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SANCTIMONIOUS CHARLEY.

Some of our contemporaries seem worried about the Enterprise. They question its republicanism. Never fear, brethren, this journal will continue in the future as in the past to champion the best interest of our people, attainable only by and through the republican party. And let us add, this paper has not and will not refuse to support each and every nominee on the republican ticket, worthy of the position, without first demanding a "fee" from him for doing our duty. Let it not be forgotten that the Enterprise is the only paper in the county that did give loyal support to every man on the republican ticket at the last election.

Don't forget that Mr. Cheney seldom did support the candidates on the democratic ticket until they put up to him for his support—that he learned what little he knows of practical printing in the Enterprise office, and that Gabbert, who writes most of his editorials, never professed to be a democrat, much less a populist. It will be remembered also that Bain used to run a free silver sheet at Barlow and absolutely refused to support the candidates on the republican ticket at the last election until paid for it, and then supported only a part of the ticket, or, that Giff, of the Canby Independent, established the Industrial Herald in this city as a populist paper. Pretty specimens, these, to question the loyalty of the Enterprise to the republican party.—Enterprise

Does Mr. Fitch, writer of above and erstwhile populist editor, expect us to support the republican ticket because he partially did while running the Herald. We are proud of the fact that we did not support a few of the candidates in the campaign of '96 and we had reasons for so doing. When the leaders of any party stop so low as to sell out body and soul to the republicans we will refuse to support them. It is a well known fact that republicans will support a yellow dog if placed on the ticket by the bosses of the party. As far as support for us is concerned we have asked no one to assist us financially and we think we can "paddle our own canoe" for a few years more at least. We did not have our friends carry our financial obligations for years and when the fat was all out of the office sell out and leave them in the lurch. We learned our trade in the Enterprise office, did we? We worked as foreman of the mechanical department of the Enterprise about two months nine years ago, 12 years after we began the trade. Mr. Fitch's two months' apprenticeship must be nearly up—although a native of Columbia county has been trying for nine years to learn something there. Mr. Gabbert has never written an editorial for the COURIER or the COURIER-HERALD, if he did for the Herald, and Mr. Fitch knows the statement is a lie. We did not come out in a letter in the Oregonian and ask God to forgive us if we ever ran a populist paper again and in two weeks run a populist paper in Oregon City; we did not turn republican merely to get a job; we are not now editing a republican paper and at the same time making arrangements to run a populist paper again. The editor and proprietor of this paper was always a democrat (even if his father was a republican) and never voted any other ticket except the reform ticket last year; repudiated Clevelandism and stands on the Chicago platform. What Mr. Fitch says of the other publishers of the county is probably true but none of them have stooped as low as he has. If this republican-populist-democratic-republican-about-to-be-populist-writer presumes in lying about us we can give him something that will make him wince. There are other pebbles on the beach.

FITCH IN THE WHALE.

To show that the voters did right in electing J. J. Cooke sheriff of Clackamas county we refer to the reports of the experts mentioned in another column. During the first six months of his term of office Mr. Cooke handled over \$38,000 with an error of but one cent.—Courier-Herald

Notice how carefully the editor conceals the fact that ex Sheriff Grace's accounts were also audited; that he handled over \$330,000 with an error of but a few cents which amount was due him instead of the county. But Grace is a populist and the Courier-Herald is just now praising democrats and trying to assist that party in its hopeless task of swallowing the people's party.—Enterprise

The republican organs are still at it—trying to create dissension in the ranks of the opposition, the reformers. To show the willful preventing of statements we might mention the fact that when Mr. Stout retired from the office of assessor we gave him a much better notice than the above. When the writer of the above was editor of the Herald he failed to give Mr. Grace more than passing notice when he retired from the sheriff's office. We don't see how the above notice reflects on Mr. Grace's administration in the least. He was not a candidate for the office and it was partly

through his good administration that our forces were permitted to elect another sheriff. During the campaign we praised the populists on the ticket more, if any difference was made, than the democrats. We now learn that the mistake of one cent was not the sheriff's but of a clerk in another office. If the democrats swallowed the populists the writer of the above comment, Mr. Fitch, was the first to get swallowed, but like Jonah, he didn't stay swallowed, he was too much for its stomach. Since then he has been taken into the stomach of the republican whale and has stirred it up to such an extent that he is about to be coughed up. He is a bitter pill.

This is what direct legislation will do: It will simplify laws, simplify government, kill monopoly, purify the ballot, supplant violence, broaden manhood, prevent revolution, make men think, accelerate progress, banish sectionalism, sever party bondage, abolish special privileges, wipe out plutocratic rule, reduce taxation, prevent the bribery of law-makers, establish home rule, restore the people to their natural rights, it will aid honest representatives in saving the people and give us a government of, for and by the people on a foundation of equal and exact justice to all. It is the quintessence of pure democracy.

The movement in Ohio for a national convention to organize the Union Reform party nationally, may be the thing. What is done should be by general agreement of reformers. In 1894 Cooney received about fifty thousand votes for governor of Ohio. In 1898 the united minority parties received less than twelve thousand—just about one-fourth the populist vote in '94. A dozen projects are out for reorganization—all of them good, perhaps, but they cannot all be adopted. So we repeat, that whatever is done should be by common consent of reformers.

That the system of postal savings banks in Great Britain is an unqualified success has long been an acknowledged fact. The people have confidence in them, and, owing largely to this confidence, thousands who would not otherwise lay up a penny have contracted habits of thrift and become depositors. There is no earthly reason why a similar system would not be equally successful and at the same time highly beneficial to large numbers of the people of this country.

The reform party is the only safety from revolution, the proletariat is increasing at a rapid ratio. Trusts are the product of greed, and injustices is the parent of anarchy, and liberty cannot exist where the trusts rule supreme. The law of self-preservation demands their abolishment. And the mission of the reformer is to abolish all forms of trusts and monopolies and to institute the rule of justice and freedom among men. A party with such a mission cannot die.

Prominent democrats including Sen. Jones, ex-Governor Altgeld, "Coin" Harvey and others met with Sen. Teller, ex-Congressman Towne, of Minn., and others at Chicago this week to discuss the situation. The general opinion was that the democratic national convention in 1900 would readopt the principles of the Chicago platform and Mr. Towne openly declared that if it did not, silver republicans, democrats and populists would nominate a third ticket.

By way of civilizing the Hawaiians our "best government on earth," has abolished their old, heathenish postal savings banks and granted several charters for the erection of breweries and distilleries. These benighted barbarians who have heretofore been putting their spare nickels into the savings banks for the good of their families will now have them to buy beer and whiskey with for themselves.

Tax campaign in behalf of "Equal rights to all; special privileges to none," has not ended, neither will it end until victory has crowned the struggle of the wealth producing class to secure a just system of government. The campaign will become more intensified as the result of unequal privileges granted by class legislation in the interest of the wealth absorber.

Was beg pardon of readers for occupying so much space this week answering the scurrilous attacks of the assistant editor of the Enterprise, who, as a majority of the people know, has no principles or scruples. He is respectfully referred to an editorial in the last issue of the COURIER-HERALD entitled "Cator Deserts Populism."

The expense of running the army is to be increased fourfold: This is entirely unnecessary. We have demonstrated thoroughly that our volunteer soldiery is entirely equal to emergencies. A large standing army savors of imperialism, and it is with regret that the policy of our government is changed in this respect.

The voters of North Dakota have adopted a constitutional amendment providing for compulsory suffrage. If a voter does not perform his duty as a citizen on election day he is subject to a fine. This is a new departure, and the result will be watched with great interest.

COMMENTARIES.

Matters Concerning Local Everyday Affairs Noticed by the Courier-Herald Reporter.

The individual, who fills the position of sub-editor on the Enterprise while Senator Porter is at the legislature, took advantage of the absence of the proprietor to give vent to his petty personal spite against certain individuals. He is evidently very weary of his Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde existence—continually explaining to republicans that he has experienced an honest change of heart and is true blue, while on the contrary, he tells populists and democrats that it is a matter of bread and butter with him—reasons for accepting his present position. Fitch, did you not tell certain people that you intended to flop over in the matter of politics, but that you would be a little slow about making the change? It is stated that you had an opportunity to secure employment on a free silver paper, but you wanted to turn a political somersault. Mr. Cheney writes his own editorials. Did you write your own editorials in the campaign of 1896? We can tell you who did. You were honored by your friends with the nomination for the highest office within their power to bestow, yet you received the smallest vote of any state candidate. You borrowed your local news from the Courier, and was left to your own resources to make a vigorous campaign fight last spring. And is it not a fact that Curtis made you swallow slime, rubbed it in your eyes, nose, mouth and ears, and you could only shriek back, "Mud Slinger! Mud Slinger!" Had it not been for you the entire fusion ticket would have been elected in Clackamas county. Notwithstanding the fact that like your counterpart, the rag in the old church, without any circulation, you still was indebted to the writer for news furnished, and was mad when we kicked against longer furnishing for your paper news without compensation. As a result, you went out of business after confining on your own resources for a very few weeks. This is what sticks in your craw now. You went to Vancouver and made a most miserable failure. A populist official in the court house here, said the paper was worse than the rag, without any circulation, printed in the old church. Is it not a fact that you cannot look your old political associates fairly in the face, whom you proved a traitor to? And you lack the confidence and esteem of your newly adopted political associates. Judge Ryan says there are a dozen errors in the proceedings of the county court you reported for the two official papers for the January term. Other important matters are left out. You expect to ride on the front seat in the republican band wagon carry a flag and blow a brass horn, but you will only be an onery wart on the tail end of the procession.

The reporter is not the correspondent of the Evening Telegram, having given up that important position at the close of 1898. We mention this as protection against being attacked about six times daily on account of glaring misstatements printed in that sheet from Oregon City. Of course, sheets of news are reshaped from the Morning Oregonian, some of it being reproduced word for word without any attempt at a change. The correspondent knew he lied when he said it had heretofore been the custom for the council to elect the standing committees—that \$2,000 could be saved by electing a county attorney, or that the court stenographer gets \$7,000 a year. During the year 1898, the county clerk drew warrants in favor of the court reporter for only \$537 75. He may have received fees in outside cases amounting to \$1200, but the sum total is a long way from \$7,000.

Work is progressing slowly, but on a sure foundation on the Stinger hill road. Some one was to blame for the faulty construction of this piece of road, but it will soon be remedied and in time the slide will be forgotten. Not so, however, with the darkness of the Seventh street stairway. Somebody was to blame for removing the light from this stairway, and the hundreds of people who pick their way down the steps after dark, will continue to think.

The coming season promises to be one of improvement in Oregon City and Clackamas county. The new water works improvement—bringing pure water from the Clackamas, the improvement of the Molalla road, and other proposed enterprises, will put several dollars into circulation.

Henry Gans, who has been a director of the Oswego school district continuously for the past 27 years, was in town Wednesday. He states, that although Oswego appears dull, almost every house in town is occupied, and the attendance at the public school increased to such an extent, that it became necessary to open another room in the building, and employ a new teacher. The teachers now employed at this school are H. T. Evans, principal, and Misses Nellie Younger, Lu'u Barnett and Miss Smith, grade teachers.

The Springfield (Mo.) Republican of January 20th, has the following notice of Mrs. Frazier's funeral, who was a former well known resident of West Oregon City: The funeral of Mrs. W. Frazier, who died of typhoid fever at the home of her father, R. R. Rowton, occurred yesterday. Mrs. Frazier was born in Tennessee June 22nd, 1871, and was married to J. W. Frazier in 1892, settling in Oregon City, Or., the same year. She came to Springfield last June to visit her parents. She was a member of the Woodmen circle and received many visits from the members during her illness.

Allie Lemons, of Canby, a regular in the 14th Infantry, of Vancouver, now stationed at Manila, has completed his five years term of enlistment, and returned home the first of this week. Since August he was messenger for General Anderson to Aguinaldo, and carried many dispatches between them. He describes Aguinaldo as a pale-faced, intelligent individual, speaking English and several other languages fluently. Mr. Lemons received pay for coming home on the basis of a day's pay for every 20 miles traveled; also traveling expenses. The government is certainly very liberal to the soldiers who serve out the full time of their enlistment, and are discharged from service in foreign lands.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Try COURIER-HERALD six months for 75 cents.

Mrs. D. H. Parrell has recovered from an extended siege of illness.

Gordon E. Hayes and J. W. Loder went Salem yesterday.

County Clerk Dixon issued a license to wed to Laura Rider and Charles McCormack on the 23rd.

Mrs. Charles Humbell, of Portland, who was visiting Mrs. C. Schuebel at Ely, returned home Saturday.

Miss Cornelia McCown was taken ill at Salem, and was brought home by her brother, Meldrum, Wednesday.

A C. Tower left for Pendleton last night, where he will accept a temporary position in the flouring mills.

A dispatch from Canby announces that John D. Stevens has purchased the Canby Independent, and will therefore conduct it as a socialistic paper.

M. Buckstein has filed a suit for a divorce from Sarah Buckstein, and Mrs. A. C. Barry was given a divorce from W. H. Barry, in the circuit court during the past week.

Rev. E. S. Bollinger, of Astoria, will fill the pulpit of the Congregational next Sunday, morning and evening. Members and all others interested are requested to be present. The Bernhard-Walther Concert Company has promised to give a sacred selection in the evening.

A representative of the Evening Telegram informed a number of Oregon City business and professional men that the paper had a circulation of 1,000 copies here; when, in fact, only 200 or 300 copies are delivered. These advertisers evidently expect to get a big trade from Portland.

Ex Commissioner Frank Jagger, of Carus, and John Shannon, of Beaver Creek, went to Salem Monday morning. They are interested in the passage of a law making it obligatory upon county courts to put down extra plank on bridges and culverts, so that engines can cross in safety.

The Martell Family, the greatest trick bicyclist in the world and who were the principle features two seasons ago with the Barnum and Bailey show are last season with the Wallace show and head lines of the Martell Merry Makers who open a one night engagement at Shively's on Saturday night.

Bernhard Walther, solo violinist, Madame Walther, English balladist, Franklin Laura Eschelman, solo pianist, and Harry W. Fay, humorist, will give a concert at Shively's hall Monday evening, January 30th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church.

Clara L., the 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barber, died Sunday of consumption. She was 14 years, 6 months and 27 days old, at the time of her demise. The funeral occurred from the family residence on upper Seventh street, Tuesday, and the services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Montgomery.

Miss Kate Bradley was married to Albert Linsley, of Waukesha, Wis., on Monday, January 23rd at St. Paul's Episcopal church. The ceremony was solemnized by the rector, Rev. P. K. Hammond. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Linsley boarded the train for Portland, accompanied by C. A. McCargar, also of Portland.

A list of 37 rejected volunteers has been sent to the secretary of state's office by Adjutant-General Tuttle, whose names could not be found on the muster rolls. These will now receive their pay, satisfactory proof having been furnished. Among the names on this list are Charles L. Gray and Emory J. Noble, of Oregon City, who will receive \$22.50 each.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., will give the members of the Association a banquet at the Baptist church tonight. There will be music, toasts, addresses by prominent speakers, etc. The first basket ball team will play a Salem team Saturday night. Secretary Dummitt was here assisting to raise funds for the new building during the week.

L. W. Robbins, the popular young merchant of Molalla, was married Sunday to Miss Lena Rivos, recently of Palestine. The ceremony took place at the residence of Rev. C. B. Dart, who also was the officiating minister. The bride is a most estimable young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins will make their home at Molalla, and are receiving the congratulations of a host of friends.

They are having an ocean of trouble over the Milwaukee cemetery. It contains about two acres and was donated as a cemetery to the public in the early '50s by J. H. Lambert. For awhile Mr. Lambert looked after the cemetery personally, but later turned it over to the custody of a board of trustees. Another meeting of the citizens will be held Saturday to consider the matter.

A large barge 30x60 floated down the river Saturday afternoon, and it struck the falls and went over into the seething waters below. Although the waters were high the barge broke into a hundred fragments when it reached the turmoil of foaming billows below the cataract. The rise in the river evidently caused the barge to break loose from its moorings at some up-river point.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon, parents of County Clerk Elmer Dixon celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary Wednesday, having been married at Newark, Ohio, in 1848. Mr. Dixon is 71 and Mrs. Dixon 69 years of age. This hale and venerable couple have a pleasant country home, nicely located one and a half miles from Oregon City on the Robert Caulfield donation land claim.

Charles F. Beebe, chairman of the soldiers' monument fund has appointed H. L. Kelly committeeman for this county to solicit subscriptions for a monument to the Oregon Volunteers, who have died during the late Spanish war. It is intended to raise this money by popular subscription, and each contributor of 25 cents, will receive a new unique history. Mr. Kelly will receive subscriptions here, and look after appointing local solicitors.

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