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THE PEOPLE'S PARTY IS DEAD.

A Mere Cipher in Itself, it is Absorbed by the Democratic Party.

The national People's Party convention was held in St. Louis July 22-25, and the announcement of the result of it all is to the effect that the party has begun to "sleep the sleep that knows no waking," evidencing by its own conduct the party did not afford a man capable of properly discharging the duties of the presidency.

The populists never vary from their established rule of doing things backward, and before they had decided upon their presidential candidate, or whether they would have one or not, they nominated their vice-president, Watson.

Saturday afternoon, some of the leaders succeeded in convincing the convention that the only "practical" thing to do was to endorse the presidential candidate of the Democratic party, and after much "jangling," the assenting ballot was taken—they had done it; voted their own death sentence.

They were not successful, however, in placing the People's Party platform under their endorsement. A communication from Bryan stated that he could accept the endorsement only on the Democratic platform—thus the platform of the People's Party plays no part in the campaign.

The endorsement of the Democratic platform is favorably received by some members of the People's Party, while others look upon it with great disfavor, and a split in the party is the inevitable result. Some do not object to having a Populist "physician," but are strictly averse to having him prescribe the Democratic "pill"—they can't swallow it.

The issue of the campaign is now straight Gold vs. Silver, with the tariff a secondary item. Republicanism and life, or Democracy and death!

Weight of American Coins.

The gold eagle weighs 270 grains.
The \$5 gold piece weighs 135 grains.
The \$20 gold piece weighs 516 grains.
The trade dollar weighs 420 grains.
The 10-cent piece weighs 41.5 grains.
The 20-cent piece weighs 77.46 grains.
The bronze cent piece weighs 48 grains.
The gold dollar coin weighs 25.8 grains.
The cent nickel piece weighs 72 grains.
The half-cent copper piece weighed 132

grains.

The silver 5-cent piece weighs 20.8

The 2-cent bronze piece weighs 96

The "dollar of our daddies" weighs 416 grains.

The common quarter of silver weighs

104 grains.

The 3-cent silver piece weighed 12.375

grains.

The 5-cent nickel piece weighs 77.16

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The fineness of our gold coins is about 90 per cent.

The old-fashioned copper cent weighed 264 grains.

The quarter eagle, or \$2.50 gold piece, weighs 67½ grains.

The 3-cent nickel piece, now discontinued, weighed 30 grains.

The standard dollar weighs 412½ grains, the half-dollar 208 grains.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

No Market for Ashland Peaches.

Ashland Alexandria peaches are selling in Portland at a very low price, on account of the market being well stocked with California Crawfords-in fact, there is no market at all for Ashland peaches, and Portland commission men are advising local merchants not to ship. Had there been a full peach crop here this year, things would have been in a much worse condition than they are. Orchardmen would have been out a great deal of money and labor for thinning and picking, while the peaches would not bring enough to offset the expenditure for boxes, paper and packing. Taking into consideration the amount of peaches that would go to waste, the people of Ashland have just cause to be thankful that they have no abundant crop of peaches this year. Then, too, the disappointment of pecuniary realization would have some effect.

Grand Reunion.

Active preparations have already been begun for the Old Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion and Encampment to be held in Ashland August 11-15. Last Friday morning, workmen began to construct the large pair of arches across Main street. The framework was finished by Saturday noon, and it now remains to be covered with green boughs to make a very beautiful and attractive effect.

. Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Ashland, Oregon, Post Office, July 27, 1896:

Baker, E. A., Ethridge, S., Larson, R, Smith, Florence. Persons calling for same will please

say "advertised."
W. H. Brunk, P. M.

A correspondent writes that he would like to become an editor. You would, son? You would, eh? Well, after you become an editor and write, "I kissed her under the silent stars," and the compositor sets it up, "I kicked her under the cellar stairs," you will just ache to grow bow-legged following a pair of oxen along a furrow across a forty acre field.—Solomon Sentinel.

The Advertiser has just received a new stock of best eastern newspaper. It is much better than we have been using. How do you like it?

On a Tour Around the World.

William S. Charles, of Columbia, Ohio, made the Advertiser a call last Thursday. Mr. Charles, whose corresponding name is Frank Attwood, started from Columbia April 10, 1896, on a tour around the world, "any way to get there." He is not traveling on a wager, but "on his own hook," as he expressed it. His object is to reach India, where he will make research into certain subjects of scientific interest. He arrived in Ashland from the north, traveling south, observing the country and taking notes as he goes. He informed us that he will spend some time in California before crossing the Pacific. Mr. Charles is a member of the Typographical Union.

Money in Farming.

It is a notable fact that all farming interests improve where it is possible to utilize the water that the wells on the place will produce. How few people think of the value of water for irrigation, and what could be produced at a minimum cost if it were used. The question has been heretofore how to get the water to the surface economically, and this has been accomplished by the use of Gasoline or Kerosene Oil Gas Engine manufactured by Palmer and Rey Type Foundry, 405 Sansome street, San Francisco, California.

Central Point Pointers.

July 22.-Too late for last issue.

Mrs. J. J. Priddy, of this place, died last Friday evening, July 17, of Typhoid fever. Interment in Central Point cemetery.

A goodly number of Central Pointers and others are now rusticating in the mountains, fishing and enjoying the mountain scenery.

Booth Lee and family arrived home yesterday from Applegate, where he has been working on the mining ditch taken from the Applegate river.

J. J. Priddy, who had partially recovered from a previous illness, is now, through the affliction of the death of his wife, confined to his bed again.

Samuel McClendon and wife, nee Miss Lauria Coakley, of this place, returned home last week from California, where they had been on their wedding tour.

A. S. Jacobs, of this place, and George Givan and family, of Butte Creek, contemplate taking a trip to Dead Indian and the soda springs shortly, to remain a week or two.

Miss Cora Brown, who is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Holmes, of this place, made a visit to her parents and friends at Eagle Point last Sunday, accompanied by Miss Mary Jacobs.

" M."

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