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STRAY SHEEP AND BLACK SHEEP

The Oregonian refers to those who left republican ranks nationally during the last campaign as "stray" sheep and says the problem is, "how to get these stray sheep back into the fold."

The answer to this question is very simple indeed. Let the "fold" rid itself of the "black" sheep and the wolves. Any school boy who reads knows that the national republican party of Lincoln, of Grant, of Blaine and of McKinley, has fallen into the hands of a bunch of robbing vampires; that these vampires care nothing for party principle and loyalty but merely wish to dominate the party for what gain is obtainable. And we believe the Oregonian is well aware of this condition. It knows very well there can be no reorganization of the republican party in the nation at the present time without members of the republican national committee holding a majority of the stock in the reorganization. This alone prevents uniting of the "stray" sheep. The bone and sinew of each party is the same—the voting lines are composed of men who are loyal Americans, but those who pose as national leaders of the republican party will not give way to honest men of their party without a fierce struggle and who will force that struggle. The whole matter of getting the

"stray" sheep back in the fold is easily accomplished if the "black" sheep and the wolves are eliminated.

This applies to the nation and not to Oregon, for there is not and has not been any political party for several years.

A harmony call to republicans from Frank Davey of Burns sounds as hollow as does the croaking of a frog in a well. Mr. Davey's republicanism cannot be questioned when it is known that he has been receiver of the Burns land office for some time. Sitting on the wide plains of Harney county it is possible he can develop an idea that will work out beautifully, but thus far he has overlooked the fundamental principle of his task. Parties died in Oregon when the direct primary law was enacted, but many of us did not realize it for some time, and there are a great number including Mr. Davey and the Oregonian who cannot come to a full realization of that fact as yet.

Mayor Rushlight of Portland would like to run again for mayor, but he was elected by the labor people, and lately he has been flirting with some of the brass collars in the metropolis. Now he is looking for his voting strength and he finds it not.

Tom Neuhausen, a very able and likeable gentleman, has displaced George Arthur Brown, as state chairman of the Progressive organization. Mr. Neuhausen is a man of affairs and capable of making his presence felt in the state.

JAMES G. BLAINE'S MARVELOUS MEMORY.

Brand Whitlock, the present mayor of Toledo, Ohio, writing his personal reminiscences in the February American Magazine, tells the following story of an experience he had with James G. Blaine, when, as a reporter, he was assigned to report a speaking tour with Blaine:

"For a young correspondent who had an eager curiosity about life, it was an interesting experience to go on a journey. I remember my delight in being assigned to a little trip down through Indiana with James G. Blaine. He was then secretary of state in President Harrison's cabinet, and unhappy, as most men are apt to be in public position, though a sort of cruel and evil fascination will not let them give up the vain pursuit of them—vainest perhaps when they are won.

"When I reached the station Mr. Blaine was already there, walking up and down the platform arm in arm with his son Emmons. He was a gray man, dressed in gray clothes, with spats made of the cloth of his habit and there was about him an air of vague sadness, which in his big countenance became almost a pain, although just then in the companionship of the son he loved, there was for a little while the expression of a mild happiness, maybe a solace. William Walter Phelps, then our minister to Germany, was traveling with him, and on the way down to South Bend the constant entrance of plain citizens from the other coaches into our car filled Mr. Phelps with a kind of wonder. Commercial travelers,

farmers, all sorts and conditions of men came and introduced themselves to Mr. Blaine, and he sat and talked with them all in that simplicity which makes the manners, even if it has departed from the spirit, of the republic.

"It is a remarkable sight," said Mr. Phelps to us reporters, "a sight you would witness in no other country in the world. There is the premier of a great government and yet the commonest man may approach him without ceremony, and talk to him as though he were nobody."

"With my interest in the tariff question, which then seemed to me so fundamental, I did not lose the opportunity to ask Mr. Blaine about his reciprocity project; but after a while the conversation turned to more personal subjects. When he learned I was from Ohio, he asked me suddenly if I could name the counties that formed the several congressional districts of the state. I could not, of course, do that, and I supposed no one in the world could do it or ever went to do it; but he could, and with a naive pride in the accomplishment he did, and then astounded me by saying that he could almost match the feat with any state in the union."

HOW IT FEELS IN A BALLOON FOUR MILES UP IN THE AIR.

In the February American Magazine Augustus Post, writing the "Experiences of an Airman," tells as follows how it feels to be up in the air four miles in a balloon:

"Mr. Harmon and I made the American duration record, 48 hours and 26 minutes, or more than two days in the air. I must turn aside to speak of this trip, for on this occasion we had sailed all over the central west, Arkansas, Indian Territory, and the 'Houn' Dawg state, as anyone would recognize who had had occasion to learn how far the real animal's voice can penetrate, especially upward to a balloon high above the clouds. During this trip Mr. Harmon and I reached very high altitudes. We established the American record for altitude, and reached a point considerably over four miles above the surface of the earth, our instruments registering 24,200 feet according to our measurements. At this great height our sensations were of a different nature from anything ever experienced on earth. The air is very rare, only about one half the density of that on the surface of the earth and consequently you feel a great relief of pressure, and while sitting still, as is necessary in a balloon basket, you feel light as a feather, and as if you had no body at all. Your breathing is almost twice as rapid as on the earth, for you must get double the volume of air for an amount of oxygen equal to what you are accustomed to. Of course, if you did any physical work such as mountain climbers do, you would soon be completely exhausted. You sit like a majestic condor peacefully in your basket, looking about and gazing down below on the great earth, stretched far beneath you, hazy and dim, sometimes hardly distinguishable for the thin stratum of cirrus clouds which at different elevations slightly veil the distinctness of the far-stretching earth below.

"Below you, when the mists and 'liberty scarfs' that veil the face of the earth thin away, you could see at his great height, not the mere seven miles that is all the curvature of the earth would let you see at its surface, but more than three hundred miles in

every direction; or, to make the picture more clear, you could see all of the middle states, or all of the country between New York and Cleveland and it would look almost exactly like those great maps on the walls of the new Pennsylvania station in New York City."

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Vocational training in connection with the city schools is coming in innovation in the educational system of this country. Its unusual use may not occur for some time but it is on the way, as indicated by the interest which has been manifested in many American cities by educators, social workers and business organizations. Illinois has secured an early start toward the introduction of vocational training, or the continuation school, through the enterprise of its chief commercial organization in sending an educator to Germany to make an extensive study of the German system. With his report as a basis, a bill is to be presented to the Illinois legislature at the next session for the establishment of vocational training in the state.

Vocational training is a many-sided proposition, as has been learned in the countries where it exists in varied forms. It concerns the educators because it is related closely to the training of the child; it affects social workers because its application is an agency to increase the number of skilled workers and consequently has a tendency to raise the standard of living; it touches business men because it aims to encourage industry and skilled mechanical knowledge in the youth of the country, thereby enlarging the productive power of the people as a whole and increasing the opportunities for commercial and manufacturing development.

It has been found advisable by the state superintendent of education in Michigan to include a course of agricultural study in the work of the eighth grade students in the rural schools this year. It is assumed that the introduction of this course is merely a start toward the development of a scientific knowledge of agriculture in the country districts. The introduction of the course is highly commendable and will serve a useful purpose. But the children of the rural districts are not alone in their lack of practical education of a commercial value. There are thousands of boys in the city schools who leave the school to enter the factory. They are not especially fitted for the work at the time they start. Is it not reasonable to believe that vocational training, conducted under competent supervisors in some of our industrial institutions, will bring to the city boy the same good results from technical knowledge along lines as are sure to follow the scientific study of agriculture in the rural school?

It may be of doubtful advisability in the minds of some to introduce commercialism and industrialism so early in the life of a child. But this is a commercial age, and if the boy and girl do not learn this fact at school they are brought to a quick realization of it when they enter business life. The whole question is to determine whether or not it is advisable to substitute in the education of a certain proportion of the children a practical training of acknowledged commercial value for a training in subjects which are of little use to them.

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