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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

OREGON CITY, DEC. 3, 1897.

It is rumored that the Press of Oregon City and the Independent of Canby will consolidate. They probably want to die together.

The Canby Independent says the Courier did not publish the grand jury report and asks why. We didn't know that the Canby liquor caused blindness before.

It has been suggested that some new man without political blemish should be nominated by the democrats for secretary of state or state treasurer at next election.

J. D. Stevens of Canby "the leading populist orator of the county," is now writing articles for the Canby republican campaign sheet because he couldn't run the Herald of this city. You are to be congratulated, Mr. Fitch.

The report has been circulated that the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. had failed. It is a mistake and for the benefit of the policy holders of that company in this city would state that it was the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association that failed.

It is ridiculous to even suppose that either the democratic or populist parties can defeat the republicans in Oregon. Unless a compact union is effected by the friends of free silver and reform, it will be the same old story—domination of the money oligarchy and corporations, which means misgovernment and oppression of the masses.

It seems that some of the county officials are neglecting their duty. The suspension bridge needs painting and the road up the west side hill has two small streams running down the recently graded roadway, which will have to be refilled, just because a few moments labor at the proper time was not expended in turning the water into the prepared ditch.

Oregon City the past week supported two gentlemen of leisure for several days by giving financial assistance to a fake advertising scheme. It has been but a few weeks since the business men were bitten by a fake ink-directory advertising fake. When will the people cease to patronize such and buy legitimate advertising in Oregon City's five papers—enough to satisfy the different tastes of all.

The candidates for the several city officers to be filled on Monday are all good clean men and are well known here and a glance at the ticket on election day should suffice. The race will be a close one and the successful candidates will not have a walkaway, although the ticket headed by Dr. Powell seems to have the best of it. Under the present conditions we think the independent ticket is the one for the taxpayers to support

The state board of equalization convened at Salem on the 1st of December and remains in session 30 days. The members of the board are as follows: First district, A. C. Auldon, Lakeview; second district, Robert Walker, Bandon; third district, Squire Farrar, Salem; fourth district, D P. Thompson, Portland; fifth district, G. Wingate, Astoria; sixth district, C. A. Johnson, Heppner; seventh district, W. C. Wills, Hay Creek; eighth district, O. P. Goodall, Union; ninth district, I H. Holland.

The large number of tramps that infest Oregon City should be made to labor as they do in Tacoma, where it costs the city just 36 cents a day per man to get a large amount of its rough work, such as street-cleaning and wood-cutting, done. That is, the city has contracted for the feeding of all city prisoners for 12 cents per meal, and every hobo that is vagged has to do an honest day's work, otherwise he gets only two meals a day. The chain gang consists of from six to twenty hobos, and the amount of work they have accomplished is wonderful, the chief of police estimating that they do fully half as much as paid laborers. So the city is the gainer by the policy it is pursuing of ridding the city of the undesirable element.

CONGRESS.

When congress meets in session on Monday the prospect is for a general assault all along the line of the national sentiment and policy which Czar Reed suppressed by his despotic rulings during the extra session. Many vital issues must come up for consideration and action, among which will be our duty to the Cuban republic, the Nicaragua canal, the annexation of Hawaii, the question of the British boundary in Alaska, and the Behring sea seal fisheries. These are all international matters. In addition to them there will be the frictional topics of internal economy. For instance the conduct of the administration in completing the deal made by the Cleveland gang with the Union Pacific "reorganization committee" will be something for earnest discussion and investigation, and the conspiracy finally to wreck the money of the constitution, which Carlisle inaugurated and his very fit and appropriate mugwump successor, Gage, is attempting to carry into execution.

From the present indications the great battles of the coming session will be fought on international lines, and except in one instance between the American people and the individuals and syndicated robber trust interests which were counted in over the will of the majority as expressed in the ballot box, to rule them. It will be a session full of interest to every true American patriot.

Receiver Galloway's report of the land office business for November shows that 16 homestead entries were made and 43 final homestead proofs; that $13.25 was received from cash sales and $601.11 in fees and commissions.

FOR CITY OFFICES.

Nominations Made by the Two Different Factions on Monday.

The meeting in Weinhard's hall was called to order by Geo. A. Harding, who was made permanent chairman on motion of Thos. F. Ryan.

About 110 were present.

On motion of J. T. Lynch F. T. Griffith was chosen secretary.

Rudolph Koerner in an animated speech nominated E. G. Caufield for reelection to office of Mayor, which was made unanimous.

Mr. Caufield was called for and responded saying that if elected again he would labor honestly to secure good government for the city.

Fred Hesse nominated H. E. Straight for office of treasurer, which was made unanimous.

The convention then divided into wards.

In first ward Wheeler Church called to order and upon motion of C. F. Horn was made chairman. M. Bollack was made secretary on motion of R. Koerner.

M. Rosenbaum made a double nomination, naming R. Koerner and J. Bittner for re election as councilmen and John Jones mention Jack Moffatt.

Joseph Rice moved that first two be declared nomines by acclamation, which didn't carry. Then someone said that he didn't believe Moffatt would run and so the name was dropped and others declared nominees.

In second ward Dr. W. E. Carll called to order and E. E. Williams was made chairman and A. S. Dresser made secretary.

G. A. Harding was mentioned for councilmen but withdrew, when George Broughton was named by T. W. Secor, J. A. Thayer by S. F. Scripture, Fred Metzner by Fred Hesse. J. H. Walker by C. H. Dye, S. F. Scripture by G. A. Harding and A. W. Milln by a friend.

Dr. Carll, C. H. Dye, George Broughton and Bruce Curry were made tellers.

The first vote stood: Walker 29, Metzner 20, Thayer 14, Milln 26, Scripture 10, Harding 1, Broughton 10; A. W. Milln received majority and was declared nominee and tie of Metzner and Walker was voted off with following result: Walker 22, Metzner 34, Thayer 2, Scripture 1, Broughton 3; Metzner made nominee

Same committee as managed last campaign was chosen: Thos. F Ryan, Geo. A. Harding and S. F. Scripture.

INDEPENDENT CONVENTION.

The meeting was called to order by E. E. Charman and T. F. Cowing was made chairman and E. H. Cooper secretary.

About 80 people were present.

Dr. J. W. Powell was put in nomination by W. N. Godfrey and was declared the unanimous choice of the taxpayers assembled.

Being called for Dr. Powell said if elected he would give a clean, honest and orderly administration and was in favor of dividing the city into three wards and extending the electric light service to Elyville.

H. E. Straight was renominated for treasurer by acclamation his name being placed before meeting by V. R. Hyde.

The name of Chas. D. Latourette for councilmen in second ward was placed before meeting by W. N. Godfrey and H. C. Stevens by John J. Cooke. Both were made the unanimous nominees.

For councilmen in first ward S. S. Walker was mentioned by John Noble and Geo. Broughton by T. S. Lawrence. Both were made unanimous choice of convention.

THE TICKETS

Nonpartisan.		Independent.
E G Caufield	Mayor	J W Powell
H E Straight	Treasurer	H E Straight
R Koerner	council—1st wd	H C Stevens
J Bittner	" "	C D Latourette
A W Milln	" 2nd	Geo Broughton
Fred Metzner	" "	S S Walker