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An American Internal Policy.

FIRST—Public ownership of public franchises. The values created by the community should belong to the community.

SECOND—Destruction of criminal trusts. No monopolization of the national resources by lawless private combinations more powerful than the people's government.

THIRD—A graduated income tax. Every citizen to contribute to the support of the government according to his means, and not according to his necessities.

FOURTH—Election of senators by the people. The senate, now becoming the private property of corporations and bosses, to be made truly representative, and the state legislatures to be redeemed from recurring scandals.

FIFTH—National, state and municipal improvement of the public school system. As the duties of citizenship are both general and local, every government, both general and local, should do its share toward fitting every individual to perform them.

SIXTH—Currency reform. All the nation's money to be issued by the nation's government, and its supply to be regulated by the people and not by the banks.

SEVENTH—No protection for oppressive trusts. Organizations powerful enough to oppress the people are no longer "infant industries."

DIRECT LEGISLATION—Lawmaking by the voters.

THE INITIATIVE—The proposal of a law by a percentage of the voters, which must then go to the referendum.

THE REFERENDUM—The vote at the polls of a law proposed through the initiative, or on any law passed by a lawmaking body, whose reference is petitioned for by a percentage of the voters.

THE IMPERATIVE MANDATE—Whenever a public official shall be deemed dishonest, incompetent or negligent of his duties the voters shall have the right to retire him and elect one of their choice. The people alone are sovereign.

POPULIST COMMITTEE MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the County Central Committee of the People's Party for the county of Clackamas will meet at the office of Judge Schubel in Oregon City at 11 o'clock, Saturday, December 16th, 1899, to transact any business that may properly come before the meeting at that time.

H. THEISSEN, Chairman.
ELMER DIXON, Secretary.

DEMOCRATS, TAKE NOTICE.

That a meeting of the members of the Democratic County Central Committee will be held in Oregon City on December 16th, 1899 at 11 o'clock, a.m., at the office of Robert A. Miller in the Electric hotel building. All members of the committee are earnestly requested to be present as important business is to be transacted.

ROBERT A. MILLER,
Chairman Democratic County Central Committee.
A. W. CHENEY, Secretary.

TO SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the members of the Silver Republican County Central Committee at Oregon City on December 16th, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., at Room 16, Electric hotel, at which time all members of the committee are earnestly requested to be present.

S. W. MORGAN,
Chairman County Central Committee.

THAT the machine in Washington city, mis-named "government" is nothing but a part of the Wall street gambling outfit, finds ample evidence in the telegraphic reports. The proposed action of the Treasury department to take up $25,000,000 of not due bonds at a premium 1 per cent higher than the market price was known to a few friends of Secretary Gage and they made a nice haul on it. Of course such an honorable gentleman as Mr. Gage would not be a party to anything like that! And in the same paper we find that the agricultural department permitted advance knowledge of the amount and condition of the cotton crop by three hours, but that was long enough to make a few friends several hundred thousand dollars, for pin money. But of course the eminent and highly honorable secretary of agriculture knew nothing about it! He says so himself and what better evidence than that could you ask? The government machine simply gathers information for the speculators and nothing else comes of it. It saves the gamblers the expense of getting the information themselves.

ABOUT 25 per cent of the population of the United States is termed as the poor, about 39 per cent the middle class and 9 per cent the rich. The rich (the 9 per cent) hold 71 per cent of the values of the country. There are 4047 millionaires in the country who own $12,000,000,000 or about one-fifth of our entire property.

It is announced that the Massillon coal trust, which is being organized and will be capitalized at $7,000,000, will kick 50 to 60 traveling men out of their jobs and close about a dozen retail concerns in that city alone, which means that a few squads of clerks, bookkeepers, typewriters, teamsters, horses and other workers will also be in the unemployed army.

The Weekly and Financial Review sent out by Henry Clews, of Wall street, says, "The moral effect of the action of the treasury in purchasing $25,000,000 of bonds has been immediately beneficial. The high tension is relaxed; and while conservatism is the better part until the natural return flow of currency from the interior establishes ease, we are assured of government aid," but when the populists advocated a sub-treasury scheme to aid the farmer when he was driven to the wall these same distinguished New York bankers called them "hayseeds" and idiots."

THE painful silence of Gov. Theopolus Telemachus Geer is growing more distressing every minute. In the meantime that avenging Nemesis, Mr. Plummer, keeps reiterating the charge that he bought a public office for $1000 from our chief executive who failed to deliver the goods. The Oregonian that hounded Mayor Chapman to his grave upon a similar charge, is silent as the tomb on the Geer matter. If Geer is guilty the charge is identical with that for which Chapman was indicted by the grand jury. But then, Geer is a republican while Chapman was not. Geer vetoed the new tax collector law thereby benefiting the Oregonian some $80,000—the property owners pay the freight.—Herald.

Henry Clews, of Wall street, in his recent circular says: "At the moment, there are two legitimate ways of easing the money market, one is the success of the English in South Africa and the other the downfall of the Philippine government. In his effort to stand in with the McKinley administration and the English he is betrayed into confessing to the stringency of the money market. It was this same individual and his satelites that in 1896 vociferated that there was ample money in the country to meet all business demands. When the reform forces said there was not money enough, this same individual and his lick-spittles called them "anarchists, idiots and advocotes of national dishonor." Verily, the chickens have come home to roost.

SOME of the local papers have been suggesting the names of favorites for congress in the coming June election. The Democrat has no candidate, and would not be unfair enough to bring out any one of a dozen good men that it could name. Tongue is a weak man but but he has the strength of the machine, which at this time cannot safely drop him. Tongue could be beaten with Col. Robert A. Miller, of Clackamas, Bishop Barkley, of Marion, Senator Daily, of Lakeview, J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, or any one of a dozen other good men who might be named, but the candidate should be personally a strong man, a man well known and able to command more than the party strength. Quinn would have been elected in 1896 had the election been in November instead of June, for Bennett's vote would then have gone to Quinn. Vanderburg was beaten because of the vote of 200 Siletz Indians, who were manipulated by the republican party and counted by them against the protest of all fair minded men. What we must do in 1900 is to put up but one ticket against the republibans. There are enough honest men to beat him.—Pacific Democrat.

$50,000 LOST TO THE STATE.

The assessment roll of Multnomah county for 1899 is completed, and the books show the total value of all taxable property in Multnomah county to be $31,926,240 or $10,944,224 less than the figures for 1898. There is also a decrease of $10,578,609 in port of Portland property, $10,965,411 in school district and city property.

While all other counties are showing an increase over last year's assessment, Multnomah shows up with a shortage of $11,000,000. She will, therefore, contribute about $50,000 less in state taxes this year than formerly—enough to pay the running expenses of Marion county for this year—the sum total of Marion county's state taxes—Sentinel.

When Governor Geer vetoed the bill providing for a state board of equalization, he made the mistake of his life. We so stated at the time, and predicted that Multnomah county would do just as it has now done As there is no board of equalization, there is no help for this, but to grin and bear it. It is rank injustice to other parts of the state, however.—Salem Independent.

We Want to Help You

In every way possible this Christmas. Let us pack your gifts for mailing or express, or if you want them delivered anywhere in town we shall be glad to take care of it for you. Let us know the hunr and place—We'll do the rest.

Cameras

Now is the time to buy a Camera while we are giving 33⅓ per cent discount on all Kodaks. This is the place to buy your Camera because we will help you from the time you buy your Camera till you can go it alone. This may save the beginner much costly experimenting.

		Reg. Price
Eureka Camera, 2x2	$ 75	$ 1 00
La Crosse Camera, 2½x2½	1 75	2 50
Willsie " 4x5	6 00	10 00
Falcon Kodak 3½x3½	3 67	5 00
Bulls-Eye Kodak	5 35	8 00
Folding Pocket Kodak	6 67	10 00
No 4 Cartridge Kodak	16 67	25 00
Printing Outfit, complete	1 00	
Tripods	1 25	

Seeds & Cramers glass plates.....15 to 20% discount

Perfume Atomizers

All new this year. We have never before been able to offer a really pretty and serviceable atomizer for 25c. Now we have enough for everyone. The better ones range in price from 50c to $3.00.

Toilet Cases, Boxes, Etc.

New things this year and very much cheaper.

Glove, Handkerchief, Collar Boxes	25c
Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets	85c
Shaving Sets	$1 00
Jewel Boxes	75c
Trinket Trays and Boxes	15c
Large Sets, up to	$8 00

Materials for Making Up Presents

Celluloid, Tissue Paper, Cripe Tissue, Academy Board, Canvas, Oil Colors, Mat Board, Leatherette Paper, Etc.

Gold Pen and Pencils

Gold Plate Holder and Pen	25
Pearl Holder and Solid Gold Pen	$1 00
Gold and Silver Pencils	75
Fountain Pens, gold	1 25

Book Bargains

Cloth Bound 16 mos., 100 titles	20c
Standard Books for the Library	25c
Dainty Gift Books, in boxes	30c
2 vol. Sets in White and Gold Bound	75c
Red Line Poet, 50 titles	75c
Poets, padded leather binding	$ 1 25
Poets, watered silk binding	75c
5 Vol Set of Kipling, Cooper, Hawthorne, Jules Verne, Henty, Rosa Carey	1 25
8 Vol. Set, Dumas	2 00
4 Vol. Set Greens Hist of English People	1 25
13 Vol. Set Shakespere	3 50
15 Vol Set Kipling	15 00
15 Vol. Set Dickens, half calf	11 00
10 Vol. Set Thackery	4 00

Boys and Girls Books

The Famous Henty Books	25c
Oliver Optics Books	25c
Rollo Books of Travel	20c
Books of History and Biography	25c
A B C Books	15c
Louise Alcott Books	$1 15
Little Lord Fauntleroy	1 15
Knockabout Series of Travel	75c
Colored Board Bound Books	10c up
Fireside Series, for girls	40c
Black Beauty	20c

Bibles

These Prices Speak for Themselves.

Testaments	5c
Complete Bible	20c
Teachers Bible, limp leather	$1 00
Family Bible, padded leather	3 00

MIRRORS

Hundred of mirrors from 10c to $5.00.

Triplicate Mirrors, metal bound	50c, 60, $1.00
Oak Frame Mirrors	25c
Celluloid Frame Mirrors	$1.25 to $4 00
Gilt Frame Mirrors	1 00 to 4.00
Hand Mirrors	25c to 2.00

Prefume and Sachet Powder

Better and cheaper than ever this year—all the popular oders Wright, Palmer, Spieler, Rieger and Lazells.

Violet Toilet Water	25c, 50c, 75c $1.00
Triple Extracts	25c to $4.00 per bottle
Bath Tablets	25c per bottle

Glass Medallions and Framed Pictures

The very latest things from the Tabor Prang Art Co. at a big saving from art store prices.

Platino Pictures, mounted on 8x10 cards	10c
" " mounted, glass covered	25c
" " Framed	40c
Glass Medallions	25c and up

Above are ready for use and require no additional expenditure. Artistic and durable.

Albums

Over 30 different styles of Photograph Albums to select from and they range in price from 50c to $5.00. We have never seen such values before. Autograph Albums 15c, 25c, 50c and $1.00.

Games, Blocks, and Toy Books

Prices are very much reduced this year. We are selling

Card Games	5, 10 and 20c
Board Games	10, 15, 25c to $1.50
A B C Blocks	5, 10, 15 and 25c
Paint Boxes of 12 colors	10c
Phonographic Tops	25c
Magic Tops	15c
Dominoes	5c
Checker Boards	10c
Tiddly Wink	15c

CHRISTMAS CIGARS

We have every popular brand of imported, Key West and Domestic Cigar, Hoffman House, General Arthur, Henry the Fourth, Tactor Smoker, El Palencia, Sanchez and Haya, Sinceridal, Etc. Etc.

Hoffman House, per box	$1.25 to $ 4.25
General Arthur	1.25 to 4.25
Henry the Fourth	1,50 to 10.00
Sanchez & Haya	4.50 to 10.00
Henry Clay, Bock and Afrinca, Imported	7.50

C. G. HUNTLEY, Cut-Rate Druggist

OREGON CITY

W. A. HUNTLEY, Bookseller

Has the Right Ring to It.

IN your paper for the last two or three weeks have appeared articles upon the proposition of the next campaign. These articles, except two, are all signed with nom de plumes. Why is this done? Are the writers afraid to sign their names, or what? We have passed the point where men can lash others into line with a cat o' nine tails branded "personal aggrandizement," "party affiliation," "party success," etc., etc.

If we are genuine reformers we need not be afraid of the party leader and his whip or to express our sentiments over our own signatures.

All these articles treat of the advisability of uniting the reform element of all parties in one, yet they outline no plan for the purpose. My idea is that there is no other way to succeed than to organize the reformers into one party, with new men at the head, or to place an independent ticket in the field by petition, without a convention.

To organize anew, three things must be taken into consideration, viz: Platform, plan of organization and the men who will be nominated for office under the new organization.

For a platform let us have a platform that is concise and to the point. It need not be as long as the Declaration of Independence. We can divest it of all ambiguous verbage and use language to the point that all may understand. We might have a platform that will demand the issue of all money by the government, the government ownership and control of all means of transportation and communication, a system of land tenure that will insure a home for every man who is willing to try to make a home for himself, and, last but not least, the initiative and referendum.

The plan of organization may be outlined as follows: Let the county chairmen of the democratic and populist parties call a meeting of their respective committees, to meet at the same time. At that meeting the plan may be considered as follows: Take, for instance, the vote for any county official who received the full vote of both parties, base your representation thereon, allowing the people to select their delegates from either party, as suits them. Under this plan there will be but one primary and one convention, instead of two as heretofore.

In regard to men, we must have men who have never been tainted with the office itch nor branded as professional politicians.

If this plan is carried out (without regard as to who is the author of the plan) there is no doubt we can succeed in electing our men and securing a different administration of affairs in this county, for the benefit of the tax payers. Let us hear from others on this plan.

F. H. KING.

Logan, Ore.

The Money Question.

WE heard a newspaper man remark the other day that the people are tired of hearing the money question discussed. The gentleman who was conversing with the editor replied to his remark that the gold advocates were all the time repeating the false doctrine that gold alone is ample for all our money. To counteract the fallacious teaching of the gold advocates it is necessary for us to publish historical facts that completely prove the absurdity of the gold standard doctrine. As the continual dropping of water will wear away the hardest rock, so will continual false teaching, unrebuked, be established as truth in the minds of the unwary.

We are tired of seeing continual announcements in the newspapers of sheriff's sales to the highest bidder for cash of real property, which signifies that there are many owners of homes cursed with debts they are unable to pay. Such announcements signify that hard times still continue to blight industry.

We naturally ask what is the cause of so much hardship and destitution in the midst of plenty. Providence has provided bountifully for the sustenance of man, yet great destitution exists among many of the people in the cities for food and raiment. As providence is free of blame, the cause of most of our woes must be saddled upon the rulers of men.

Our ruling class consists of wealthy men and their trusted friends, consequently our laws are made to conform to the wishes of moneyed men. Therefore we conclude that the wealthy class is satisfied with high interest (from 7 to 10 per cent) for common people and low interest (1 to 3 per cont) for the rich. Justice demands that the producing class should be accorded as low interest as the moneyed class. Is it not a glaring shame for the wealthy rulers to discriminate against the less favored producing class, whose toil has produced all the wealth that the rich men possess? High interest favors no one but the rich. See the selfishness of the rulers in compelling the poor laboring class to work for a bare livelihood and at the same time pay them high interest. Justice would require the rich to accept a very low rate of interest, or none at all, for the use of their money, since all their wealth was produced by the laboring classes without due compensation. Instead of favoring the producers, the ruling class is continually adding more burdens of indebtedness for the producers to pay. Not only piling up debts, but by restricting the currency to the scarce gold standard, renders debt paying exceedingly difficult, because prices of the producer's products barely pay the expense of producing.

There are so many ways of robbing industry that it looks like a premeditated scheme of the creditor class to absorb all of the most valuable property in the hands of the toiling millions. If the wealthy rulers should deny such intention, we ask why have they reduced the currency to so small a volume that the producers, by denying themselves of all luxuries and many needed things, barely live from hand to mouth, while millions are being made off of their labor by the non-producing usurer? All wealth is the product of labor.

What think ye about this labor question when labor is begging for a chance to work to sustain life and the capitalists tell the workers that prices are so low they can't afford to hire except at a very low price? What can be the matter with the times?

We have been riding the gold hobby these many years for the promised good times, still with our noses to the grindstone. Wonder where the champions of the gold standard lost their reckoning? Will it be wise for the host of disappointed producers to continue their trust in the system that has always failed them? Silver was demonetized when it was 2 per cent above gold, because the money kings were evidently fearful that if silver should be continued in use as money, bonds, mortgages and all debts would depreciate in value and the debtor class in general would be able to pay their debts and stop interest. It is apparent that the creditor class is strongly opposed to any system of equality that will free the toilers from paying them interest.

What a farce the gold advocates perpetrated in denouncing silver dollars as 50-cent dollars! If they were making such wild assertions through ignorance, we would pity and forgive, but for the learned doctors of the law and the leaders of a great party to teach false doctrine on finance on purpose to deceive and enslave the unwary voters is most contemptable, because all well informed men know that material value is not an essential of money. The supreme court of the United States said in the legal tender decision: "Making these notes legal tender gave them new uses, and it requires no argument to prove that the value of things is in proportion to the uses to which they may be applied."

Henri Cernushi, the great French economist, says: "Money is a value created by law; its basis is legal, not material. It is perhaps not easy to convince any one that the value of metallic money is created by law. It is, however, a fact. It makes no difference of what money is composed, whether it is costly or otherwise, the law of legal tender gives value to money, and that value increases or diminishes in proportion as the volume is greater or less."

For the want of sound argument, the gold advocates are trying to foist the new doctrine of intrinsic value into the money question, and by that false doctrine once established they hope to enslave the entire working people of the whole world. Instead of using the whip, the slaveholders now just as effectively rob labor by a scarce money supply.

SANDS BROWNELL.

Salem, Ore.