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TO THE VOTERS OF POLK.

This is the last issue of the WEST SIDE that will be sent from the office ere the ballots of Polk county voters shall have decided which political party is to have the supremacy and thus control the administration of the county, and possibly the vote cast on the 4th of June may decide the election of a United States senator, and it well behooves all voters to calmly reflect upon the situation, and so vote as to assure us that the senator so elected will reflect the views of the people, and so act in legislative duties as to promote the interests of the state he represents.

The candidates on the republican ticket are all men of known integrity, men of intelligence and ability, and who will conscientiously perform the duties pertaining to the respective offices to which they aspire. They are also advocates of a governmental policy that insures the greatest good to the greatest number; for by laying all partisan prejudice aside one must come to the conclusion that the protection principle as applied to and for our industrial interests is the principle and policy that advances the prosperity of all classes of people and keeps in active operation our mills and factories, which under the threat of a free trade policy has caused our factories to languish and caused our farming and all business interests to suffer a depression never before experienced.

Governor Penoyer is getting all the roasting any man need want, and he deserves it. The increasing figures of his increasing fortune are shown up; his insults to presidents; accepting a great deal more for gubernatorial services than any other governor of Oregon; running down railroad corporations and the pass system, but riding on free passes; entrusting the important duties of his office with his private secretary, while he canvasses the state in hope of a higher office; praising California and damning Oregon; fighting trusts on the stump and being a member of a big lumber combine; shows him to be a man of the people, what is of the people who by hard labor contribute to increase his princely wealth and help to make him one of the monarchs of princely wealth.

The WEST SIDE is now forging right ahead, and we hope to make it the most welcome visitor to every fireside in the county. Our subscription list is increasing, and we tender our regards to old and new subscribers. The encouragement given us during the past few months nerves us to put forth still further efforts to make the WEST SIDE the leading paper of Polk county. Our office door is ever open, and we invite all to give us a call, and they will be gladly welcomed. We extend a friendly "hello" to our patrons.

Under a mistaken idea many good men voted for a change and "Cleveland badges," and the fact is they have more than found it, and them. In '96 there will be a renewal of the patriotism of '91, and the country will have an opportunity for another and more beneficial change, and it will be McKinley and Reed at the head of the "ship of state" with the "breakers" away in the past. Loyalty to the country should be the first consideration. Free trade under any guise the democratic party may call it will never drive in this country.

away in the past. Loyalty to the country should be the first consideration. Free trade under any guise the democratic party may call it will never drive in this country. The fallacies and sophistries of the exponents of the "tariff for revenue only" have had their "innings" and the laboring men, mechanics, farmers and business men generally—like the burnt child that dreads the fire—will never be caught a second time. The people have become educated in the science of political economy, and the wealth of nations, and hereafter will be found sustaining the party of protection to Americans and American industries. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and it behooves all voters to cast their votes for protection.

THIRD PARTIES.

Third parties are ephemeral, and for the occasion, effervescent like the foam which is blown by quick fomentation, as of ginger pop and soda, they do not endure. Made up of the disaffected and discarded of either of the popular parties, leavened with a trace of the active ingredients of both, and open as common refuge for the many rejected spool seekers who are ever quick to grab at anything, as drowning men catch at straws. Third parties enlist recruits, as Sir John Falstaff got his company, without concern as to their worth or mettle. Third parties in the United States have appeared as anti-Masonic, Native American, Know-nothing, and Greenback, and all have in time disappeared. Now there is a populist organization. It has a central platform at Omaha, with station switches in different states and accommodation platforms constructed for incidental happenings. In a few states it has achieved victories; it puts on the rejected cast-off raiment of the defunct organizations and existing parties, anything to win, everything to barter, to swap, or sacrifice for places for its leaders. Oregon wants no such fantastic governmental attire.

It is, of course, highly improbable that any intelligent democrat elected to the legislature would be so false to the interests of the state, or so indifferent to the sentiment of the best element in his party, as to lend his countenance or give his vote to the election of a populist to the United States senate. The people should bear in mind, however, that democrats have done just such things before and the risks now involved are too great to justify any risks of that kind. The only safe course is, to paraphrase a famous order of the immortal Washington at a certain crisis in Continental affairs: "Put none but republicans on guard."

Republican politics are freer from the control of the machine during this campaign than they have been for many years. The nominating convention acted independently of bosses, and consequently candidates were named who are entitled to the full support of the party. The ticket should receive the endorsement of every republican, and the vote cast will be a decision on questions that involve the wel or woe of the nation and the well being of millions of people. Let no republican scratch his ticket, but vote whole and nothing but the whole ticket, and by so doing you will prove that republican principles and policies are in the ascendant.

How can the honest democrats longer remain in the party after it has become so thoroughly imbued with populism? The democrats in this and adjoining counties hope by the aid of the populists to succeed in gaining the legislature, but their hopes are all vain. Populists are not going to tag onto the job tail of the democratic party without a part of the spoils, and democrats do not seem disposed to share with them. When the democratic party goes before the people to give an account of its stewardship, it should put in the plea of insanity.

'Tis the fiat of the Eternal, found within the lids of the Holy Bible, that man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, but our populist friends wish the government to issue flat money to be loaned to them at 2 per cent with which to buy bread whilst they lie in the shade and dream of wealth flowing into their coffers. And yet how are the poor to borrow this fiat money, where is their security, and how are they going to borrow the money without landed security? The poor man, those populists make so much clamor about, will never be able to touch a dollar of it. If such fiat money were issued, the rich, the man who could give good security would soon gain possession of it, and then, the poor man not being able to get hold of it, would more than ever be the slave of the rich. But this irre-

deemable money should ever be issued, our country would have to stand solitary and alone, and have no commercial intercourse with any other nation on earth, for no other nation would have it, and no other country would want to have commercial relations with a country having naught but an irredeemable paper money for the transaction of business one with another. Fiat money and Cozey armies seem to be the mainstay of our populist friends' ambition.

'Tis one of the mysteries of modern times, how the populists can place any confidence in Penoyer. Twice elected governor on the populist ticket by the aid of republicans. When has a man proved so false. Elected on a democratic platform and actually pledged to stand by and espouse the principles of the party, he is engaged in perambulating the state and denouncing his party and the doctrines his party cherish and advocate. Not only is he denouncing his party, the party which elevated him to high official position, abandoning his office and his duties, but he is advocating and espousing the cause of a party whose policy and principles are in direct antagonism to the best interests of the people, and in antagonism to the principles upon which the superstructure of our government is reared. Knowing that Penoyer has been false to his party and his friends, the man who casts his vote so that it may have a tendency to send him to the United States senate, will surely not be exercising his better judgment. Drop Penoyer and let the people have a rest.

THE GREATEST KENTUCKIAN

Perhaps by and by the Kentucky people will begin to think of and be proud of a native of that state who was not impetuous, nor fiery, nor passionate, nor quick to resent imputations and reflections; a man who suffered more insults than any other of his time and bore them with good fortitude; whose unflinching good nature and unwearying patience saved a nation and enfranchised a race, and whose name will live in history when all the chivalry and Finchbeck chivalry who spend their time standing over their honor and going off at half-cock when ever it is blown upon, have passed into oblivion. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

High wages and constant employment insure good markets. People who are earning and producing a good deal can also consume a good deal. Good markets are the life of all trade. Good home markets are the best in the world to secure the happiness of a people in any country. That country which has the best home markets will always be the country that pays the best wages for work, and such country will always accumulate wealth the most rapidly. The United States has possessed all these advantages under a protective tariff for the past thirty years. The threat of free trade has caused disaster to our industries.

The democratic press for thirty years cried out: "Give us power, give us power, power to save!" And when at last the people gave it in full with heaped and rounded measure, they refuse to use it as they promised to use it and stand in legislative halls as helpless as an engine whose fire has been drawn; as much beyond repair as the sunken ship Victoria at the bottom of the Mediterranean sea. Democrats in congress in quarrelling about the shadow lose the substance, and thus has it been with them for the past thirty years.

Free wool will destroy the American wool industry. Then with our 45,000,000 sheep destroyed and the world's supply of wool thus reduced, and with foreign wool growers in control of our wool supply, they will have a monopoly and fix prices themselves higher than under adequate American protection. The man who votes for a party advocating free trade in wool, votes against his own interests and the interests of the sheep industry on the Pacific coast.

Free trade may be seductive as a theory, but several thousand workmen have found that theories don't keep away hunger or put shoes on the children. Democracy and populism are now twin brothers for official preferment and must be relegated to obscurity.

The populists would tax the rich; the democrats the articles necessary for consumption, as these would furnish the greatest amount of revenue. The republicans would tax all imports which can or could be raised or produced by the industry of the American people, and thus, by so doing protect our own industries from the inroads of

the productions of other countries coming into competition with our own. Let us stand by our own industries and our own wage earners by voting for republicans, the true friends of the laborer and the friends of American interests.

"LET NO GUILTY MAN ESCAPE"

This was the command of President Grant when the discovery was made that officials appointed by him had betrayed the trust reposed in him. So let us say, let no republican escape who violates the principles of his party by voting against the nominees of the party, and by so doing place in power men antagonistic to republican principles. Republican principles and policies are the most conducive to the public welfare, and to the perpetuity of our government.

The Salem Statesman of May 27th, says there are three classes of men who deserve a rich reward this year, and that they will get it. These men are: (1) the democrat who votes the republican ticket; (2) the republican who votes the republican ticket straight; (3) the democrat who votes the democratic ticket straight. No reward awaits the populist, but only regret that he listened to the siren song of Penoyer, and then abandoned his party organization to follow an ignis fatuus to lead him on to defeat. "Turn, turn, beguiled one, ere it is too late."

VOTE YOUR TICKET.

This is no year for scratching, especially for protectionists. Vote the republican ticket straight, and lay one stepping stone for national success in 1896. In this election let every man of whatever political belief support his party ticket. The idea of republicans supporting the nominees of the populist party, is a sacrifice of principle and reflections; a man who suffered more insults than any other of his time and bore them with good fortitude; whose unflinching good nature and unwearying patience saved a nation and enfranchised a race, and whose name will live in history when all the chivalry and Finchbeck chivalry who spend their time standing over their honor and going off at half-cock when ever it is blown upon, have passed into oblivion. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

Elect the entire republican ticket this year and see how prosperous times will again come to us as in days when republican principles had full ascendancy in the government. If you want our factories set in motion, your produce to bring fair prices; vote the republican ticket.

If the democratic congress, in its desire to economize, grows niggardly and pernicious in dealing with the American people, to benefit those of other nations, it should be wiped out, and the quicker the better. We want prosperity at home, no matter what may be the cost.

More compromises have been entered into in the Wilson bill than were adopted in all the tariff measures combined which the republicans enacted. And the worst of it is the bulk of the democrats think the compromises have made the bill worse instead of better.

This is the year to elect the entire republican ticket. The men composing it are all of them above reproach. Every republican should stand by his colors and vote the ticket straight from the top to bottom.

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FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. For Representative in Congress Ringer Hermann. THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. For Circuit Judge, H. H. Hewitt, of Linn county. For District Attorney, Jas. McCain, of Yamhill county. Member Board of Equalization, N. D. Gibson, of Polk county.

County Republican Ticket. For Representatives, Ira S. Smith, of Monmouth, D. L. Key, of Perrydale. For Sheriff, H. B. Plummer, of Dallas. For Clerk, B. F. Mulkey, of Dallas. For Treasurer, H. B. Cosper, of Dallas. For School Superintendent, T. O. Hutchinson, of Dallas. For Commissioner, James Helmick, of Suver. For Assessor, C. W. Beckett, of Eola. For Surveyor, Edgar Collins, of Dallas. For Coroner, Dr. E. L. Ketchum, of Independence.

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