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In sang froid Russian diplomacy is equal to any emergency. The Bear will not tighten the grip of its jaws on northern China until the weather of international politics is more propitious.

ENGLAND has spent a billion dollars on the Boer war and her casualties are over 100,000 men, according to the latest report. It is very evident that old man Kruger knew his business when he spoke of the price England would have to pay.

The Chicago Record-Herald says that Justice Brown's distinction "seems to be that while they (the Philippines) are part of the United States, they may be legislated against as though they are denied the right of a foreign country to retaliate."

THE people of Astoria have contributed \$1000 for the relief of the suffering Boer women and children confined in concentration camps in the Transvaal. Most of this sum was contributed by those who have suffered the torments of British oppression.

ALL the anti-trust legislation by the several states has been declared unconstitutional by the U. S. supreme court on the just ground that it was not impartial. A corn or cotton trust must be placed under the ban of law as well as a steel or kerosene trust.

UNCLE SAM spent last year on his Philippines war \$90,000,000. While the profits on American trade were a little over a million, the product of the war, 3854 dead Filipino "rebels," costs over \$23,000 per corpse. The American soldiers killed or converted into lunatics do not enter into the account.

STATISTICS prove that under identical the same circumstances almost the same number of murders, of suicides, of thefts, or of marriages take place within a certain time. Must we then consign the dogma of the freedom of the human will, so much cherished by doctrinaires in speculative philosophy, to the "limbo of the lost?"

CECIL RHODES, the South African Colossus, lies dead in his Cape Town home at the age of 47. He did not live to see the end of the war, so costly in men and money to the English people, which he precipitated. It probably hastened his end, for he doubtless saw that in his scheme of empire-building this was a most terrible mistake. However, he bequeathed a billion dollars for instruction in (British) empire building.

In the state of New York farm values have decreased during the past ten years 50 per cent. The competition of the vast areas of virgin soil in the West, most of it given by Uncle Sam to the settlers, has produced this untoward result. "Hard times," says the Chicago Tribune, "in the face of peace and plenty betray a defective social economy, and the progressive business organization of today exemplified in this country, certainly promises to make against their recurrence."

THE jingoes of London are much amused by the description given by Sergeant Paish, recently returned from South Africa, of his hanging four Boers accused of breaking their parole; but the side-splitting part of his story is the "pretty scene" in which the wife of one of his victims sees him learning hanging before hand with an old avil. The shooting of the Boer Commandant Scheepers in South Africa, while a rollicking tone was being played by the band, is, to the mind of the British jingo, as humorous an incident as can be imagined. All of which goes to show that the jingo, Boer-biting proportion of the population of "merry England" is as mercilessly savage as their forbears were 2000 years ago.

ENGLAND is constrained to borrow £25,000,000 to cover a deficit. The South African war has put a severe strain on her military resources. The chairman of the meeting of the stockholders of Lloyd's Bank held in London a short time ago, said: "Who would have thought when they met in 1900, when the country was just emerging from the critical stages of the war, and fancied they saw the end approaching, that two years thence it would still be dragging on? Who would have thought that consols, who stood at 98 1/2, a drop of 13 from what they stood at exactly twelve months previously—they had even been higher than that—could possibly fall to 91, the point at which they stood in November last? Or who would have thought the cost of the war would amount, as it assuredly would, to one-third as much again as the whole sum of £153,000,000, which was paid off the national debt during the sixty-three years of her late Majesty's reign?"

POLITICAL NOTES.

Primaries April 3rd and 5th. Attend both.

The republican county convention stole a large share of the "thunder" for its county platform, but the citizens convention will have no trouble in finding more for its platform, and will go it one better and pledge its candidates.

Charles F. Clark, of Clackamas, Charles N. Wait, of Canby, and an Oregon City man, would make a strong legislative ticket. These two gentlemen are good speakers and fighters and are capable of making a good canvass. Mr. Clark is also mentioned in connection with the senatorial nomination and is an able man and capable in every way to make the canvass.

L. Grazer, of Canby, is mentioned in connection with the recorder's office on the citizens ticket.

Don't fail to attend the democratic primaries on April 3rd and also the citizens primaries on April 5th. You can attend both and represent your precinct in both conventions. The democratic convention meets April 7th to elect delegates to the state convention. The citizens convention will convene the following day, April 8th, to nominate a county ticket pledged to reform.

H. Brethaupt and Boone Johnson have been mentioned in connection with the office of county commissioner. Both reside north of the Clackamas where the commissioner should come from.

S. J. Vaughan, Charles Noblitt and Mark Chapman, of Oregon City, and William H. Johns, of Eagle Creek, are mentioned as good candidates for sheriff.

In the republican convention Dr. Smith, of Eagle Creek, stirred up quite a mess by his resolution endorsing Geer, and for a time clogged the wheels of the machine, but it had been well oiled and the obstruction was soon crushed.

The state tax of Clackamas county is nearly \$31,000 this year. If commissioners were a little more careful it would be much less.

We are pleased to note that the agitation of county matters by the Courier-Herald has resulted in the turning down of J. R. Morton when he came up for renomination in the republican convention. However badly the convention wanted Morton, renominated it knew it would be suicidal after the publicity given to the mismanagement of county affairs under present rule.

You never heard of the Enterprise ferreting out anything, the overburdened taxpayer objects to. It never kicks unless its graft is curtailed; then you hear a howl.

Ex-County Clerk Elmer Dixon is spoken of in connection with the nomination for county judge.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Jack will no doubt get the nomination for assessor on the citizens ticket. His experience in the sheriff's office gives him a clear understanding of what the people demand in regard to assessments.

The nomination of County Clerk Elmer Cooper and Treasurer Alfred Luelling are conceded by all.

George Chamberlain, of Portland, will no doubt be the democratic nominee for governor and his chances for election are first-class on account of the scrap in the g. o. p. in Portland.

The citizens platform should contain a plank pledging a radical change in the deputy proposition, as that seems to be the "thorn in the flesh" of the majority of taxpayers.

That Machine Ticket.

To the Editor: So the most humble citizen of the county would take the state senatorship for a third time if the good people see fit to elect him?

And the machine ticket went through by slipping one cog in the gearing. That was when the wrong man slipped in for assessor. They will restore the county judge to the commissioners' court, if he doesn't die of old age before the time comes round. Very magnanimous aren't they?

But the best joke of all was the offering of taffy to Dye and Bands in the shape of recommending them as candidates for joint representative and senator respectively, when they know as well as they know that election day comes in June that both those candidates belong to the adjoining county, Multnomah. And didn't our honorable joint representative two years ago have to sign away his birthright, so to speak, before Multnomah would accept him? And that time the candidate rightfully belonged to this county.

J. S. YODER, Needy, Or., March 31.

Bids Wanted.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for the construction of two eight-room cottages until Saturday, April 5th. Plans and specifications at law office of C. D. & D. C. Latourrette. Right to reject any and all bids reserved.

DAN LYONS.

Attend the Citizens Primaries.

The committee appointed by a mass meeting of citizens to call a citizens convention takes this occasion to urge all good citizens to attend the citizens primaries, which will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at the usual voting places throughout the county. Come out to the primaries and show the bosses that you refuse to be whipped into line for the purpose of boosting into office the candidates of a political ring. These candidates are simply the creatures of this political ring, and the mass of the people have no voice whatever in their selection.

You are only asked to take the county business in your own hands. Vote for state and national officers of whatever party you choose, but name your own county officers. This is the way to solve the problem of our unreasonable taxation.

The primaries will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Voters will assemble at the various voting places and elect a chairman and secretary. This chairman and secretary will furnish the proper credentials to delegates chosen for the county convention.

The number of delegates apportioned to each precinct are given in the call for a citizens convention published in this paper. W. W. JESSE, Chairman of Campaign Committee. J. W. EASTHAM, Secretary.

CITIZENS CONVENTION DELEGATES.

It is suggested that one member from each precinct delegation elected at the citizens primaries on April 5th, come to Oregon City the evening before the citizens convention. The sentiment of different parts of the county can be ascertained in this way and much time saved that would be wasted at the convention next day.

Will some one from each delegation make it a point to come in on the evening of the 7th with this in view? W. W. JESSE, Chairman, O. W. EASTHAM, Secretary.

The Way They do It in Killin Precinct.

The republican primary election of Killin precinct was called to order by a Brownell appointed chairman who announced the only business of the meeting would be the selection of the delegates to the county convention. The machine slate was pushed through by being grafted on to a particular road boss candidate whose nomination was much desired but could not be accomplished without swallowing the machine slate of delegates. An attempt was made to adjourn the meeting before any other action could be taken but there chanced to be one sturdy American present who finally succeeded in forcing in the form of a motion some instructions to the delegates but one of the delegates elected floutly refused to be instructed, and the precinct boss, thinking the motion could be voted down, got up and gave the boss-appointed chairman permission to put the question. Think of these methods, Americans!

For the want of a little education, honest and intelligent men rob one another of their political rights just as men once robbed one another of their cattle. And when I use the word "honest" I am not referring to the bosses either. Monitor, Or.

Coming Local Events.

Democratic primaries, Thursday, April 3rd. Democratic county convention, Monday, April 7th.

Citizens primaries, Saturday, April 5th. Citizens county convention, Tuesday, April 8th.

Circuit court convenes on the third Monday in April.

Initiative and Referendum.

Is self-government right? If so, the referendum and initiative follow. Direct legislation means simply an actual instead of a mere theoretic sovereignty of the people. We are governed today, not by a democracy, but by an elective aristocracy holding for a term. The people are sovereign only at the moment of election—the men they elect become their masters for one, two, four six years, as the case may be. Self-government is one thing—the choosing of the men who are to govern you is a different thing. A child may choose its guardian; a slave might be given a voice in the selection of his master and yet be absolutely subject to his dominion after the choice were made.

Power will be used in the interests of its possessor. If the power of government is to be used in the interests of the people they must have continuous and effective possession of the government.

We call our legislators "agents" and the people their "principals"—queer agents who can give away their principal's property despite his protest, and are not responsible to him during their term of service; queer principals that cannot veto his "agents' plans, no matter how much he objects to them, nor instruct his agents what to do whenever he sees fit, nor discharge said agents when they refuse to carry out his orders; queer principal who has to obey the commands of his "agents," instead of giving them orders.—Ex.

Representatives are elected to enact the will of the people into law. Now they can only guess at the people's will on any great question, and if one guesses wrong, political death is the probable and always possible result. Then we lose a valuable public servant, valuable perhaps because of many years of experience, wide acquaintance with public men, and positions on legislative committees, as well as unusual natural ability. The system is terribly wasteful of talent as well as courage in public life.

When the Initiative and Referendum is adopted, if the representative is in doubt as to the will of the people on any great question, he can refer it to them for their own decision—and let them take the consequences as well as the responsibility. If he guesses wrong at any time the people can then correct him without losing his services and experience.—Ex.

William Dean Howells, the great novelist, chief of living American literatures, I am altogether in favor of the initiative and referendum as the only means of allowing the people really to take part in making their laws and in governing themselves.—Ex.

SOCIALIST COLUMN.

THE TICKET.

Governor, R. R. Ryan, of Marion county. Secretary of State, O. W. Barzee, of Wasco county.

State Treasurer, W. W. Myers, of Clackamas county. Justice of the Supreme Court, C. P. Rutherford, of Harney county.

Congressman, B. F. Ramp of Roseburg State Senator—Fred J. Meindl, of Abernethy.

Representatives—Robert Ginther, of Beaver Creek precinct; A. J. Maville, of Canemah; Walter F. Pruden, of Springwater.

County Commissioner—George Lazelle, of Canemah. County Judge—Charles E. Spence, of Caras.

Sheriff—D. M. Klemson, of Canemah.

Olerk—Gilbert H. Robbins, of Killin. Recorder of Conveyances—Franz Kraxberger, of Macksburg.

Assessor—William Beard, of Maple Lane.

Treasurer—N. W. Richards, of Maple Lane.

Coroner—Dr. W. F. Pruden, of Springwater.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Abernethy, J. S. Mayfield, Beaver Creek, Wesley Hill.

Canemah, Thomas Lindsay, Maple Lane, G. F. Gibbs.

Needy, Carl Milton, New Era, Joseph Reif.

Macksburg, Ed Morris.

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES.

Barlow and Macksburg: Justice, R. R. Bratton, Barlow; constable, F. M. Matthews, Macksburg.

New Era and Canby: Justice, Elmer Veteto; constable, F. Kelland.

Three Oregon City precincts, Abernethy, Canemah, Maple Lane and West Oregon City: Justice, J. W. Grout.

THE PLATFORM.

1. All officers shall be put on a flat salary.

2. Reduction of passenger and freight rates.

3. We favor precinct assessors, each precinct to elect their own assessor.

4. We reaffirm the principles of the national socialist platform.

Chairman, J. W. Grout. Secretary, Thomas Lindsay.

Treasurer, Charles Moran.

Socialist Lectures.

O. F. Keller will speak on "Socialism" at the following places:

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Redland . . . . . 5  
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Mr. Keller is one of the most forcible speakers on the public rostrum today and possesses the happy faculty of convincing without antagonizing. Come and bring the ladies.

J. W. GROUT, Chairman.

Socialism.

With many thanks to the editor of the COURIER-HERALD for his generosity in allowing us a whole column each week to air our views on how the government should be run to secure the greatest good.

All socialism includes all the people in all the world in its beneficence and its an international, world-wide movement. Its banners are already making tyranny tremble all over Europe and a part of Asia. Its in the air. If one comes in contact with it he or she are quite likely to catch it. Some take the gold cure and partially recover. As a preventive some take Brownell "Buzz," others, "Hedges' Honey" or "Ogle's Oil," but its useless for the people to poison their systems with the aforesaid nostrums, for it's here and you never will be happy until you try it. It is like the old-fashioned religion we used to get that made one feel like hogging all of one's neighbors and neighbor's wives, especially the latter.

Socialism is altruism put into practice. Its doctrine that Jesus taught and if ministers of the gospel find that they are not preaching socialism they will know that they are what Jesus called all those that did not teach his doctrine.

We leave this bickering and back-biting, trading in votes, quarreling over what has been stolen and what has been misappropriated by our public officials to the old parties. With all of that, that part we are not to blame or do we care. All that we socialists have to do is with the future. We have put into the field a full set of candidates, all of whom so far as we can discover, are men with clean, clear, unimpeachable records, not speaking of myself, of course. Not one of them seeking for any office whatever. Not one of them going around the country telling the voters how "I passed this law" and "I passed that law" with a strong emphasis on the "I."

As for myself, I don't want the office for which I was nominated, and of which I did not know anything about for over a week afterward and only fill out the ticket. Judge W. W. Jesse is a good enough justice for any community, and should succeed himself. Of some of the other candidates we would like to speak some other time.

Thanking you for the invitation to write something for socialism, I am eternally yours for the good of the cause,  
R. R. BRATTON.

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