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THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

The Oregon legislature, just a few minutes before 12 o'clock last Saturday night elected Geo. W. McBride, ex-secretary of state, as United States senator to take his seat on March 4, 1885, and succeeded Hon. J. N. Dolph. Thus ended the deadlock in the Oregon legislature and now the people will have time to breathe and consider the result. As far as the WEST SIDE is concerned the election of Mr. McBride is entirely satisfactory. We shall have an Oregon born boy, of undoubted integrity, nobility of purpose and sound financial ideas to represent us in the United States senate. In an interview with a representative of the Oregonian Mr. McBride expressed himself as follows on the financial question:

"It is evident that there is need of reform in the financial system of the country, and it is my belief that such reform must proceed upon the line of the last republican national platform. I believe that a return to the republican policy of protection is essential to the restoration of the national finances to a healthy condition. I am also confident that the republican party, when it secures control of all the branches of national government, will solve the economic and financial problems now before the country in a way which will restore prosperity to all the great industries of the nation."

We fail to see where any victory was gained by the bolters after the long protracted struggle.

At one time in the history of Cincinnati, the building of a railroad meant either prosperity or the greatest depression in the trade of that city, and the way to build the road was by the citizens furnishing the capital. They were equal to the emergency and the railroad was built. Independence is in a like position now. We have a river on which steamboats can give us even hourly service, if necessary, both to Salem and Albany, but the country tributary to us can only be developed by means of railroad transportation. Shall we remain long idle and allow conditions to arise, which may forever cut us off from connecting ourselves with the outlying country? Shall our people remain longer indifferent to the substantial benefits to be gained by extending feeder roads, or shall we unite and build them? It is a question in which all should feel an interest. It is not a problem, which will work its own solution, but one requiring local effort. Are we equal to the occasion? The value of the property in Independence and Monmouth will pass the half-million dollar mark, and an increase of that value twenty-five per cent would build a railroad to open new trading territory. Are our people ready to show enough public enterprise to increase values to that extent or even more? The solution of a railroad to unsettled portions of Polk county depends upon such public spirit.

The legislature of Oregon, which has just adjourned, has done the republican party an injury from which it will have great difficulty in gaining redress. It was not a convention of patriotic men, but of narrow-minded politicians. Those who tolled the republican caucus will be held in memory as in a large part directly responsible for the failure of this legislature to enact useful legislation or carry out the pledges of the party which were honestly made, but which were not carried out. It did not represent the republican party of Oregon. The representative from Polk county who was presented with a petition from 95 out of the 114 delegates who nominated him, to stand by the caucus nominees, may think his actions above reproach, but such men are not to be trusted by any party.

Senator-elect McBride graduated from the Christian college at Monmouth, and Polk county can justly feel a pride in his selection as United States senator at Washington and all will feel that Polk county will have a friend in the halls of congress, for no one ever remains long in Polk but learns to love its whole-souled people, and acknowledge its superiority over any other portion of Oregon in giving it the name of "Garden Spot of Oregon." We may look for energetic work by

It remains to be seen whether the Rothschilds will direct the United States treasury any better, under their very profitable combination has done. The ability of the new financial directors is unquestioned, but it is more likely to be used for their own benefit than for the people of the United States.

The man who continues to advocate the free coinage of silver on the plea that silver and gold can be maintained in circulation together, is either dishonest or ignorant. The only practical question is whether the gold standard shall be maintained, or whether a silver standard, with its attendant depreciation and repudiation, shall be established. If gold payments are not continued at the treasury, the country will settle down to a silver basis, without the necessity of laws putting it there. -Dallas Observer.

Mr. Cleveland sold those bonds \$9,000,000 below the market price, and he gave away \$16,000,000 which the people will have to pay in extra interest during the thirty years the bonds will run. Still there are people who pretend to be surprised at the wave of indignation that has swept over the country.

The farmers in this vicinity report all kinds of grain growing nicely. The beautiful weather which has continued most all winter has been conducive to the growing grain. Unless the unexpected happens Oregon will have one of the largest yields of grain and fruit on record. Oregon's climate cannot be beaten.

It is fortunate for the editors of America that the Chinese custom of beheading editors who criticize the government, does not prevail with us. There are not enough American editors who have not criticized the present administration to form a corporal's guard.

It seems now that there is actually a doubt as to whether congress will even succeed in disposing of all the regular appropriation bills before its death. What a relief it will be when the republican congress gets to work.

According to the report of the senate Father Time's old hen is said to be setting on the egg that is to hatch a new political party, on or about March 4, 1885. Why not hurry the hatching by using an incubator?

The last legislature failed to abolish any of the state commissions, and on account of the senatorial deadlock no new commissioners were elected consequently the old boards hold over for another two years.

Senator Hill resented being told by Senator Hale that he was unduly anxious to secure action upon a bill chartering a Washington suburb railway and then proceeded to prove Senator Hale's words.

Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people, and not by a legislature. Petitions should be circulated and pressure be brought to bear on congress to enact legislation in that line.

Desha Breckinridge has been appointed an income tax collector, but that doesn't worry his silver-tongued pop, whose income will be much below the taxable stage after the 4th of March.

Jerry Simpson is said to be jealous of Lafe Pence's success in hitching onto a plutocratic salary. Probably Lafe will not give him the correct information as to how it was done.

The only defense of Mr. Cleveland made by Senator Hill was his statement that Mr. Cleveland had done the best he could, if that may be called a defense.

Didn't somebody say "scratch a professional reformer and you'll find a professional office-seeker?" What was the matter with the Oregon legislature?

Even Mr. Cleveland will admit now that it has not been lack of management so much as lack of votes which has blocked his ideas in congress.

Senator Hill also failed in the great financial straddle act which has heretofore been so fatal to the contortionists of the congressional circus.

Now that St. Louis has Editor Jones back, her papers will use more red ink. Jones is fond of everything red, except blood.

college (now the state normal school at Monmouth). In 1867 his parents left Yamhill county and located at St. Helen's, Columbia county, which place he has made his home ever since. In 1882 he was elected to the Oregon house of representatives, and was subsequently chosen speaker of that body. In 1886 Mr. McBride was nominated by the republicans for secretary of state, and was elected. His popularity is attested by the fact that the principal nominees on the ticket with him—governor and treasurer—were defeated. Mr. McBride performed the duties of his office so satisfactorily that he was re-nominated by acclamation in 1890, and re-elected by a handsome majority. He served out the full term and retired the first of the present year to give way to his successor.

Mr. McBride comes from an old and very well known Oregon family. He has several brothers, who have achieved leading positions in the law and in medicine. One brother is Judge T. A. McBride, of the fifth judicial district. Another brother is John R. McBride, formerly congressman from this state, and now a prominent lawyer of Spokane. A third, Dr. McBride, is a leading physician in Wisconsin. It was Mr. McBride's early purpose to become a lawyer, and with that end in view, after leaving school, he entered the law office of Judge J. C. Moreland, of this city. He remained three years, but during a great part of the time he suffered much from bad health and did not make the progress he desired. Mr. McBride did not, however, give up his design until his physical condition rendered it absolutely necessary. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Columbia county, where he had large property interests. During much of the time he was secretary of state Mr. McBride battled with physical weakness, but his will is strong, and he was able to be almost constantly at his post of duty and personally to administer the manifold duties of his office. It is well known that the office of secretary of state has never been conducted more satisfactorily to the people than during Mr. McBride's two terms. Recently he made a journey to New York for the purpose—so it was stated at the time—of placing himself in the hands of eminent physicians, it appears with very satisfactory results.

Mr. McBride is often called an "Oregon boy." With the exception of two years spent in San Francisco, he has always lived in Oregon. Personally he possesses a charming address, which has doubtless had much to do with his political success. Mr. McBride is not married.

At the drama "Nevada, or the Lost Mine," in Dallas Thursday February 14th, there was a large and appreciative audience present. Those taking part all did well and altogether it was a success. They cleared \$31.50. It seems as though the people of Dallas are going to ride bicycles this summer. Arch McIlwain, Ralph Williams and Chauncey Crider already received theirs and several others being ordered.

Miss Lydia Campbell was the only one, out of twenty-four examined for teachers certificates last week, who could tell the names of President Cleveland's cabinet.

At the school entertainment in this city last Friday evening they realized \$22.55 with which they intend buying school supplies.

There has been an excellent program prepared by the Epworth League for the convention held here in March. Teachers' Association will be held in Dallas next Saturday and all teachers will be entertained free of charge.

Both chattel and real mortgages are being placed on record in the county clerks office in large amounts.

Miss Lillian Hackleman returned last Monday from Salem where she had a clerkship in the senate.

The Dallas boys intend going to Monmouth Saturday and play a game of ball with the normal school.

Ex-Marshall J. C. Wagner has moved with his wife and Theodore down on his hog ranch at Salt Creek.

Dillard Elkins returned from his trip to Independence, Albany and Corvallis last Wednesday.

Another mock trial is to take place at the academy next Saturday evening. John Clark, of Oregon City, is in Dallas visiting (very dear) friends.

The Rebekahs realized \$11 from their oyster supper Thursday evening.

Mr. R. Sauter, a mill man, is quite sick at his home in Dallas.

School meeting next Monday at the court house.

The lecture given by Rev. Jew Hawk, the Chinese preacher who has charge of the Chinese Mission at Portland, was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Representative Boothby and daughter, Miss Lulu, of Morrow county, are in town spending a few days with relatives and friends before returning home.

At the close of the Wednesday evening prayermeeting Elder Smith baptized three persons, one young lady and two gentlemen.

Miss Lena Prescott, of Salem, a former graduate, is visiting the normal and her sister, Miss Lora, who is in school.

Misses Miller, Robinson and Fisher, of Independence, attended church at the Christian church last Sunday.

Mrs. John Riggs, of Salem, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Percival, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Harris, of Eugene, daughter of Mrs. A. A. Catton, spent a few days with her mother last week.

Miss Rose McClain, of Buena Vista, spent a few days the first of the week visiting friends in town.

Elder Sumpter is expected to take charge of the pulpit at the Christian church next Sunday.

A. L. Nusler and E. S. Catton, of this place, went to Portland and back this week.

Miss Bertha McDaniels, a former graduate, was visiting the normal last week.

Miss Conny Hawley returned home from her visit to Salem last Sunday.

Miss Myra Bedford, a former student is the guest of Miss Sarah Ranzan.

Superintendent Hutchinson, of Dallas, was in town Wednesday.

J. W. McCulloch was visiting at his home last week.

Several of the residents of our town went to Salem to attend the last day's session of the legislature and to see the last balloting for United States Senator. It is quite gratifying to know that Senator-elect McBride was a student of what was the Christian college at this place twenty or more years ago. It is said that the republicans over the whole state are very well pleased with the election.

A very pleasant party was held at the residence of Elder J. N. Smith Tuesday evening. About one hundred persons were present and all report a good time. After conversation and music a delicious lunch was served. Elder Smith was presented with a purse containing twenty-three dollars and Mrs. Smith received a fine black dress and three pairs of lace curtains.

Mr. Dummit, traveling secretary for the Y. M. C. A. met with the Y. W. Y. M. C. A. in joint session at the Christian church Sunday morning and gave them a very pleasant talk. He also spoke in chapel at the normal, Monday morning and won the hearts of the students in his few complimentary remarks.

Professor W. A. Ginn, of this city, and Miss Katherine Huckstep, of Vail, Iowa, were united in marriage in Portland, February 20 at the residence of T. J. Bryants, Rev. H. Gould, of Corvallis, officiating.

Byron Hunter, a graduate of last year, who has been teaching in Idaho, is spending a few days with his mother in this city. He will soon return to take charge of the same school.

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