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CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Chairman, John J. Cooke.
Secretary, Elmer Dixon.

The German government supports 30,000 dunkards' families, but as it collects 165,000,000 marks annual revenue from the "schnaps" business, it can well afford to do so.

In 1371 seven Catholic monks made a conquest of the Philippine islands. Now an American army, to attain the same object, inflicts various horrible cruelties on recalcitrant natives, and kills 100,000 of them in one province alone.

The University of Pennsylvania is said to possess the oldest piece of writing known. It is on a fragment of vase taken from the ruins of Nippur, in Mesopotamia, and dates back 45 centuries B. C., being, in other words, 6400 years old.

There are still 500,000 clamorers for pensions. Their pressure has caused the appointment as pension commissioner of a Kansas lawyer and corn-fed poet, Capt. E. F. Ware. The former commissioner, H. Clay Evans, was not to the taste of the hungry crowd.

The postal department pays \$37,000,000 annually to the railroads for carrying mails. In Europe, as offset for the privileges conferred on them by government, mails are either carried free or at a cost insignificant compared with the sum paid here. The connivance of politicians is at the bottom of the gigantic overcharge for our rail mail service. The postmaster-general should reform his department by overhauling the big rascals instead of suppressing newspapers.

The Trans-Alaskan Railway Company will begin this summer at Cook's Inlet the construction of a railroad to Bering Straits. The line will have a length of 849 miles, and the Russians will extend the Trans-Siberian line to a point on the straits opposite the terminus of the American line. There will then be but 38 miles of water between the two lines, and it is the intention now to ferry the trains across the straits by means of great steel barges.

The great corporations and the possessors of valuable franchises exercise the power of taxation. In this they are equal with the government, which made them and protects them. In order that they might contribute a more equitable proportion of public taxation, the governors of Ohio and New York have persuaded the legislature to pass a bill placing all state tax on their shoulders. It is no more than fair that the monopolists who tax the whole country be taxed, too.

This statement seems, at first view, preposterous; our millionaires are now shipping \$600,000,000 of surplus profits to Europe and Asia every year.

But when we consider that the working man only gets 17 per cent of what he produces and the capitalist the other 83 per cent, and that we have nearly 4000 millionaires—an exported surplus of about \$100,000 for each millionaire—the statement seems both reasonable and highly probable. What our millionaires will do when foreign countries refuse to become the dumping ground for their surplus capital, or what our workmen will do when millionaires will refuse to employ them because they can no longer unload their profits profitably abroad, well—that's another story.

THE GRANGE.

Clackamas is the banner Grange county of Oregon. The total membership of the order in the state is hardly 3600, of which nearly 900 are within the borders of this county. This shows that in no part of the Webfoot state the farmers are more wide-awake than here. Slowly but surely the agricultural class is coming to a realization of its vast power, if, through organization, it make itself capable of using that power.

The growth of the Patrons of Husbandry means more honesty in county, state and national governments and more legislation for the benefit of the masses instead of the favored few. Through the Grange the isolated farmer is brought in touch with the men of thought, with the most progressive and intelligent of his avocation, men whom he implicitly trusts and on whose judgment he relies. The grange is in some respects a school, moulding not alone the character and the intellect of the farmer, but also of his wife and children, for greater usefulness to themselves and their fellowmen.

The direct benefits that have accrued to the farmers of the country through the Grange are great. Measures of incalculable benefit to them have been passed by congress and become laws because the Grange asked for them and worked for them. Every session of congress is attended by a committee of the National Grange and in every space where the Grange has any power a Grange lobby looks after the interests of the farmers during the legislative session. If the "embottled farmers" have accomplished magnificent economies results, which need no demonstration and cannot be capitulated in a brief state, with their present comparatively small number, what will they not achieve when the Patrons of Husbandry have become as powerful in every state of the union as they are, for example, in Michigan or Maine? Will they not pulverize the railroad combines and leave not a grease spot of ship subsidy steels?

Unalloyed selfishness, if no other motive, should impel every farmer to become a Granger. Alone he is helpless, the football of the politicians and sharks. These cormorants combine to rob and defraud him, and in self-defense he must combine with his fellows against them. The kicking, growling farmer who has no use for the Grange deserves no one's sympathy. He will not accept the proffered helping hand of his brother and is past redemption. His case is hopeless.

Public Speaking.

The candidates on the citizens ticket will address the public as follows: Frog Pond schoolhouse, Sat. May 3, 7:30 Clackamas, Monday, May 5, 7:30 Twilight Hall, Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 Damascus, Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 Maple Lane, Thursday, May 8, 7:30 Barlow, Friday, May 9, 7:30

G. O. P. at Wilsonville.

Editor Courier-Herald: Monday night a number of g. o. p. met at this place for the purpose of organizing a republican club. His excellency, Geo. C., was not present as announced but sent his regrets by letter. They had things all cut and dried, but owing to the presence of a goodly number of scribes and Pharisees their plans did not materialize as they expected.

They had a man imported from New Era precinct, whom they proposed to put in as chairman, but he was defeated by our esteemed citizen and nominee for justice of the peace, Charles Hanson. This young imported aspirant for political prestige opened the meeting with an eulogy on his master, which was, by no means, a mean effort, all things considered.

President Hanson was then called to the chair. Mayor Dimick was then introduced to the audience and he told a number of things that the county court "seen" that they were compelled to do, etc. He told us that we have the finest part of the county out here in the west end, that the property here is the best and therefore assessed the highest and we must expect to build roads for the eastern part of the county. Then he told what fine plank roads they had been building in the eastern part of the county, which was fine consolation for those who know that we have mud and deep over in these parts. We wonder what he tells the people in the eastern part of the county.

He had a little nap on which nobody could see anything on which he showed a tract of land, which he said belonged to Harvey Cross. "This land" said he, "was not assessed for years and Harvey has not paid taxes on it."

Citizens Platform.

The citizens convention of Clackamas county composed of delegates from all the precincts of the county, non-partisan in character, with a sincere and determined purpose to relieve the overburdened taxpayers of the county from the selfish domination of the most corrupt ring that has ever fastened itself upon any people; and at the same time to redeem the once good name of Clackamas county from the further control of a political "boss," who has not hesitated upon proper consideration to barter and to sell his character and reputation to the highest bidder, hereby pledge ourselves to work unitedly together for these great ends, willing to subordinate partisanship to patriotism, that justice already too long delayed may be meted out where due and civic righteousness may again prevail among our people, hereby ask the co-operation and active support of every voter in the county without regard to previous political affiliations for aid in the coming contest.

We further agree and publish the following declarations and statements of facts in regard to the financial status of the county:
First—We demand that the election of United States senator shall be by direct vote of all the people, thereby removing as far as can be occasion for wholesale bribery and corruption with the endless scandals that bring disgrace upon our present mode of selecting a senator.
Second—We are heartily in favor of the "Initiative and Referendum" amendment now pending for adoption by popular vote at the coming election and recommend that our people make special efforts that a majority vote be made in its favor.

Third—We view with alarm the present financial condition of the county. In 1893 after the extraordinary expenses connected with the construction of the court house, the suspension bridge and the Baker's Ferry bridge, amounting to about \$80,000, the county was in debt \$57,925. It was at the next election thereafter that the affairs of the county were practically given over into the hands of the present ring. Since then the indebtedness of the county has been accumulating at the astonishing rate of over \$10,000 per year and careful officials now place the indebtedness of the county at \$150,000 while others equally sincere, fix the amount at \$200,000.

Fourth—By comparison, we note according to the official figures that it costs, exclusive of roads, \$3.54 per capita to pay the running expenses of Clackamas county for a year. For the same service it cost \$1.60 in Washington county; \$1.61 in Marion; \$1.68 in Linn, and \$2.03 in Lane county. While the average expense of the whole state is but \$2.54. The secretary of state reports that if the present rate of expenditures in this county are maintained for the next four years our state tax will then be .0682 instead of .0335 as at present or nearly double the amount now paid. We note also that while Clackamas county is third in population, seventh in assessed valuation, it is second in expenses (exclusive of roads) of all the counties in the state, reaching the total of \$99,535.55 for the year 1901 as against \$39,921.98 for Lane, \$31,304.45 for Linn, and \$44,730.49 for Marion county.

This comparison is the more striking when we remember that the population of Lane is the same as Clackamas county and its assessed valuation over \$1,000,000 more while Marion county has 8,000 more population and an assessed valuation nearly twice as large.

Fifth—We charge the reckless extravagance and waste of the public monies of the county not only upon the present board of county commissioners, but with more point and directness upon the "machine" that has for a period of eight years not hesitated to add to and subvert any and all funds to maintain its political supremacy in Clackamas county.
Sixth—We strongly condemn the practice insisted upon by the machine of all republican road supervisors using the road money apportioned to their respective districts to carry primaries in the interest of and to perpetuate the rule and power of the "boss," and we insist that this vicious policy cease and all residents of the road districts be given an equitable share of the road work irrespective of party.

Seventh—We condemn the lack of system and method in our road work leading, as it does, to inevitable waste and poor results. We demand that a definite, fixed plan of modern road making be adopted by the authorities that has for its ultimate end and purpose the construction and completion of a good road from the various market centers to each principal district in the county; as a help to this end, we urge the necessity of a non-partisan management of the entire road question and that all supervisors be elected on merit only. We further demand that the commissioners' court apportion the road money once each year among the several road districts, and that all expenses be kept within the apportionment as by law is now required to be done.

Eighth—We condemn what has come to be known as the contingent fund, kept contrary to law, and demand that all county expenses shall be regularly presented to the board of county commissioners, duly audited, and orders drawn on the treasury therefor.

Ninth—We demand that the county printing, and the furnishing of supplies to the court house and all other supplies needed by the county be let to the lowest responsible bidder.
Tenth—We insist on the strictest economy in all the offices of the county; that no deputies be appointed except on plain proof of the necessity and that our legislators be instructed to pass a bill providing a flat sum to be paid all county officials.

Eleventh—We condemn the act of the representatives from this county in thwarting the will of the people expressed at the polls, in removing the county judge from his position as chairman of the board of county commissioners, and demand that he be restored at the next session of the legislature. If this is refused we insist that his salary shall be reduced to the sum of \$800.
Twelfth—We demand that the rights of labor, the producer of wealth, be respected and to that end we demand that our representatives in both branches of the legislature give an unprejudiced hearing to the claims of organized labor, and grant them whenever based on justice and right.

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