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POPULISM ONCE MORE

Kansas has spoken on the political question and it carries quite a meaning. Yesterday that state in her primary election voted on the insurgent side of the question from top to bottom. Thus we have once more a wave of populism shooting across the country.

Insurgency such as they have in Kansas is not far removed from the "flat" days when people there advocated the government setting printing presses to work to grind out money with which to pay all indebtedness. It is similar to principles advocated by Mary Ellen Lease, General Weaver and the late Jerry Simpson.

And the wave will not be long in spreading, so all may prepare for one of those bewhiskered campaigns of old when there was ranting and tearing of hair.

But look at the personnel of leadership in Kansas today and at the same time note the inconsistency of mankind. William Allen White, whose fame started when he wrote "What's the Matter with Kansas?" is now an insurgent. He is following close in line with the old "hoopakirt" that he preached about in his celebrated poem. Senator Joe Bristow was during the other populist craze a strict party man following closely in the path of Cy Leland, political boss of Kansas since the civil war. Bristow was content to be in line for an appointment in those days, and he received what he was looking for with the help of Cy Leland.

The regulars in this campaign were Phil Campbell, Old Man Calderhead, Charlie Curtis, William E. Stanley, and a score of others, and they were regular republicans during the days when it was necessary to fight populism. They will be republicans when the present wave has subsided in Kansas.

And this goes to show that politics does make strange bed fellows.

BOWERMAN AND STATE HOUSE GRAFT

Acting Gov. Jay Bowerman has raised a question that every taxpayer is interested in. He would like to see supplies for the various institutions purchased in such a manner that the state would receive the lowest possible price.

For years it has been common knowledge that institutions at Salem were almost forced to buy their supplies at the state capital and no jobber outside of Salem dealers could get a look-in when it came to handling state contracts. Bowerman takes a stand that the business of Oregon is a public matter and any dealer in the state has a right to bid on articles to be used by the state. This is eminently the correct way to view things and Bowerman will lose no friends by being frank in this matter as he is and has been in all others.

If Oregon would pay more attention to such good common sense movements as this one and spend less time waving alleged reform banners, she would show more symptoms of sanity and the taxpayers would be called upon for less money each year.

If Colonel Hofer and Judge Dimick and a dozen other candidates for governor ever center on one of their number to take up the fight against Bowerman, will not the people at once realize the inconsistency of these men who are yelping long and loud against organization? Not one of the candidates dare pull out of the gubernatorial race without publicly admitting by that act he is in the political game and believes in concentrating the forces opposed to assembly candidates on one candidate, who will not only be the product of an assembly, but a secret assembly at that.

Realization of what great values we have at home seems to be at last dawning on many La Grande people. Some have found that Wireless stock is a costly dream, others have found distant real estate slow in returns, while still others firmly realize stock in rubber plantations is a long, tedious wait. Local real estate men inform the Observer of late that demand from home people for local fruit land is strong. All of which is pleasing to know.

August will witness more people camping on the hills and in the cañons of Eastern Oregon this season than ever before. Each season the desire to flee to the wild increases. It seems to be more pleasant a task to scratch mosquito bites than to keep house, and that is all right. People like a change and they should have it.

The fruit crop in the Grande Ronde is what might properly be termed a bumper crop this year. It will bring in a handsome return to the growers, which, taken in connection with all of the other interests, will keep the Grande Ronde at the head of the list in Oregon just as she has stood for so these many years.

It looks as if the bridge fight in Portland is about a draw.

CANDIDATE'S CARD

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

Legal Notice.

In the county court of the state of Oregon for Union County.

In the matter of the organization of the La Grande Irrigation District in Union County, Oregon.

PETITION.

To the Honorable County Court of Union County, Oregon:

We, the undersigned petitioners, consisting of more than fifty holders of title to lands in Union County, Oregon, susceptible of irrigation from a common or combined source, namely, from the waters of the Grande Ronde River and its tributaries, and by a system of works consisting of reservoirs, dams, canals and distributing ditches built, constructed and maintained, upon said Grande Ronde river and its tributaries in Union County, Oregon, for reservoiring, storing, diverting, conducting and distributing the waters of said stream over said lands for irrigating purposes, and all of which lands title to which is held by your petitioners are situated within the boundaries of the Irrigation District herein petitioned for, do hereby petition your Hon. Court and pray that the same may be organized into an irrigation district under the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, entitled "An act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes," approved February 20th, 1895, and amendments thereto, and which irrigation district shall be named and known as the La Grande Irrigation District and is and shall be bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 5, Tp. 3 S. R. 38 E. W. M., thence south to the SE corner of the SW 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 8, same township and range, thence east to the SE corner of said Sec. 8, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 of said Sec. 8, thence east to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 Sec. 9, same township and range, thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 16, same township and range, thence east to the SE corner of SW 1-4 of Sec. 15, same township and range, thence south to the SE corner of SW 1-4 Sec. 27, same township and range, thence east to the NE corner of NW 1-4 Sec. 35, thence south to the center of Sec. 2, tp. 4, S. R. 38 E. W. M., thence east to the SE corner of the NE 1-4 Sec. 6, Tp. 4, S. R. 39, E. W. M., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 30, Tp. 3 S. R. 39 E. W. M., thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 21, Tp. 3, S. R. 39 E. W. M., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 21, same township and range, thence east to the SE corner of the SW 1-4 Sec. 15, same township and range, thence north to the NE corner of the NW 1-4 of said Sec. 15, thence west to the NW corner of said Sec. 15, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 Sec. 4, Tp. 3 S. R. 39, thence west to the center of said Sec. 4, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 of the NW 1-4 of Sec. 33, tp. 2 S. R. 39, E. W. M., thence west to the NW corner of the SE 1-4 of the NW 1-4 Sec. 33, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 29, in Tp. 2 S. R. 39, thence west to the center of Sec. 26, Tp. 2 S. R. 38, thence south to the SW corner of the NW 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of said Sec. 26, thence east to the SE corner of the NE 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of said Sec. 26, thence south to the SE corner of the NE 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 35, Tp. 2 S. R. 38, thence west to the SW corner of the NE 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 35, thence south to the SE corner of the SW 1-4 of said Sec. 35, thence west to the SW corner of said Sec. 35, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 of the NE 1-4 of Sec. 34, Tp. 2 S. R. 38, thence west to the NW corner of the SW 1-4 of the NE 1-4 of said Section 34, thence north to the NW corner of the SW 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of Section 27, thence east to the SE corner of the NE 1-4 of the SE 1-4 of said Sec. 27, thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 of said Sec. 27, thence west to the SW corner of the SE 1-4 of the NW 1-4 of Sec. 27, thence north to the NW corner of the NE 1-4 of the NW 1-4 of the NW 1-4 of said Sec. 27, thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 22, Tp. 2 S. R. 38 E. W. M., thence north to the NE corner of the SE 1-4 Sec. 15, Tp. 2 S. R. 38 E. W. M., thence west to the center of said Sec. 15, thence south to the center of Sec. 22, Tp. 2 S. R. 38 E. W. M., thence west to the NW corner of the SW 1-4 of said Sec. 22, thence south to the SW corner of said Sec. 22, thence west to the SW corner of

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Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 29th day of July, 1910.

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NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the above named petitioners will present to the County Court of Union County, Oregon, at the court house in La Grande, on the 7th day of September, 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., the foregoing petition for the organization of an Irrigation District, to be known and designated as the La Grande Irrigation District, bounded and described as in the foregoing petition published herewith and as a part hereof, under an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, entitled, "An Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes, and for other and similar purposes," and all persons interested in the organization of said district or in fixing of the boundaries thereof, are hereby notified to be present and present any objections they may have thereto at said time or such further time as the court may fix for the hearing of said petition.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this July 21st, 1910.

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