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Coming Political Events.
Democratic National Convention, June 21.
Presidential election, November 3.

JACKSON county did itself credit by electing Charley Nickell to the next legislature. Here is our Charley; shake.

NEW YORK'S vote is necessary to elect a Democratic president, but it is not necessary to nominate a Democratic candidate. It is just as well to bear this in mind.

It makes one feel sad to read the refrains of the Newport Times over the Republican defeat in Benton county. Cheer up, Bro. Davis; there is a better time coming.

MRS. BLAINE is reported to have telegraphed to the young hopeful at Chicago: "Pa will accept." Emmons is beginning early to assume a succession to "Prince Russ."

THE Oregonian is trying very hard to patch up the rents made in the Republican garment. It is of no avail; it is clear there has been a decrease in the Republican vote all over the state.

WHY did not the Republican papers speak of Horr as an "import," as they did of Irish four years ago? O consistency, whether hast thou flown; and what kind of a jewel are you, anyway?

THE citizens' ticket is up again in Portland, and the determination to down both Simon and Lotan is stronger than ever. The Oregonian is strongly for the citizens' ticket. *Leben sie wohl*, Messrs. Simon and Lotan.

THE Falls City posters for the Fourth of July will be out next week. Everybody is now talking of going to Falls City to celebrate and cool off, and get a breath of the pure balsam air. Ho! for FALLS CITY. Take the motor line, it runs every hour.

A WORTHY contemporary declares it would have been "peculiarly bad breeding" for Blaine and Harrison to have exchanged the ordinary official courtesies at parting. It would, then, be the height of discourtesy for one of these two great men "to support the other for the presidency."

THE tin-plate liar is exposed by Bradstreet, which, as is well known, is a non-partisan and a very careful business paper. It says that the total tin plate manufactured for the nine months ending April 1, 1892, is five and a quarter millions of pounds, which would not supply the home demand for twenty-four hours.

"NEVER before in the history of the country," says the Oregonian, "has there been so great a decline in the prices of the necessities of life as has taken place within the past year." This must indeed be gratifying news to the people who have invested their money in the manufacturing enterprises which are necessary to produce these "necessaries of life."

THE late Senator Horr, of Michigan, also late of the New York Herald, was an import the Republicans employed during the campaign just closed in Oregon. The latest returns from Oregon, and particularly from Multnomah county, place the Democrats under everlasting obligations for this act of kindness, as the Republicans have duly returned the compliment tendered them four years ago in the distinguished imported orator, Col. John P. Irish, of California. Honors are about even, except that Irish is much the better speaker of the two.

MRS. LEASE made a good point in saying that it was unnecessary to introduce testimony from members of the People's party as to the condition of the industrial classes in this country, "for," she said, "it is only necessary for me to put Republican or Democratic witnesses on the stand, and they will do all the 'calamity howling' necessary." In this connection it may not be amiss to quote from that good Republican authority, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, of the national labor bureau, who, in his report on "Industrial Depressions," published in 1886, says 7.5 per cent, or about 1,000,000, of the workmen and women of this country, were at that time in a state of involuntary idleness. And in the same report he estimates that in the most prosperous industrial periods, at least

2 per cent of the working force of the country is unable to find employment. We especially commend Mr. Wright's report to the Oregonian, a paper which insists, in the face of the statistics to the contrary, that there is "work enough for all."

All in all, the Australian system of voting is a great success, in that it protects the voter in the exercise of his franchise; and on the other hand, the bootler is afraid to trust a voter who will sell his vote; for a man who is so devoid of honor as to sell his franchise for a few dollars, is so dishonest that even the vote purchaser will not trust him out of his sight lest he might sell to the other fellow. Besides, as he is entirely alone when he makes out his ticket, the vote-buyer must trust wholly to the seller's honesty, and as the buyer knows the seller is utterly devoid of honor, of course he will never trust him out of his sight. The new ballot law has come to stay.

A STRONG TICKET.

Nothing but purling partisanship, or party zeal bordering on insanity, can but see that the Minneapolis Republican convention has put forward a very strong ticket in the nominations of Benjamin Harrison and Whitlaw Reid for president and vice president. Harrison is the strongest man to-day in the Republican party for president of the United States of America. Now if the Democrats at Chicago will put a strong ticket in the field, one that can carry New York, then the Democrats will have a good show to win. Without New York, in our opinion neither party can elect.

The parties in this country are so evenly balanced that New York is always not only uncertain, but is necessary, and is therefore a fighting ground for each party.

The people's party is an unknown but very dangerous quantity in this presidential contest. It is against the Republicans in the North and the Democrats in the South. Harrison is personally known to the people of the United States in his public relations, and no serious charge can be laid at his door. Whitlaw Reid is a greater scholar and an abler man than Harrison, but is not poised so well in his makeup. Reid is far superior to Levi P. Morton in every particular except wealth.

Of course Mr. Reid has a difficulty on hand with the union printers of New York, numbering eight or ten thousand voters, which will hurt him considerably in that state, and will correspondingly weaken the ticket. His attempt on the eve of his nomination to bridge the chasm, was made to order, and for the occasion, but the trouble is there, as you will see later on. Nevertheless the ticket is a strong one personally, and the Democrats will be under the necessity of putting forth as strong a ticket, which they can do by making wise selections; and then the battle will proceed. A strong, conservative ticket by the Democrats will make a victory possible for the Democracy; otherwise, otherwise.

THE PRESS VINDICATED.

That man Webster whom the Republicans put upon their state ticket for attorney general, is the same apology whom the fool Democrats assisted to the office of the circuit judgeship in Jackson county, the same man who never had a case in the circuit court at the time of his election, and he is the affable, thin-skinned idealist, whose conscience is more sensitive than his skin, this is the man that attempted to gag the press, and because the editor, Kaiser, of the Valley Record, reviewed his imbecility and downright injustice, this same Webster arraigned him before his court and fined the editor and ordered him to jail. At the earliest possible moment the supreme court of this state reversed Webster, and set Kaiser free. Webster's own county gave two to one votes against him. He deserved this rebuke, and he got it well. The press of Oregon will not down at the bidding of a pitting judge, while it not only respects but protects the judicial ermine when worthily worn. This has been distinctively a newspaper fight, and the people have upheld the freedom of the press. Webster is the worst defeated man in Oregon.

A RINGING LETTER.

EDITOR WEST SIDE: Allow me on behalf of the Farmers' Alliance and other citizens here to publicly congratulate Mr. J. O. Staats on his election by so large a majority. Mr. Staats had the courage of his convictions, and dared to advocate on the stump the exemption of improvements from taxation. This is in line with the position so bravely taken by the WEST SIDE, and shows that the man who will come out squarely for genuine reform in taxation will meet the approval of the people. As Hon. L. B. Cox wrote me some time ago, "The time for speaking under one's breath on public affairs has long since passed," and the man who deals out nothing but time-worn platitudes during a

campaign must expect no hearty endorsements from the people. He may get in by a strict party vote or through the weakness of his opponent. The people want and will soon demand something meaty, the People's party being merely an expression of popular discontent with the pliant politicians who frame the platform and run the machinery of the old parties. Many of the vagaries of the People's party if adopted would paralyze enterprise and enthrone land monopoly in an impregnable position; but its platform does not dodge the issues, is direct and to the point, and has great plausibility with those earnest people who are bent on reform, even if they "kick the beehive over" in the reforming process.

The vote for Mr. Herrmann shows that the people did not go back on him because of his vote for free silver—a manly thing in him in the face of the Oregonian's persistent assaults on free coinage. Mr. Staats can of course accomplish little in behalf of his tax-reform scheme while Oregon's foggy constitution stands in the way, but let the subject once be generally agitated, and the people will sweep away any such old-time obstruction that stands "in the path of progress." WALLACE YATES.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

During the past ten days occurred the arrival and reception of President John M. Bloss, of the State Agricultural College. The reception was the greatest ever given to any teacher in Oregon. While it was announced as informal, band and orchestral music of the highest order was furnished, and a banquet was tendered to all. President Bloss comes with the highest recommendations, and since we have "fought, bled, and died," for the cause of education in general and the Oregon Agricultural College in particular, and have time and again rejoiced to see some of the fruits of this service, it affords us much pleasure to give the following information concerning President Bloss: He is a classical graduate of one of the best Eastern colleges, and one who inspires others by contact to intellectual growth. He is a man of broad experience in the educational field, and one who shows that he knows how and what to do. He is unassuming, prepossessing in appearance, and knows how to meet men, as did his worthy predecessor. He has been superintendent of public instruction of Indiana, has been superintendent of schools of several large cities, and has filled important chairs in two collegiate institutions previous to his election to the presidency of the Agricultural College.

THE convention which nominated Mr. Chamberlain was for Cleveland. The nominee is a strong and avowed anti-Clevelander. He has carried the state, and it may be policy for the Chicago convention to be for Mr. Cleveland, but nominate a man who can get the votes in November.

O, Bro. Nolmer, go and put your head in an icehouse. You know that Chamberlain did not get one solitary vote because he is "anti-Cleveland." He is not an avowed "anti-Clevelander," either. When you half dozen "anti-Clevelanders" in the state of Oregon are dead, do n't you know enough to keep still, or go "where the woodbine twineh," etc! TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA.

INDEPENDENCE, June 13, 1892. MR. EDITOR: I have been requested to write an account of my trip from San Jose, Cal., to this point, so I will oblige your readers. I left the above named place at three p. m., Friday afternoon, and had a lovely trip through the Santa Clara valley, the country looking the best; the hay all cut, grain in first-class order, flowers growing promiscuously along the road and in the fields, making a kaleidoscopic view to the eye, as the train flew along at rapid speed; and at each station there was something attractive to see, riveting in San Francisco at five p. m., we encountered a gale of wind which threatened to demolish our head gear, and blow us into the middle of next moon with our blast; however, we rallied our forces, got into a horse car, and in a short time we were at our destination, surrounded by friends. Next day we went to Golden Gate Park, which is ever new, no matter how many times one visits it. The entrance from the Ellis street cars is through a pretty grove, then we come to a lakelet, in which are black and white swans, pelicans, ducks, etc., all of which children like to feed. Then there is the ring where the wooden animals go by machinery, and the youngsters ride around for a nickel; there are goats drawing carriages, donkeys saddled, and other amusements for the juveniles. The entrancing music by the band is one of the greatest allurements; then the exquisite flowers, rolls, walks, green banks, and comfortable seats, are all temptations to while away a few hours each week in this Eden. Since my last visit there a few weeks ago, they have an immense statue of a baseball thrower, mounted on a high pedestal, which immediately catches the eye; they have also added a buffalo and kid, which to many is a novelty. Sunday afternoon we went by boat to San Rafael, and I was truly amazed at the growth of the town since

I had last seen it, eight years ago. I renewed my acquaintance with the old Episcopal church, which has now many companions of different denominations, and I again saw Mr. Tamm, pale clad in green verdure, looming skyward, and thought of the days gone by, when for many months I saw it daily. We left there with a bunch of beautiful flowers at four p. m., getting through comfortably to the end of the route, and after a good dinner at the symposium, on Powell street, rested awhile, and heard Harrow Davis lecture in the evening. Monday morning, at ten o'clock, the steamer "Williamette Valley" steamed from the sea-wall, section 4, with my humble servant on board, as one of the passengers, of which there were only seven. We had a very enjoyable trip, the ocean being quite calm, the sun shining bright and warm, the wind favorable, and we went speeding along without any disturbing element, and were unanimous in refusing to pay tribute to Neptune. We saw numerous whales, and one day a shark followed us for hours. I presume he wanted a fine fat cat which was on board, or some other little tidbit such as ten cent. The few passengers who met on the steamer harmonized and we were very well nicknamed "The Happy Family." The officers were kind and attentive, the fare good, and no fault could be found with any one. We anchored at Yaquina Bay, and the boat took in the town, but did not point it red; gathered salmon berries and wild flowers, and discovered that very few people were visiting Newport as yet, the weather being tremendous. Thursday morning, at seven, we boarded the cars, and arrived in Corvallis at half past ten, and found the time very long until we got on the west side train, for this town. My feelings were strange as I neared the place where I had so long roared; joy in anticipating meeting my former friends, deep sorrow that I must come alone, and not

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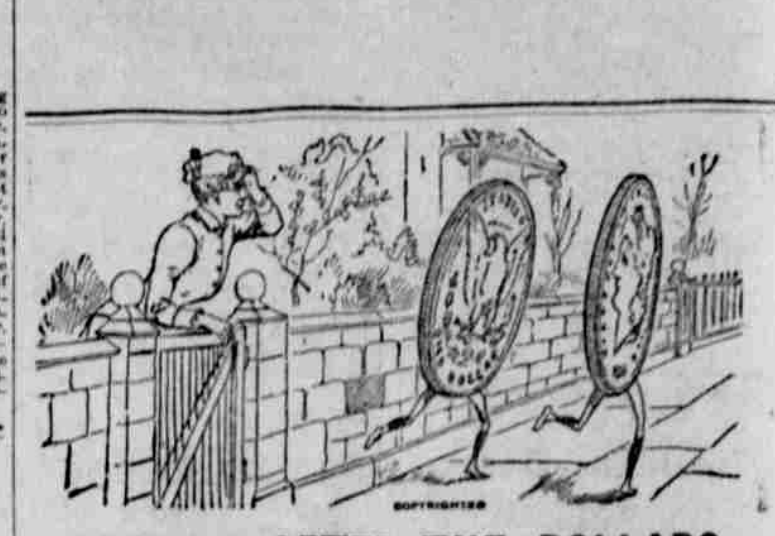
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