WITH CLUB.

Fred Geibel Kills Full Grown Coyote in East La Grande.

Fred Geibel, manager of the Fair store, has a destructive disposition. Today he spied a real live coyote prowling about his back yard at his residence in East La Grande, and without giving the coyote a chance to defend himself, slew the animal with a club. It is certainly seldom that coyotes are daring enough to brave the kitchen door region in quest of juicy chickens.

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